



**New Albany Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Implementation Panel
February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

The IDEA Implementation Panel met for the Panel’s regularly scheduled session at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio and was called to order by Panel Chair Dr. Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

Those answering roll call:

Panel Chair Brianna Johnson	Present
Panel Vice-Chair Connor Berry	Present
Panel Member Marie Alvarado	Present
Panel Member Kirubel Aklilu	Present
Panel Member Eric Duerksen	Absent
Panel Member Nwando Olayiwola	Absent
Panel Member Taru Saigal	Absent
Council Member Marlene Brisk	Absent
Council Member Andrea Wilttrout	Absent

Working group members present: Dehnie Fong and Sarah Hacker

Staff members present: Adrienne Joly, Director of Administrative Services; and Abbey Brooks, Community Program Administrator

Dr. Johnson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the January 11, 2024 IDEA Panel meeting. None were noted.

Mr. Berry moved to approve the meeting minutes from the January 11, 2024 IDEA Implementation Panel meeting. Seconded by Ms. Alvarado and the IDEA Implementation Panel voted with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the meeting minutes.

Dr. Johnson asked if there were any visitors requesting to speak on items not on tonight’s agenda.

Sriram Menneni, 5345 Aldie Mill Drive, expressed interest in wanting to collaborate in the next Diwali celebration. In addition, shared information on the India festival, held in August, with performances and food. They plan to invite the IDEA Panel to the event and they can bring volunteers.

Dr. Johnson suggested that they get involved with the Diwali focus group.

Ms. Alvarado noted that there are other ways to get involved in addition to Diwali. There are other IDEA events to represent all of New Albany.

Alice Chen, 7292 Halcyon Pl, explained how they are a community member that would like to be involved.

Ms. Joly introduced Courtnee Carrigan, CEO & Senior Consultant for Raising the Bar Performance Group.

Seeing no other visitors, the hearing of visitors for items not on the agenda was closed.

Business:

NA101: Souper Supper Recap

Ms. Joly gave a recap of the Souper Supper.

The Panel's discussion included the following:

- How many volunteers signed up for the food pantry?
- Being a "connector" is something this group should do.
- It was good not having an entry table. How to encourage donations without excluding anyone?
- NA101 concept could get a whole sponsor similar to the Columbus Metropolitan Club.

NA101: What's Next?

- Touch a Truck for adults (Spring)
- Business park Tour (Summer)
- Amphitheater Behind the Scenes (October)

Women of New Albany Event

The Panel's discussion included the following:

- Bios on the program. Introductions and info on each of the amazing women.
- Speaker Call: "speak from your lanes" and don't have to say what you think we want you to say.
- Angela's opening comments and brief background of each speaker.

Other Business:

Ms. Joly gave an introduction and informational overview of the city's upcoming focus area plan and the steering committee they are currently assembling.

Adjournment:

Dr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Alvarado. All panel members were in favor.