



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of February 16, 2021 at 6:32 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason. Staff tele-present were Law Director Mitch Banchefsky, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker, Planning Manager Stephen Mayer, Engineer Ed Ferris, Engineering Manager Ryan Ohly, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

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| Mayor Sloan Spalding | P |
| CM Colleen Briscoe | P – Tele-present |
| CM Marlene Brisk | P |
| CM Michael Durik | P – Tele-present |
| CM Chip Fellows | P |
| CM Kasey Kist | P |
| CM Matt Shull | P |

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed February 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes and if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing no changes, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the February 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve the February 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Clerk Mason recommended council strike the Executive Session as it was no longer needed. Council Member Kist moved to strike the Executive Session. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to amend the agenda to strike the Executive Session.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

New Albany Branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library – Renovation Update – Benjamin Reid

Mr. Reid presented the attached PowerPoint slides to council and described the renovations to the New Albany branch.

Council Member Fellows asked if the library had plans to open up the back of the library to Rose Run Park. Mr. Reid stated that was considered in early designs, but shelved due to cost. There was still conversation and Mr. Reid expected the library to be flexible with future changes. Council expressed support of the progress and looked forward to the library being reopened.

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Village Center Traffic & Parking Study – MKSK – Chris Hermann, Jeff Pagonis, and Karla Salmons

Director Joly reminded council about this planning project which took a bit longer to complete than anticipated. Staff was eager for discussion and feedback.

Mr. Pagonis and Mr. Hermann were present in Council Chambers. Mr. Hermann told council that the parking and infrastructure study was 75% complete. The MKSK staff presented the attached PowerPoint slides.

Council Member Durik asked and Mr. Hermann replied that MKSK focused on the “hourglass” or “funnel” at Main Street and High Street. Other roads, like Dublin-Granville Road, helped to move traffic, but their counts weren’t shown. Council Member Kist asked and how Main Street and High Street compared to similar main roads in other suburbs. Mr. Hermann stated Lane Avenue moved over 20,000 cars, much more than New Albany’s main thoroughfares. Mr. Pagonis stated a typical two-lane street with a third turn lane could carry an average of 10,000-15,000 cars a day with a good grid and intersections.

Council Member Durik asked and Mr. Pagonis answered that, over time, they had built models to understand, use by use, what parking demand would be on a given block. They also studied those same parking areas in real time using car-counting strategies. This study did not challenge or reevaluate the typical zoning classification for parking needs on a by-use basis. They were not reevaluating how many cars per 1,000 per office, or how many cars for restaurant users, etc. Council Member Durik asked and Mr. Pagonis agreed designs were based on existing city standards and zoning for parking, and also on best practices. Mr. Salmons stated parking reductions were employed for time overlaps where applicable.

Council Member Brisk asked and Mr. Pagonis answered that the study data was captured in 2019, pre-COVID. Mayor Spalding asked and Mr. Pagonis replied that the Village Center parking lot did not have a parking supply problem as it was current configured. The Market and Main buildings were near full tenant capacity when the study was done, and projections included a restaurant use at the northeast corner of Market and Main II. Mr. Hermann noted the lot was on a very large block serving a lot of buildings. If the city got to the point where every block parked itself, parking should work for the users in that block. The Market and Main block contained enough spaces - but the spaces may not be where people wanted them for pedestrian/parking comfort.

Mr. Pagonis anticipated that private development would fund its own parking structure adjacent to Rose Run 2. Council Member Brisk asked if there was a way to reconfigure the Market and Main Lot so that it didn’t feel like people were coming from so far away. Were there ways to divide or designate areas? Mr. Pagonis stated that the lot comprised roughly 8 acres worth of cars. There was only so much a designer could do to create better connectivity. There were operational solutions, like valet parking or specially designated spaces, that could improve the customer experience for those that wanted or needed it.

Council Member Shull asked and Mr. Pagonis clarified that MKSK tested parking with many different development plans. This presentation had a representation of a plan idea that generally worked with the block diagram. That was the information that was used to project out 10 years. Council, Mr. Pagonis, and

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Mr. Hermann discussed how different development plans could affect the traffic models, and where they wanted to see development occur first.

