



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board
October 12, 2022 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 6:33 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	Present
Mr. Scott Harrold	Present
Ms. Lily McGraw (Student Member)	Absent
Mr. Kasey Kist (Council liaison)	Absent

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

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there were any corrections to last month’s meeting minutes.

No corrections were noted.

Mr. Schumacher moved to approve the September 14, 2022 Sustainability Advisory Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Gallo and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the minutes.

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

No additions or corrections to the agenda were noted.

Ms. van der Zwaag stated there are none from staff. None from Board members.

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

No members of the public wishing to speak were present.

Business

Mr. Filiatraut turned it over to staff to present tonight’s items of business.

Sustainable2050 Update

Ms. van der Zwaag presented that New Albany is now silver-tiered certified for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission’s Sustainable2050 program. New Albany will be recognized at MORPC’s Commission meeting on October 13, 2022.

2023 Budget Follow-Up Discussion

Ms. van der Zwaag stated that she met with New Albany Plain Local Schools teachers and staff to discuss a potential partnership between the school and the city.

The Board's interest in providing technical assistance to apply for a grant for retrofitting the schools' water fountains. The school stated they were interested in pursuing the Ohio EPA grant with the help of the city.

City staff and Board members also discussed a program the city could provide to students at the high school to implement sustainability-related projects either at the school or in the community. The Board could provide funding. The students would develop and pitch their ideas, and the Board would require a final presentation to see how the project would be implemented.

The Board commented on how this would be a great opportunity for students. There is opportunity for students to fundraise a percent match for the projects. The Board also suggested coordinating with the school superintendent and maintenance to ensure everyone is okay with this as a concept.

Staff confirmed they will reach out to the superintendent and also brief city council as the project progresses.

Ms. van der Zwaag stated the grant application for the retrofitting grant opens the first week of November and closes in February, which may align with the school year.

Board members discussed the hazardous waste collection event cost and reinforced that it is their desire to keep that funding in their budget.

Board members discussed how the grant funding for student projects relate to their priorities. It would be important to ensure the grant application includes a definition and goals for the grant. The Board could set the parameters to align with the goals of the Board.

Mr. Schumacher moved to replace the outdoor water fountain refill station and Fill it Forward app from the original approved budget with a student grant partnership. Seconded by Ms. Gallo and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the minutes.

Mr. Filiatraut asked if this pumpkin collection project will take place this year. Staff stated yes – this will be located at public service from November 1 through December 2.

Director Joly stated there is a Council budget workshop November 10, which is the day after the Board's next meeting. The Board is welcome stream or attend the meeting.

2023 Sustainability Work Program

Ms. van der Zwaag presented a draft work program and schedule for 2023, which the Board can take and look at.

Earth Day in 2023 will be part of a weeklong event from Earth Day to Arbor Day.

One addition to the schedule is to review the Solar Best Practices report that MKSK is preparing for the city.

The Board discussed the best date for the native plant trade-in program. Ms. Hoessle stated that late October/November is ideal for planting.

Staff will keep this proposed schedule updated throughout the next year.

Other Business

Mr. Filiatraut asked if there was any other business from staff.

The Board discussed potential for working with development to incorporate native plantings where possible. The Board would like to integrate sustainability into city operations as a whole and would like to continue to discuss how to do that in meaningful ways.

City staff suggested beginning with an audit of current code and landscaping guidelines. Staff could start looking into a path forward for this.

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 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by Anna van der Zwaag.