



**New Albany Architectural Review Board
December 14, 2020 Minutes**

New Albany Architectural Review Board met in regular session in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 99 W Main Street and was called to order by Architectural Review Board Vice Chair Mr. Jonathan Iten at 7:03 p.m.

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Alan Hinson, Chair	Absent
Mr. Francis Strahler	Present
Mr. Jonathan Iten	Present
Mr. Jim Brown	Present
Mr. E.J. Thomas	Present
Mr. Andrew Maletz	Absent
Ms. Sarah Briggs	Present
Mr. Matt Shull	Present

(Mr. Iten, Mr. Strahler, Mr. Brown, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Briggs, and Mr. Shull present via GoToMeeting.com).

Staff members present: Steven Mayer, Development Services Coordinator (via GoToMeeting.com); Chris Christian, Planner; and Josie Taylor, Clerk (via GoToMeeting.com).

Moved by Mr. Thomas to approve the October 12, 2020 meeting minutes as revised by Mr. Strahler, seconded by Mr. Brown. Upon roll call: Mr. Thomas, yea; Mr. Brown, yea; Ms. Briggs, yea; Mr. Strahler, yea; Mr. Iten, yea. Yea, 5; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Iten asked for any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Mr. Christian replied none from staff.

Mr. Iten asked if there was anyone who wanted to discuss any items not on tonight's Agenda. (No response).

Other Business

Veterans Memorial Concept Study Presentation

Mr. Mayer introduced the project and Mr. Jeffrey Pongonis and Ms. Karla Salmans of MKSK.

Mr. Pongonis discussed the project and its background.

Ms. Salmans discussed the development and details of the project.

Mr. Iten asked if the Architectural Review Board (hereafter, "ARB") could be provided additional background information on this project.

Ms. Salmans stated that a concept study for Rose Run II had been conducted in 2018 to see how to activate that part of Dublin-Granville Road.

Mr. Iten stated Rose Run II was new to the ARB although he had read about it in the paper.

Mr. Mayer stated he believed it had been presented to the ARB as a conceptual plan.

Mr. Iten stated he may have missed that meeting and asked if other ARB members recalled the presentation.

Mr. Thomas indicated he remembered some information regarding the area during the reviews of certain variances.

Mr. Brown indicated he recalled there had been some discussion about the area but there had not been a lot of detail on improving the corridor or discussion of reimagining the area.

Mr. Mayer stated Rose Run II high was a very high level concept plan and its conclusion was what had been presented this evening.

Mr. Pongonis stated the idea had been to create a civic campus as part of this plan.

Mr. Iten noted the ARB had previously approved a video sign on the corner that is to become the Phelps House Corner for First Responders and asked Mr. Mayer if that corner had changed ownership. Mr. Iten asked how that sign could be kept away from the Phelps House Corner.

Mr. Mayer stated he believed the property there was owned by the City. Mr. Mayer stated the LED sign had been approved years ago but the owners had decided not to pursue that sign. Mr. Mayer said there was no indication that they would want to pursue it at this time. Mr. Mayer stated that if it needed to be moved or modified then it could be brought back to the ARB.

Mr. Iten stated he wanted to be sure that, if needed, they could pull the approval.

Mr. Mayer stated he believed they were reevaluating other options for the sign.

Mr. Iten asked if it was certain they could not now return and say they wanted the sign where it had been approved.

Mr. Mayer stated this was a conceptual plan, but there was no indication the sign was still wanted.

Mr. Iten stated he liked this proposal and just wanted to take care of the prior sign. Mr. Iten asked that a note be made of the issue to see if the approval could be rescinded with the consent of the applicant.

Mr. Thomas asked if a budget had been put together for these projects and, if so, was there any pledged funding.

Mr. Mayer stated City Council had included one million dollars for further design.

Mr. Thomas asked if the two (2) projects, First Responders and Veterans, would just be rolled into the overall capital expenditure.

Mr. Mayer stated there had not been any capital for the actual construction but the next level of design for the construction plan had been approved.

Mr. Thomas stated okay.

Mr. Brown asked what the timeline was for this project.

Mr. Mayer stated he thought it might be about eighteen (18) months or so, but noted Mr. Pongonis and Ms. Salmans may know better.

Ms. Salmans stated it might be about a year or so for Rose Run II.

Mr. Shull stated capital expenditures needed to have an eye kept on them going into 2021 to determine when to move to the construction phase, for which there was not yet a timeline.

Mr. Iten asked to see one of the views of the First Responders area on screen. Mr. Iten stated the First Responder Pavilion was going to be on the same side of the street as the amphitheater and asked if they should not add some of the elements in the amphitheater to the pavilion for consistency.

Ms. Mayer stated that was a great comment and they would keep that in mind in the next level of design.

Mr. Iten stated they did not need to be exact but should at least speak to one another.

Mr. Mayer stated there would be further evaluation as they continued to work on the design plans.

Mr. Pongonis stated they would be back.

Mr. Iten stated he did like what he saw.

Mr. Thomas asked how the phases could be rolled out and which phase would be first.

Mr. Mayer stated they were looking to see which sequence made the most sense.

Mr. Shull stated they needed to be aware of traffic flow and would like them to have the Market Street expansion to Third Street completed before thinking of shutting down the area again for construction.

Mr. Thomas stated yes.

Mr. Iten stated he appreciated seeing the project and to keep it going the way it was.

Mr. Pongonis and Ms. Salmans thanked the ARB for its time.

Mr. Iten asked Mr. Mayer about the status of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Mayer stated they had finishing the final drafts and were hoping to get them out before the end of the year.

Mr. Iten stated there had been some audio issues when Mr. Mayer was speaking, but he thought he heard it was coming.

Mr. Brown moved for adjournment, seconded by Ms. Briggs. Upon roll call: Mr. Brown yea; Ms. Briggs, yea; Mr. Thomas, yea; Mr. Iten, yea; Mr. Strahler, yea. Yea, 5; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by Josie Taylor.