Council and MKSK staff discussed the current and projected number of spots in the existing and future Village Hall parking lot. The new Village Hall lot design would add about 120 spaces. Mr. Pangonis stated they anticipated 180 spaces would be needed if all businesses peaked at the same time. On-street parking was included totaling 221 spaces in the parking walk-shed. City Manager Stefanov stated Reynoldsburg New Albany Road could be reconfigured to include on-street parking also. Council and MKSKS staff discussed where pedestrians would be willing to walk and cross streets. At night, the Village Hall lot would be empty and able to accommodate evening events.

Mayor Spalding expressed interest in a townhouse product depicted in the slides from North Carolina. Council and MSKS agreed townhomes would be good in the indicated area.

Council Member Kist asked if there was something the city could plan for to alleviate gridlock in the Village Center during peak school drop-off and pick-up times. Mr. Pangonis replied the MKSK looked at the impact the schools had on traffic. The morning commute peak was the biggest conflict. Unfortunately, infrastructure, new roadways, new signals, and new left turn lanes couldn't solve every problem. A partnership with the schools and going over operational changes - staggered start times, studying their traffic movements in a broader discussion than this one - were options. Council Member Kist speculated that many residents who thought traffic was a big problem were likely parents stuck in the vehicle line waiting for their kids.

Council Member Kist wondered how COVID-altered work and home-life habits would further affect traffic patterns. Council, city staff, and MKSK staff further discussed school traffic back-ups, the danger of people going around stopped cars, whether police enforcement would positively or negatively impact the situation, cell lots, and previously proposed school loop roads.

Mr. Pangonis told council that study outcome would include a project list of targeted transportation infrastructure improvements. Director Joly told council that the city was trying to achieve a balance - creating a place that people wanted to be, and that was easy and safe to walk - with infrastructure improvements and operational changes.

Council Member Brisk liked the accessibility of pocket parking lots, similar to those in downtown Worthington, and the placement of amenities around Village Hall.

Stephani Wahl, resident of the Windsor neighborhood, asked if school pick-up traffic was primarily an issue in cold weather months. When it warmed up, more kids would be walking home versus being picked up. Several council members observed a problem throughout the school year. Council Member Kist acknowledged that the traffic got worse when bussing was reduced. Ms. Wahl expressed concerns about kids being dropped off by parents at the old mill and crossing Dublin-Granville Road there. She hoped the traffic situation would get better when the weather warmed up. Council Member Fellows stated that the school traffic was a safety hazard that needed to be addressed.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

INCLUSION DIVERSITY & EQUITY ACTION COMMITTEE: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:

Mayor Spalding reported council received an email from a concerned citizen talking about tree preservation. The author asked that it either be read or part of the record. Mayor Spalding assumed it was part of Ordinance O-01-2021, which would be tabled, but council would get that at the next meeting and include it with the rest of the community correspondence.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE O-01-2021

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE 3.35 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 4093 REYNOLDSBURG NEW ALBANY ROAD AND 6 HAWKSMOOR DRIVE FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING OF RESIDENTIAL ESTATE (R-1) AND INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) TO INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) AS REQUESTED BY D&H HAWKSMOOR PROPERTIES LTD., c/o AARON UNDERHILL, ESQ.

Mayor Spalding understood that staff was asking that the matter be tabled to March 16th.

Mayor Spalding moved to table Ordinance O-01-2021 until the March 16th council meeting. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to table Ordinance O-01-2021 until the March 16, 2021 council meeting. Clerk Mason asked and Mayor Spalding clarified that the matter was being tabled at the request of the applicant.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE O-05-2021

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Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, SANITARY SEWER, STREET AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO FOR THE COURTYARDS AT NEW ALBANY, PHASE 2A, AS REQUESTED BY EPCON COMMUNITIES.

Planning Manager Ryan Ohly told council that this ordinance would accept the waterline, sanitary sewer, street, and storm sewer improvements and appurtenances for The Courtyards at New Albany, Phase 2A. Prior to the second reading, the developer would be required to submit a two-year maintenance bond, an engineering inspection fee deposit, and a five-year settlement bond in accordance with Codified Ordinance 1187. Any infrastructure items that could not be completed due to adverse weather conditions would be identified, and an acceptable performance bond or escrow check would be submitted to the city. Outstanding items must completed by July 30, 2021. The Courtyards at New Albany, Phase 2A would consist of 20 single-family residential lots. The entire neighbor had 125 lots. The subdivision was accessed from State Route 605.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the March 2, 2021 council meeting.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-07-2021

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 9.04 (C) OF THE NEW ALBANY CHARTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ATMAX EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOWERMAX BOOM MOWER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec told council that the Public Service Department mowed over 140 acres, including city and state right-of-way. This kind of mowing was all rough roadside. The city utilized its own staff and two tractors. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec confirmed that the tractors had approximately 20 years of life. The city's Massey-Ferguson boom mower had been in service for 19 years.

