



**CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:30 p.m.

Oaths of Office: Chair Brian Zets swore in Ron Stoughton as a new member of the Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board.

Roll Call:

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	A
Thomas Shockey	P
Mary Fee	P
Ronni Feibel	P
Diana Jacobs	P
Ron Stoughton	P

Staff present for CRAB: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, Public Services Coordinator Angie Hobart

Annual Organizational Meeting:

Elect Chairperson: Mary Fee moved to re-elect Brian Zets as Chair. Ronni Feibel seconded and all members voted to re-elect Brian Zets as Chair.

Elect Vice Chair: Mary Fee moved to re-elect Victor Wilson as Vice Chair. Brian Zets seconded and all members voted to re-elect Victor Wilson as Vice Chair.

Elect Secretary: Ronni Feibel moved to re-elect Mary Fee as Secretary. Diana Jacobs seconded and all members voted to elect Mary Fee as Secretary.

Establish date, time, and location for 2022 meetings:

The board agreed to maintain 4th Tuesdays at 3:30 pm in Village Hall for regular meetings as needed in 2023.

Clerk Mason read the statement from the Standard Rules of Procedure of New Albany Boards and Commissions reminding members that 3 consecutive absences or 4 absences in any year would be considered a forfeiture of the membership to the Commission/Board.

Approval of the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes:

Chair Zets moved to approve the August 23, 2022 minutes as submitted. Secretary Fee seconded and all members voted to approve the August 23, 2022 minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Zets moved to approve the agenda. Secretary Fee seconded and the all members voted to approve the agenda.

Other Business:

City Projects update

Planning Manager Steve Mayer presented the attached slides detailing the Market Street extension project. The project would create additional connectivity, extending the city's street grid network, and was intended to keep the Village Center pedestrian and bike friendly.

Member Jacobs asked and Planning Manager Steve Mayer answered that the land behind CVS, north of Market Street was privately owned by The New Albany Company (NACO). He anticipated another development similar to Market Square. Manager Mayer also described the parking garage that would go in next to Village Hall. The garage was in the design phase, would have 3 decks, and hold approximately 400 cars. It would accommodate city employee parking and contemplated future parking needs. The garage would provide an incentive for developers to locate more restaurant and retail amenities in the Village Center.

Board members and Manager Mayer discussed the land owned by NACO south of Market Street.

Manager Mayer described the new route south on US 62 to SR 605 as being similar to an "express" route. The purpose was to move thru-traffic away from the Village Center. Member Jacobs expressed concern about truck traffic on SR 605. Manager Mayer noted the distance was about the same for traffic on both routes. Trucks sometimes got stuck in the tight intersection at US 62 and High Street. There was no room to widen that intersection, so this project would make it easier for everyone going through.

Board members and staff discussed traffic light timing. The city had connected traffic signals using fiber optic cable to adjust and sequence lights in the US 62 corridor.

Members and staff further discussed the extension project. Construction would likely start next year. This was part of a bigger plan to address traffic and parking in the Village Center. Construction would be timed around other construction projects on US 62. The city learned during the Rose Run Park project that simultaneous construction projects and road closures were causing too many issues. The extension of Market Street would go through property once owned by the Wexners. There would be a stop sign at Dublin-Granville where it crossed the new portion of Market Street. Members further discussed roundabouts versus signalized intersections. New Albany had a policy to look at roundabouts first. Member Stoughton described the predominance of roundabouts in Carmel, Indiana.

Manager Mayer stated that the Veteran's Memorial project was at about 20-30% of the design phase.

Other discussions:

Wagner Cemetery restoration update

Clerk Mason told the board about her phone call with Mark Smith of Gravestone Transformations. Mr. Smith planned to start work at Wagner Cemetery in the first 2 weeks of June and expected to finish in the first 2 weeks of September. He would take some "before" pictures, but encouraged others to take more.

Mr. Smith said that people could visit his work, but cautioned that, when he was visited, he stood up and paid attention to the visitor. Many visitors would slow down work. Clerk Mason stated she would arrange a group visit to Wagner Cemetery, perhaps in July, while restoration was underway.

