



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board
July 13, 2022 DRAFT 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 6:32 PM.

Those answering roll call:

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

Staff members present: Adrienne Joly, Administrative Services Director; Mike Barker, Public Service Deputy Director; and Anna van der Zwaag, Planner.

Moved by Ms. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Schumacher to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Upon roll call: Ms. Duffy, yea; Mr. Schumacher, yea; Mr. Filiatraut, yea; Mr. Harrold, yea; Mr. Conway, 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 there will be an addition of the discussion on opportunity to apply for a SWACO grant prior to going on the mobile tour of Taylor Farm.

Mr. Filiatraut stated there were no members of the public in attendance.

Business

Mr. Filiatraut invited city staff to begin the items of business.

SWACO Grant Discussion

Ms. van der Zwaag introduced a discussion on SWACO's Community Waste Reduction Grant opportunity. Examples of projects other communities have implemented using this grant include expanding compost programs, water bottle refill stations, Styrofoam densifiers, and similar projects.

Board members asked if water bottle refill stations could be installed outdoors.

Councilmember Kist stated he knows of a program that bans plastic water bottles on campus, provide reusable water bottles to incoming students with a QR code that links to an app program, and every time the bottle is refilled at a refilling station the student scans the QR code. Each time the QR code is scanned, the app donates a certain amount to a charity or similar concept. This idea could be used in New Albany.

Board members suggested providing QR stickers that people could attach to their current water bottles instead of passing out additional water bottles to everyone.

Ms. Duffy also suggested implementing a more permanent electronic waste drive using SWACO funds.

Staff were asked what the process is for pricing out the project and then applying for the grant.

Ms. Joly said it depends on the type of grant but the city will get a few estimates from professionals or, if it's something that can be done in house, the city uses staff expertise to provide a cost estimate. Mr. Barker added that if an outdoor refill station was installed, a water line and winterizing are factors to consider.

Ms. van der Zwaag asked if other public buildings have or need water bottle refilling stations.

Board members stated the school has two refill stations. Another location that came to mind was Miracle Field.

Ms. Joly stated staff will continue to look into the water bottle refill stations for the SWACO grant.

Staff were asked if there is a matching requirement for the SWACO grant. Ms. van der Zwaag stated there is a 25% match requirement.

Prior to leaving for the tour, Councilmember Kist stated that three members of the Board are up for reappointment to the Board due to the staggering of members. He will discuss those reappointments with Council.

Staff were also asked about appointing a new student liaison. Ms. Joly stated she is coordinating with the principal at the high school to appoint a new liaison who would start in the fall when the school year starts.

Taylor Farm Park Mobile Tour

Ms. Joly invited the Board members to attend a mobile tour of Taylor Farm. Board members will go on the shuttle bus and take a tour, see the buildings on the property and the wetlands. There will be a sign on the door for the duration of the tour.

Board members boarded the SmartRide shuttle and were driven to Taylor Farm. Board members were shown the wetlands, Rocky Fork Creek, and the buildings that are currently on the site including a barn, chicken coop, summer kitchen, and the house.

Board members returned to Village Hall at 8:08 p.m.

Other Business

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Mr. Filiatraut mentioned that Senate Bill 61 was signed into law and will become effective in September. He stated that an HOA's charter language is what will determine an HOA member's ability to install solar on their home. Ms. Joly stated staff can provide a review of that legislation during the next meeting.

Mr. Filiatraut stated the residential solar co-op is now live, which allows homeowners in the area to sign up to learn more information and potentially install solar on their homes using their pooled buying power to minimize cost.

Poll Members for Comment

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there were any other comments from the Board.

Mr. Filiatraut motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mr. Conway. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Anna van der Zwaag.