Director Nemec stated that, when replacing a truck or equipment, city staff went to ODOT's and the state's websites to see what products had be collectively advertised and bid. There was a specific bid for boom mowers in 2019. ODOT awarded contracts to four vendors. City staff looked at the Atmax MowerMax Boom Mower which was specifically designed for what the city needed. The MowerMax was also the lowest cost mower and fell inside the amount budgeted. Atmax Equipment Company was willing to sell New Albany the MowerMax for the same price and conditions as set forth in ODOT's competitively bid contract. Director Nemec was concerned, if the city waited until ODOT re-bid mowers in June, price could increase. Staff was asking that council waive bidding so that the city could buy the MowerMax directly from Atmax at ODOT's competitively bid price.

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Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec answered the city would not miss having two multipurpose tractors. The city had another, smaller John Deere that could be used in a pinch to mow, but was primarily used for roadside berming.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Nemec confirmed that the \$175,000 price the city would pay was the same that Atmax quoted to ODOT. Director Nemec didn't know the exact amount of the discount given to ODOT, but the regular, going rate for equipment was usually 20% higher.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec answered that he anticipated the MowerMax would also have around a 15-20 year life span with regular maintenance. He agreed that the city didn't have a track record with Atmax and did not know how long it would last. Etna, Ohio and ODOT had some Atmax mowers. Council Member Kist asked and Director Nemec responded that Atmax was located in Tampa, Florida. The other companies were located in Texas, Georgia, and Ohio. Staff did not test the other three tractors after finding that the lowest cost mower was what operators and supervisors were looking for.

Mayor Spalding opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-07-2021.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Finance Committee: No report.
- B. Safety Committee: No report.
- C. Public Utilities: No report.
- D. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.
- E. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.
- F. Administration Committee: No report.

G. Grants and Non-Profit Funding:

Council Member Shull reported that the GNP Committee met on February 7, 2021. Council Member Shull was elected Chair, Council Member Brisk was elected Vice Chair. Council Member Fellows was elected Secretary.

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The GNP reviewed applications to make sure, (1) there were no outstanding fees or paperwork due from prior, publicly funded projects, (2) applications were submitted prior to the advertised deadline, (3) supported by multiple resources and were not reliant solely on city funding, (4) illustrated clear community benefit or addressed community need, (5) enhanced New Albany's image, and increased media coverage – local, regional, national, (6) supported New Albany business, and (7) there was adequate availability of city funds.

The budget for grant and non-profit funding was \$90,000. The GNP Committee was recommending \$81,500 in funding. That left \$8,500 unapplied. Given the COVID situation, the GNP was being fiscally responsible with city dollars and allowing council some flexibility to add or subtract from the recommendations. Also, the Community Events Board could add events in 2021.

This year's recommendations were different because some groups were awarded funding in 2020 but didn't utilize it.

Founders Day – the GNP was recommending \$5,000. Their event didn't take place due to COVID. Founders Day received \$10,000 in 2020, and the invoices they submitted totaled under \$2,000. Their application did not show a carry-over balance. Their 2020 budget showed \$12,263 in revenue and expenses of \$4,422, however, the attached invoices only totaled \$1,888.44. There was no invoice for the \$227 in city fees. This made it harder to make decisions. They appeared to have a net gain of \$7,841.

Chief Communications Officer McAfee thought that Founders Day returned money to the city after their event was officially canceled. He did not know how much. City Manager Stefanov stated that staff could check. Council Member Shull stated if Founder's Day refunded the grant money to the city, the GNP could recommend awarding them the full \$10,000.

Council was in agreement that, if Founders Day gave the grant money back, it could give them \$10,000 or stay with the lesser amount if they did not. City Manager Stefanov stated he would check with Finance and let council know.

Healthy New Albany - Walking Classic – the GNP was recommending an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city costs and services. Their event didn't take place in 2020 and they received no money from the city. Their invoice from the city in 2019 was \$11,350.