Mr. Smith stated the CRAB members could assist him by locating records of the plots in Wagner Cemetery. He recommended checking with (1) the county recorder's office and (2) the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or similar organizations. The county recorder often had a copy of Works Projects Administration (WPA) cemetery map, which was generally over-sized. A cell phone photo of the entire map would work if a single copy couldn't be made. The DAR did cemetery readings, often showing lines, rows, and veteran burial spaces. Mr. Smith would use these records to make sure the headstones were placed appropriately.

Secretary Fee offered to check with the county recorder. Member Jacobs stated she knew someone with DAR ties and would ask how to go about locating their records.

Historical marker:

Chair Zets recalled that the board would reapply for the New Albany Cemetery historical marker sign in 2024, per the Ohio History Connection's direction.

Wagner Cemetery fence replacement

Clerk Mason updated that board that the city intended to replace the broken metal fence around Wagner Cemetery with white post and rail horse fence. Members discussed the iron and brick fencing at Maplewood, with some preferring post-and-rail and others preferring iron. Clerk Mason told members that she would plan a visit for the CRAB members to Wagner Cemetery while restoration was being completed.

Taylor Farm visit

Members discussed the progress on the Taylor Farm Park project. 2 members were able to take a tour of the home and property. Member Feibel expressed interest in a separate board tour. Clerk Mason told members that the IDEA Panel would be organizing a resident trip to Taylor Farm Park on a date to be determined.

Schedule next meeting: As there was no business pending, the board agreed to set the next regular meeting to June 27, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

Poll members for comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Secretary Fee moved to adjourn. Member Feibel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm

Signed:



