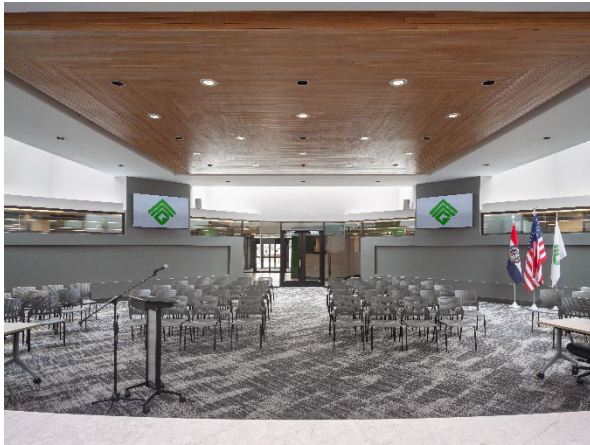


Thank you to everyone who was able to join us on Friday, April 18th for our First Suburbs Coalition convening in Grandview at their newly renovated City Hall!

Updates from the City of Grandview, MO

Mayor Leonard Jones from the City of Grandview, Missouri, welcomed guests to the newly renovated City Hall space where the meeting was held. Mayor Jones discussed with attendees the process of renovating City Hall and the immense growth Grandview has seen over the last several years. You can [read more about the renovations here](#) and see a few pictures below!

Credit: Bob Greenspan Photography



Welcoming MARC's new Director of Local Government Services

MARC recently welcomed Ashley Z. Hand into the role of Director of Local Government Services. Ashley was able to join the First Suburbs meeting and will be leading the group moving forward. You can learn more about Ashley's background and experience here >> [MARC announces director of Local Government Services Department](#)

Communities for All Ages Award

Lauren Schaumburg, Community Engagement Manager at MARC, shared that the City of Harrisonville, Missouri, recently achieved the Silver Level city designation in the Communities for All ages program. Lauren also shared general information over the program and upcoming events for the year which can be found in the slide deck attached

Overview of ULI Kansas City's Technical Assistance Panels and Advisory Services

Finally, the First Suburbs Coalition was joined by Leslie Herring, City Administrator of Westwood, Kansas and Katherine Carttar, Executive Director of ULI Kansas City. Leslie and Katherine provided information on the technical assistance panel (TAP) process and other advisory services ULI offers. They walked through examples of TAPs that have been done in area communities, the process from the perspective of a local government staff member, and other ways to get involved with ULI. You can learn more about ULI KC and TAPs [here](#), and view the slide deck from the presentation attached.

Save the date!

The next First Suburbs Coalition meeting is Friday, July 18th, 2025, in Roeland Park, KS. We will share information soon about the next meeting, but in the meantime please continue to send ideas for topics you would like to see discussed to Ashley Z. Hand at ahand@marc.org.