Healthy New Albany – Food Pantry – the GNP was recommending \$5,000. The Pantry was starting to collect a lot of revenue and sponsorships from multiple sources. Based on the packet submitted to the GNP, they listed over \$103,000 worth of sponsorships – of which all of the funding was going to the Food Pantry. The GNP considered multiple sources of funding as one criteria. The Food Pantry was doing well, with revenues outpacing expenses by around \$13,000 to the good.

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Healthy New Albany – Community Garden – the GNP was recommending \$5,000. This was a new program for the city. There would be a senior program attached to it. Council Member Fellows stated that HNA wanted to start a garden club and fold it into the senior programming. Some of the ideas to come out of that were for the garden club to aide in the beautification of the city – whether it be through planting materials in common areas, putting out large planters and maintaining them – another way to get the community involved through the Community Garden. Council Member Shull noted that the GNP Committee usually started a new group at a lesser amount as long as they met the criteria. The application requested, and the GNP was recommending, \$5,000. Their budget was \$9,950, 70%-75% of which was for coordinator salary. Council Member Brisk thought this would be a good seed program. This grant would help them get off the ground.

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society – The GNP was recommending \$5,000. The group added tremendous value to the community through their educational programming. Council Member Shull stated, personally, that the group kept the city grounded as it continued to grow. The group received \$10,000 in 2020. They had expenses,- they put out a publication every year and kept up the Ealy house, however, they did not submit an application. Instead, they sent a letter to the clerk saying they were unable to use all of last year's fund due to the pandemic. The GNP still recommended providing some funding, but not to the same extent, and solicited council input.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Council Member Shull agreed that it could set a bad precedent to award money to a group that did not apply. Council Member Fellows told council it was his idea to provide funding given their service to the community. Council Member Briscoe did not want council to provide funding without an accounting. She was good with holding funds until a request was received with the basic information about what the money would be used for. Council Member Kist asked and the GNP members confirmed that council did not know what they used their funds for last year since an application wasn't submitted. Council Member Kist suggested approaching the historical society, asking them to document their expenses, and make them whole for that amount, bring them back up to the \$10,000 level. Council Member Shull stated that the GNP concurred and would hold the funds under consideration for future potential funding.

Pelotonia – The GNP was recommending an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city costs and services. They did not hold an in-person event or receive funding in 2020. Their city expenses for the for the 2019 event were \$19,779. This recommendation was the same as prior years. Mayor Spalding told council that, assuming everything went as planned, every route for both days would either start or stop in New Albany, making for even more exposure. Council Member Kist added that the start/stop points would be spread out over multiple locations in the city to keep crowds down. No celebratory events were planned, thus far. There would still be a lot of folks in and around New Albany the first weekend in August.

Mayor Spalding asked and GNP Committee members affirmed that they were holding firm at council's \$10,000 grant cap.

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Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio - The GNP was recommending an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in city costs and services. They did not hold an event or receive funding in 2020. Their budget for 2019 was \$2,533.30. That was why the GNP Committee was not recommending changes. Chief Communications Officer McAfee communicated that, unless it rescheduled, it was unlikely that Project Hero would hold an event in 2021.

Project Hero had not provided the GNP with invoices or a local operating budget. It would be in their best interest to provide a local budget next year. Clerk Mason reported that she had been corresponding with Finance Director Bethany Staats who had created a template budget which would be included with 2022 grant applications. Clerk Mason also stated she would touch base with Project Hero with the GNP's request.

New Albany Charity Run/Thanks for Giving 4 Miler – The GNP was recommending an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services, as it had done in past years. The GNP also wanted to see a detailed budget and a copy of invoices from the city in the future. Council Member Kist stated the event didn't happen in 2020 and requested the template budget.

New Albany Community Playhouse – The GNP was recommending \$10,000. They received \$5,000 in 2020. This was a community playhouse group. They were planning on three programs in 2021. The GNP liked that the group was in New Albany and involved New Albany and Columbus residents. From the production of Into The Woods, all proceeds and 10% of on-line and in-person ticket sales went to the food pantry. They also helped Firefighters for Kids. According to their balance sheet, they were always in the red. In 2021, their total revenue was \$12,000, expenses were \$23,479. They outlined their fundraising efforts in the applications. They did have approved grants from several sources and more in the works. They hoped to expand their funding and continue growing.

