

NORTHEAST OHIO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:00 PM  
Akron Urban League

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. For Action
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes November 19, 2013 (attachment)
4. For Discussion
  - a. Regarding the Future of NEOSCC, the non-profit
    - i. Timelines
      1. Funding
      2. Transition
    - ii. Next steps
  - b. Nominating Committee Report
  - c. Finance Committee Report
  - d. Objectives for December/January & Watch List (Morrison)
    - i. Release of Vibrant NEO Vision, Framework and Products
    - ii. Board Action on Vision in February
    - iii. 2014 Board Meeting Schedule/Annual meeting
5. For Information
  - a. Standing Committee Reports
    - i. Technical Steering Committee (attachment)
    - ii. Communications and Engagement Committee Report (no business conducted)
    - iii. Personnel Committee Report (no business conducted)
  - b. Organization
    - i. Month End Financial Report (attachment)
    - ii. Open and Pending Contract Update (attachment)
    - iii. Leveraged Match Report (attachment)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
  - a. Next meeting date- January 14, 28? Other date?

**Adjourn**

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## NEOSCC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

10:30 AM

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**Attendance:** Jason Segedy, Joe Hadley, Bill D'Avignon, John Getchey, Gene Nixon, Fred Wright, Grace Gallucci, Mike Lyons, Bob Nau, Jeff Dutton, Rachel McCartney, Bethia Burke

**Phone:** Freddy Collier

**Staff/Other:** Hunter Morrison, Emma Petrie Barcelona, Sara Maier, Antoine Buie, Mike Nichols, Lucy Miller, Jeff Anderle

The meeting started at 10:47 a.m. by the chair Grace Gallucci. Welcome and introductions were made.

There was a **motion** to approve the Executive Committee minutes for September 24, 2013 and October 22, 2013 by **Gene Nixon**, seconded by **Jeff Dutton**. Motion approved.

Ms. Gallucci spoke about the outline and resolution regarding the future of the organization.

**Mr. Nixon** made a **motion** to redraft the draft resolution, seconded by **Jeff Dutton**. Motion approved.

Mr. Lyons mentioned that the resolution and recommendation could have had more descriptive language so that the material had more substance. Ms. Gallucci said that the Futures Committee has been working towards the development for a conceptual framework for the future of NEOSCC. NEOSCC 1.0 is the base and NEOSCC 2.0 would be the new organization. The discussion concluded that NEOSCC couldn't come up with that level of specificity.

Ms. Gallucci said that NEOSCC couldn't move to that level of specificity without doing more work. She mentioned that subjects such as the NEOSCC staff phase out, location for the future, and the other technical aspects that don't concern the mission still need to be worked out by the Futures Committee. A conceptual framework is more ideal since NEOSCC is still waiting on a response from HUD on the extension. Ms. Gallucci said that the Futures Committee would still need to work on a transition plan.

Mr. Lyons mentioned that the timeline for the Futures Committee doesn't have the necessary substance that it should. Ms. Gallucci said that they chose the document as an attachment rather than spell everything out. She said that most people are used to a summarization. The attachment is part of the resolution.

Mr. Nixon mentioned that rather than grouping the transitional work into the Futures Committee, it would be better to adopt a product and establish a new group to take charge of the transition from NEOSCC 1.0 to NEOSCC 2.0. Ms. Gallucci said that the main point of the proposal was to agree that NEOSCC should continue forward and that it should look differently.

Mr. Lyons agreed that NEOSCC should continue their work, but said that the resolution should be more specific on how the organization should be framed moving forward. Ms. Burke made a comment that it would be great to state concrete actions rather than outlining tentative recommendations. Mr. Segedy said that he is not comfortable adopting specific recommendations for an organization structure, even if they're just conceptual.

Ms. Gallucci pointed out the urgency to accept the recommendations of the Futures Committee. She said that the structure would need to be set and then the Board will determine how it moves forward. Mr. Lyons mentioned that it was premature to suggest that the discussion over the clarity of the language is equivalent to rejecting the recommendations. Ms. Burke pointed out that she didn't want to stall, but wanted to figure out how NEOSCC will move forward.

