



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board  
December 8, 2021 Minutes**

The Sustainability Advisory Board met for the Board’s regularly scheduled session at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main St, and was called to order by Mr. Filiatraut at 6:30 PM.

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Brian Filiatraut, Chair	Present
Mr. Charles Schumacher, Vice-Chair	Present
Ms. Catherine Duffy, Secretary	Present
Mr. Peter Barnes	Present
Ms. Laura Gallo	Present
Mr. Steven Conway	Absent
Mr. Scott Harrold	Absent
Ms. Brigitte Bell (Student Member)	Present
Mr. Kasey Kist (Council liaison)	Present

Staff members present: Adrienne Joly, Administrative Services Director; Anna van der Zwaag, Planner; and Marylou Hoessle, City Forester.

Moved by Mr. Schumacher, seconded by Ms. Duffy to approve the November 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Upon roll call: Mr. Schumacher, yea; Ms. Duffy, yea; Mr. Filiatraut, yea; Mr. Barnes, yea; Ms. Gallo, yea. Yea, 5; Nay, 0; Abstain, 0. Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda.

Ms. van der Zwaag stated none from staff.

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there were any members of the public present to speak to items not on tonight’s agenda.

Mr. Filiatraut noted there were no members of the public present.

**Business**

Mr. Filiatraut invited city staff to present on the sustainability chapter of the Engage New Albany Strategic Plan and then lead Board members in a work session for making recommendations.

**Staff Presentation: Engage New Albany Sustainability Chapter**

Ms. van der Zwaag gave a presentation on the Engage New Albany Sustainability Chapter, including discussion on community participation and the community’s sustainability priorities.

Ms. van der Zwaag presented commuting trends for New Albany residents, as well as for people who work in New Albany.

Mr. Schumacher asked how the data on commuting trends came from.

Ms. Joly stated a software called Urban Footprint was used. She stated the data came from 2019 and we could update this data through our partnership with MORPC if it is something the Board is interested in.

Ms. van der Zwaag discussed data comparing energy and water use per capita compared to other Central Ohio communities.

Ms. Hoessle presented completed or ongoing city sustainability initiatives that were included in the Engage New Albany plan.

Mr. Schumacher asked where the city takes local yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings.

Ms. Hoessle stated the city contracts out for processing and composting of yard waste including wood chips and leaves.

Ms. Joly stated the city is also adding hybrid police cruisers which will provide cost savings and limit cruiser emissions.

Mr. Filiatraut asked about the extent of the solar code research.

Ms. Joly explained that was largely residential solar zoning code research being conducted.

Mr. Kist discussed that the predominant barrier to solar in New Albany is HOA regulations. Mr. Kist the Board's role could be to work with HOAs on their flexibility related to solar panels.

Mr. Kist asked about green building requirements in the city.

Ms. Joly stated that the city has created its own tax credit program for businesses who utilize green building, which is called ECOS.

Ms. van der Zwaag presented the goal and objectives related to sustainability identified in Engage New Albany.

### **Working Session – Prioritization & Recommendations**

Ms. Joly introduced a sticky note activity to identify the Board's priorities in terms of recommendations.

Each member of the Board identified their top six activities they wish to prioritize as recommendations to City Council.

Ms. Joly collected the sticky notes and organized them by topic.

The Board discussed each person's priorities and how they compared to each other's activities.

The top activities were determined to be the following, in order of most votes to least votes:

1. Solar Energy
2. Composting
3. Sustainable Landscaping
4. Community Cleanup Projects
5. Sustainable Action Plan

The Board discussed how to address these topics as a group.

Mr. Kist stated that some research has already been started on composting so perhaps the Board should start by discussing composting first and then move on to solar.

Ms. Joly agreed with this approach.

The Board agreed with this approach.

Mr. Kist asked about the process for the SWACO grant for composting.

Ms. Duffy stated that the grant applications are accepted in August typically and decisions are made by the end of the year.

The Board also discussed different approaches for solar.

Ms. Joly asked for an update on Sustainable2050.

Ms. van der Zwaag stated she will be attending a meeting later that week and will report back.

### **Poll Members for Comment**

None.

Mr. Filiatraut motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Schumacher. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by Anna van der Zwaag.