Council Member Briscoe asked and Council Member Shull replied that they did use the funding they received to support themselves. Their expenditures included royalties and licensing fees, technical and musical directors, costumes, photographer, and playbill printing.

New Albany Parks and Recreation- Summer Movie Series – The GNP was recommending \$10,000. The application was thorough and focused mainly on the movies. All of their 2020 drive-in movie events were sold out. They were looking to expand to four to five events in 2021 and include amenities like bouncy houses and rides.

New Albany Symphony – McCoy Series and Sensory Series – The GNP was recommending \$5,000. This was the first year that the New Albany Symphony broke out their application into events for separate funding. They received \$10,000 for their single application in 2020. The GNP reduced this amount from the past, in part to support the Rose Run event. The symphony was receiving funding from multiple sources for the sensory event.

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New Albany Symphony – Independence Day 5K – The GNP was recommending an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in city costs and services, which was what they were requesting.

New Albany Symphony – Summer Fun in Rose Run - The GNP was recommending \$8,000. They requested \$10,000. The GNP saw this as a tremendous opportunity for the park and amphitheater. This was a new event and they didn't have a budget yet. They had received some funding from PCN Arts Alive and Nth Degree. The New Albany Symphony was receiving \$14,000 in total from the city combining all three applications. Council Member Brisk added that she understood that part of the GNP's purpose was to provide seed money to help events get off the ground and become independent. The regular symphony series had been around for a long time and had other sponsors, whereas the Rose Run event was new and would require a community effort. Council Member Shull agreed that the GNP strongly supported the orchestra and wanted to provide some of the funding to the new things they wanted to try.

Council members discussed how organizations were breaking out their events into separate funding applications to receive more funds. Mayor Spalding recommended letting each request stand on its own. If multiple events were worth funding, then he thought the city should support those events. Council members expressed agreement. Council Member Brisk stated, in a way, it was more transparent to see the numbers for each event. Mayor Spalding noted that it also encouraged new events. Council Member Brisk was a bit concerned that organizations weren't getting the message that the city wouldn't fund organizations at the same amounts indefinitely – that they were expected to wean themselves off. Council discussed how these event breakouts let groups ask for more than council's stated maximum. Council Member Shull stated the GNP understood that this was a way to request more funds, and also evaluated them on their own merits.

Mayor Spalding asked the GNP to make a recommendation on how council could start proceeding with the philosophy that city funds were intended to be seed money to start new events, but was not a continual grant year after year. He did struggle with groups like the Historical Society and Pelotonia which would not be changing their structure. Those almost had to be treated differently. Council had always grappled with this. Council Member Brisk pointed out that two applications were receiving less funding than before. Council members discussed other criteria in the application materials, like benefitting local businesses.

Council Member Shull solicited any additional feedback regarding the GNP recommendations. Council Member Briscoe stated, with the prior *caveats* for Founders Day and the Historical Society, she was good moving forward. Council Member Durik concurred and stated looking at individual events made a lot of sense.

Council Member Shull moved to award the grants awards as follows –

Founders Day – \$5,000, unless they returned some of the 2020 funds, in which case they would receive an amount bringing them up to \$10,000 depending on the amount that was returned.

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Healthy New Albany Walking Classic – an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city cost and services

Healthy New Albany Food Pantry – \$5,000

Healthy New Albany Community Garden - \$5,000

Pelotonia – an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city costs and services

Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio – an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in city cost and services

New Albany Charity Run/Thanks For Giving 4 Miler – an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services

New Albany Community Play House – \$10,000

New Albany Parks and Recreation – \$10,000

New Albany Symphony McCoy Series and Sensory Series - \$5,000

New Albany Symphony Independence Day 5K - an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in city costs and services

New Albany Symphony Summer Fun in Rose Run - \$8,000

Council Member Fellows seconded the motion and council voted with six yes votes and one abstention (Spalding) to award the grants as stated. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: City Manager Stefanov reported that MORPC hosted Dr. Beverly Vandiver from the Kirwan Institute regarding their studies of race and ethnicity, and Jane Leach speaking about Future Ready by 5 whose goal was to have children prepared to enter kindergarten. The MORPC State of the Region annual meeting would be held virtually on March 31st. The keynote speaker was Jonathan Rose. The Regional Policy Roundtable had produced its public policy agenda. The Sustainability Advisory Committee held its Solar Week programming and some New Albany city staff participated. The SAC was also studying the impact of trails on central Ohio greenways along the five river corridors. The end-of-season report on air quality was available. A possible Amtrak expansion was discussed and MORPC would contact Amtrak. The 2020 census-based congressional redistricting data would be available by April 30, and state data would be available sometime after July.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that the JPD thanked the city for the retired street signs and hoped to partner on some marketing.