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Ms. Gallucci commented on the uncertainty of the future of NEOSCC if the resolution isn't passed by December 31<sup>st</sup> and the extension is rejected. Mr. Collier mentioned that the whole purpose of the Futures Committee was to get specificity of the direction NEOSCC wants to take. There is room for tweaking, but more nebulous language in the resolution slows the process. Mr. Segedy said that he is not opposed to the work of the Futures Committee, but is not comfortable endorsing specifics on the budget and staff.

Mr. Morrison mentioned that the Board and budget are all critical components if a future is desired. Mr. Morrison pointed out that decisions needed to be made because time is running out. Mr. Morrison commented that if an organization is wanted moving forward than actions need to start now. NEOSCC has spent 4.2 million dollars in public money, used the best consultants, taken Executive Committee and Board Members time, all to find the best plan that made sense. Mr. Morrison said that NEOSCC is at the schematics stage and the proposal needs to be approved then the work needs to be done to move forward.

Ms. Burke suggested that she could not vote for the proposal because of specifics and actions selected that she believes won't be taken and would like specifics on what will be done instead of what may be done. Ms. Burke mentioned that she would vote for a transition plan to be created that is led by the Board Members.

Mr. Nixon suggested a transition team be created rather than throwing the work back on to the Futures Committee. There is not enough information to build the next phase because it is conceptual. Mr. Nau pointed out that the members of the Futures Committee and Executive Committee would be hesitant to pass the work onto another group because they might drop the ball on the work that has already been accomplished.

**Mr. Segedy** made a **motion** to make amendments to the resolution, seconded by **Fred Wright**. Motion approved

Mr. Hadley recommended adding (Regarding the Future of NEOSCC, the non-profit) to the end of the title. Ms. Gallucci suggested taking a recommendation Mr. Segedy came up with and using that to replace section 1. The old section 1 would then be moved to section 2. Mr. Nixon made a suggestion to replace "adopts" to "accepts" in the new section 2. The old section 2 would then be the new section 3. Mr. Morrison commented to take out the old section 3.

After all edits were made during the discussion period, **Mr. Segedy** made a **motion** to keep the revised amendments in section 1,2, and 3 and the revised title, seconded by **Mr. Nixon**. Motion passes.

Ellen Cyran of CSU called into the Executive Committee meeting and joined Ms. Maier in presenting the draft report for the future possibilities of NEOSCC's GIS and Data capabilities. The purpose of the presentation was to give broad information about ways to share the data and GIS. The information was presented in a power point that was included in the Board Meeting Packet. There were 22 organizations that completed the online surveys. These surveys helped NEOSCC find the best practices and find out different possibilities for data and GIS sharing.

The online survey included questions on the following topics:

- 1.) GIS staffing and resources;
- 2.) Policies and opinions about sharing data; and
- 3.) GIS and related data use and priorities

Mr. Morrison commented that the sharing of NEOSCC's data could be an ongoing role moving forward. Ms. Maier mentioned that we would need outside help on this if NEOSCC decides to move towards a cohesive system. Mr. Morrison pointed out that the data sources will answer 90% of people's questions and that it's a valuable source to our local governments.

Mr. Morrison mentioned that NEOSCC applied for a six-month extension. Mr. Cerny and Mr. Morrison agreed to an application for a 5-month extension, which would take NEOSCC until the end of June. Mr. Morrison is going on a

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trip to Washington DC and expects a final verdict on the extension by the end of the trip.

Ms. Gallucci said that the staff has prepared a request for the remaining funding from the Fund For Our Economic Future. She said that she was having on going conversations with representatives from the Fund about the best way to leverage the remaining funds to best serve the mission.

Ms. Petrie Barcelona asked if the timeline to February is still the same \$283,000. Ms. Gallucci mentioned that the timeline is still up to date if NEOSCC is using those funds. Ms. Gallucci also pointed out that if those funds were put towards NEOSCC 2.0 then there might be some different opportunities available.

Mr. Anderle pointed out that the schedule for future Executive Committee and Board Meetings in the Board packet is up to date. He also talked about having the NEOSCC Annual Meeting in February and taking January off. Mr. Anderle said that once NEOSCC 1.0 moves to 2.0 then the schedule will need to be revisited.

Ms. Petrie Barcelona said that the taxes were successfully filed before the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. She mentioned that if anyone was looking for the official document, they should contact her and she would get them a copy.

There was a **motion** to adjourn by **Mr. Lyons**. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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