Chair

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Secretary Date

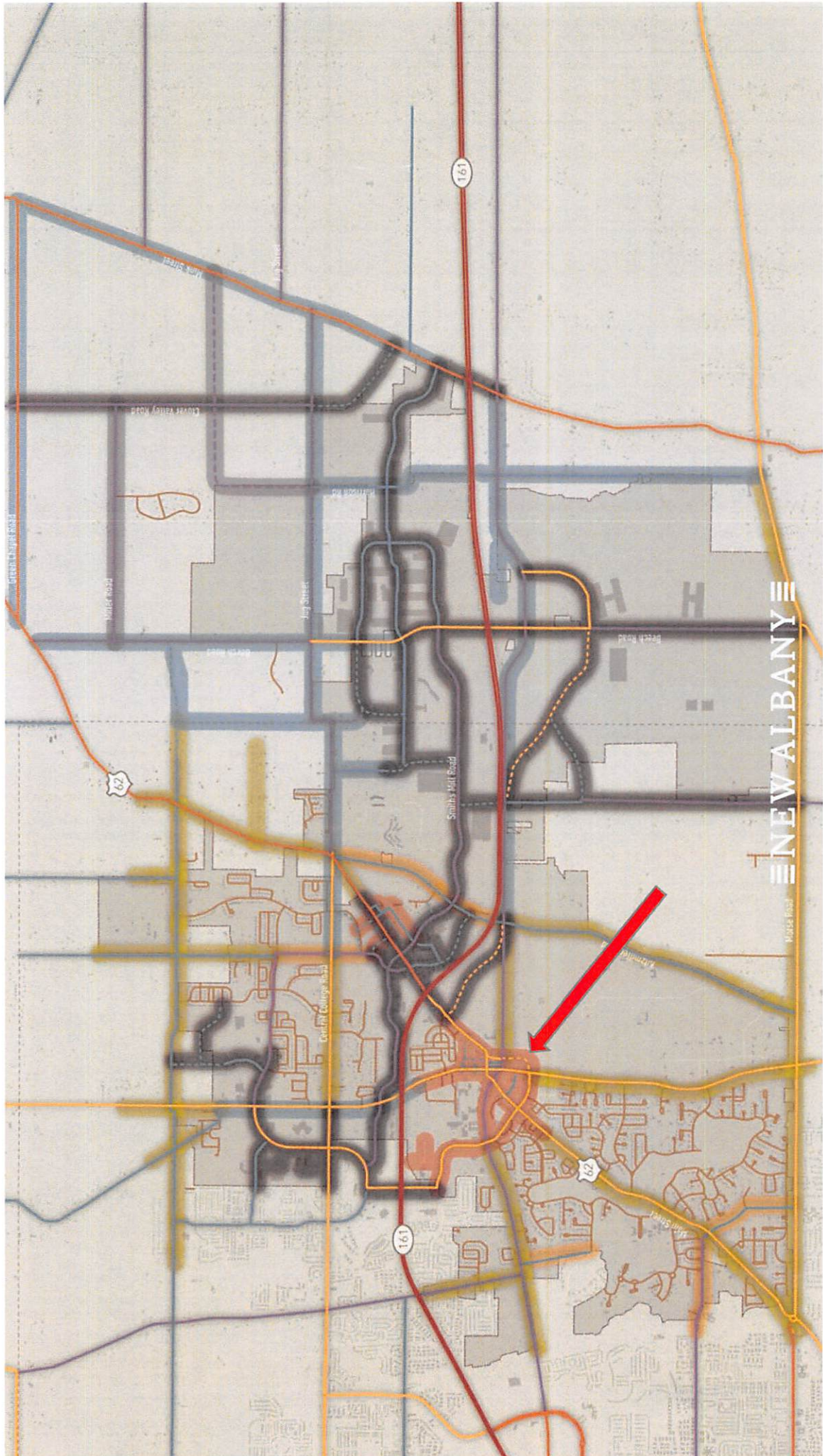


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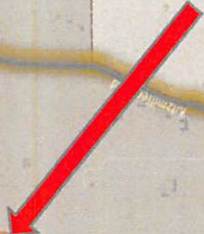
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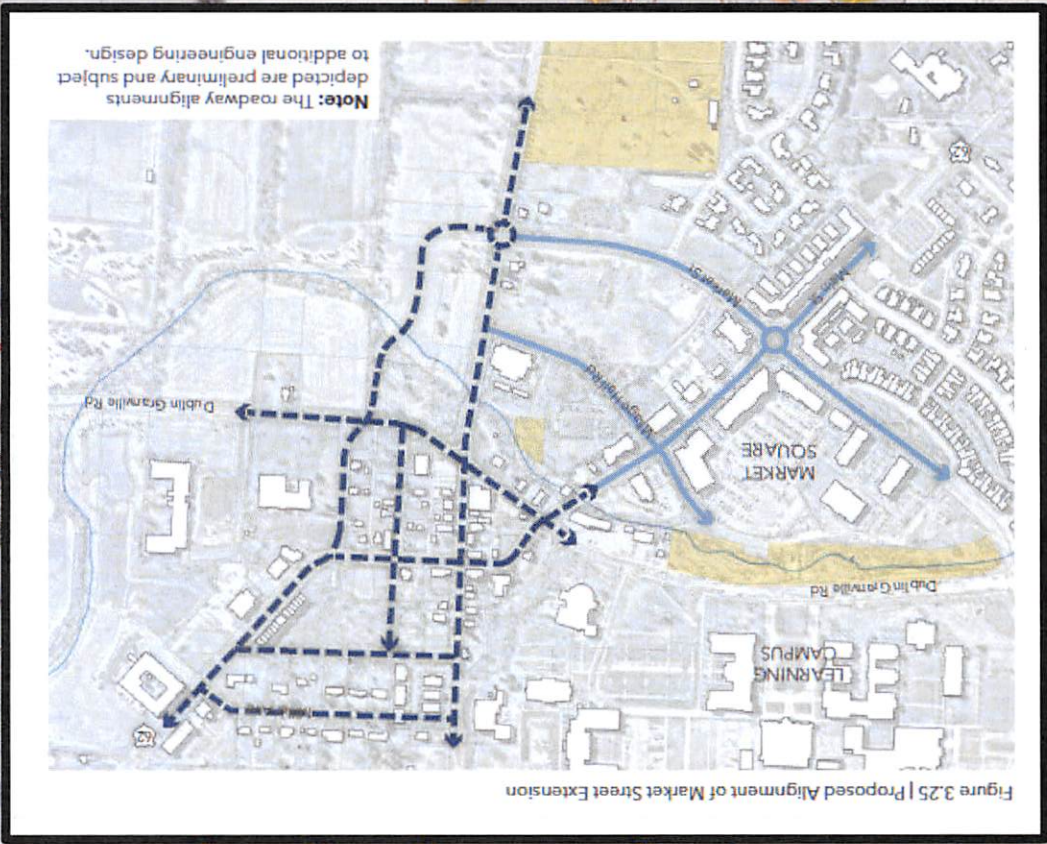


Figure 3.25 | Proposed Alignment of Market Street Extension