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Spring sports would operate as normal and sign-ups were commencing. The first movie event would be in May. Possible ribbon cutting for the basketball court was coming up. The court was not yet installed. It would be right by the Public Service Department. The JPD was discussing a proposal for an indoor soccer facility containing two full-sized fields. The JPD also received correspondence requesting pickleball courts.

- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the board held a workshop. The schools were currently operating under modified quarantine restrictions which should reduce the overall required time students and staff would have to quarantine, depending on the contact location and situation.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that township would be auctioning some retired fire equipment. They had started preliminary discussions with the city's vehicle maintenance staff to see if there was capacity to work on some township vehicles. They were posting summer maintenance jobs. They were postponing action on the pool until March. Opening the pool would depend on the health recommendations and the difficulty of operating under the guidelines.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding thanked, and council applauded, the Public Service Department snow warriors. In the mayor's travels, New Albany's streets stood out. Mayor Spalding had received random compliments for the holiday lights remaining lit.
- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason reminded council to RSVP for MORPC's annual virtual meeting.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager: City Manager Stefanov reported that Founders Day was being rescheduled to August 28, 2021 due to COVID. The COMMA group discussed central Ohio data fiber infrastructure sharing. The concept was developed by several communities and using the acronym COSMOS. Their work was incorporated into MORPC's regional data advisory committee. They were trying to share municipal fiber to provide a private, secure, managed network for use by member governments in the region – six pairs of fibers, initially three would be lit, very high speed. Presently, they were looking for municipalities or entities that wanted to be involved, determining a network management model, evaluating funding options and pricing structures, and establishing organizational governance – likely a council of governments. City Manager Stefanov did not know if it would be beneficial to New Albany, but would continue to gather information.
- E. City Attorney: Law Director Banchevsky reported that the Buckeye Institute had filed two more lawsuits challenging HB 197 – one in Franklin County and the other in Hamilton County, both with different plaintiffs than the original lawsuit. The Buckeye Institute also filed an amicus brief with the US Supreme Court in *New Hampshire vs. Massachusetts* related to state taxation.

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Legislation had been introduced to allow virtual meeting participation in public meetings on an ongoing basis, without an emergency.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE.

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

Council Member Briscoe referenced an email council received supporting the senior pilot program at the Heit Center which subsidized some senior members for them to use the facilities during limited hours. HNA was willing to continue the pilot program. There were only 8 participants. The cost was \$40 per person per month of which the city was chipping in \$10 for city residents. The initial time period had elapsed. Council Member Briscoe was recommending continuing the city contribution. HNA was looking to re-launch the program in October to see if they could attract more participants. Council Member Fellows observed that participation was low this year due to COVID.

Council Member Briscoe moved to continue the \$10 a month subsidy and then look at it again in October. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion. Council Member Brisk asked and Council Member Fellows and Briscoe confirmed that HNA would continue to kick their portion and this would continue until October when HNA would re-launch and come back to council. Council voted with seven yes votes to continue the \$10 per month for the existing participants in the senior pilot program until October 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk's note: This item was struck under Additions or Corrections to the Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Board and Commission Appointments

Council Member Kist moved to appoint the board and commission members listed in the February 16, 2021 Memo to Council from Clerk Mason to the respective boards for the terms specified. (*See attached memo.*) Council Member Briscoe seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to appoint the board and commission members on the February 16, 2021 memo for the terms specified.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Shull seconded to adjourn the February 16, 2021 regular council meeting at 9:59 pm.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan Spalding, Mayor


Date



New Albany Branch updates

Benjamin Reid
Branch Manager
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STRATEGIC FOCUS

YOUNG MINDS

Encourage learning
and growth

MY LIBRARY

Anticipate changing
customer needs

LIFE SKILLS

Identify challenges and
provide opportunities

INVESTMENTS

Ready for Kindergarten

- Ready for K Boot Camps
- Ready for K Spaces
- Ready for K Storytimes
- Ready for K Classes

Third Grade Reading

- Reading Buddies
- Summer Reading Challenge
- School Delivery

High School Graduation

- Homework Help Centers
- YouMedia
- Developmental Assets
- Career and College Prep
- VolunTeens

My Way

- columbuslibrary.org
- Meeting Rooms
- Author/Civic Events
- Services to Seniors
- Computers
- Wireless Access
- SearchOhio
- 2020 Vision Plan
- Mobile App
- Customer Call Center

My Content

- High Interest, Popular Collections
- Local Digital Collections
- eResources
- eBooks
- Streaming Content

Prepared to Work

- Basic Computer Skills
- Teen Internships
- Resume Help
- Workforce Development
- Small Business Classes
- Job Application Help

Prepared for Life

- GED
- ESOL
- Adult Basic Learning
- Social Work Assistance
- Legal Aid

OUTCOMES

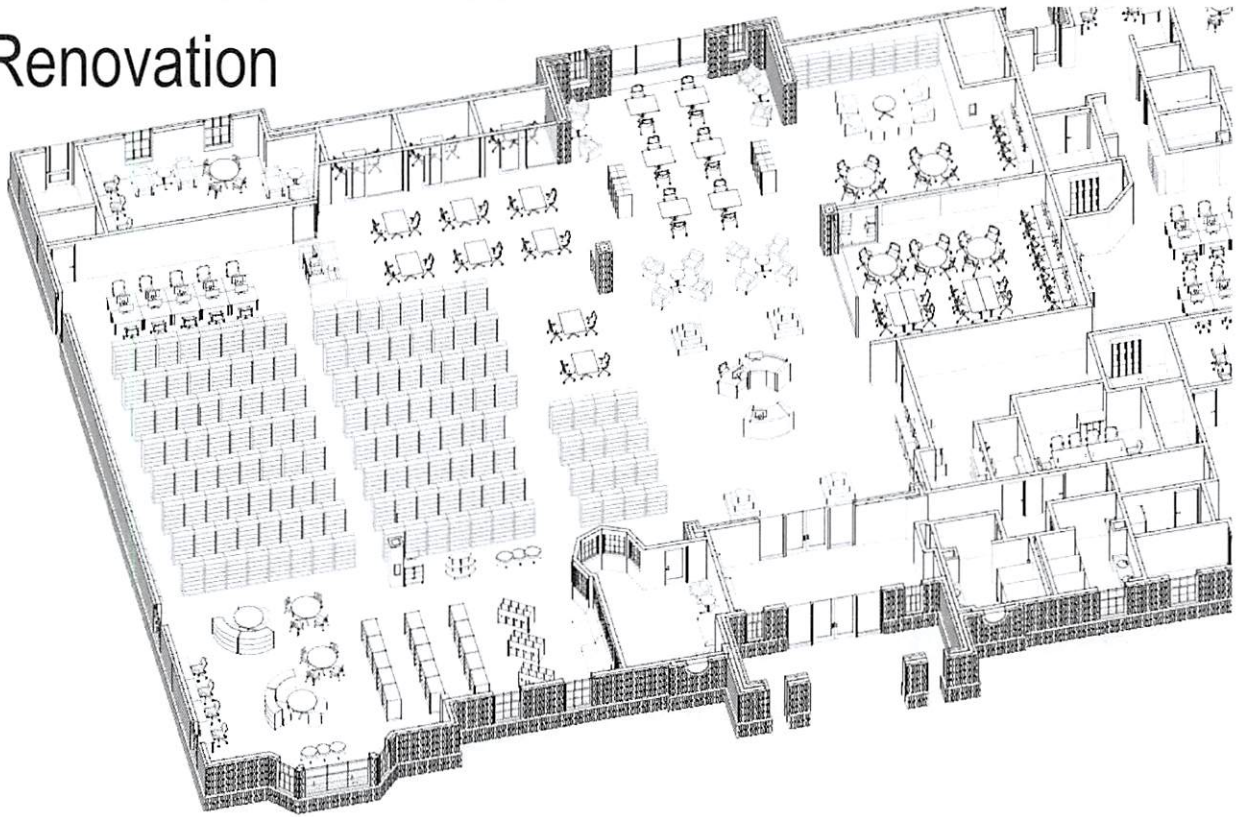
A foundation for
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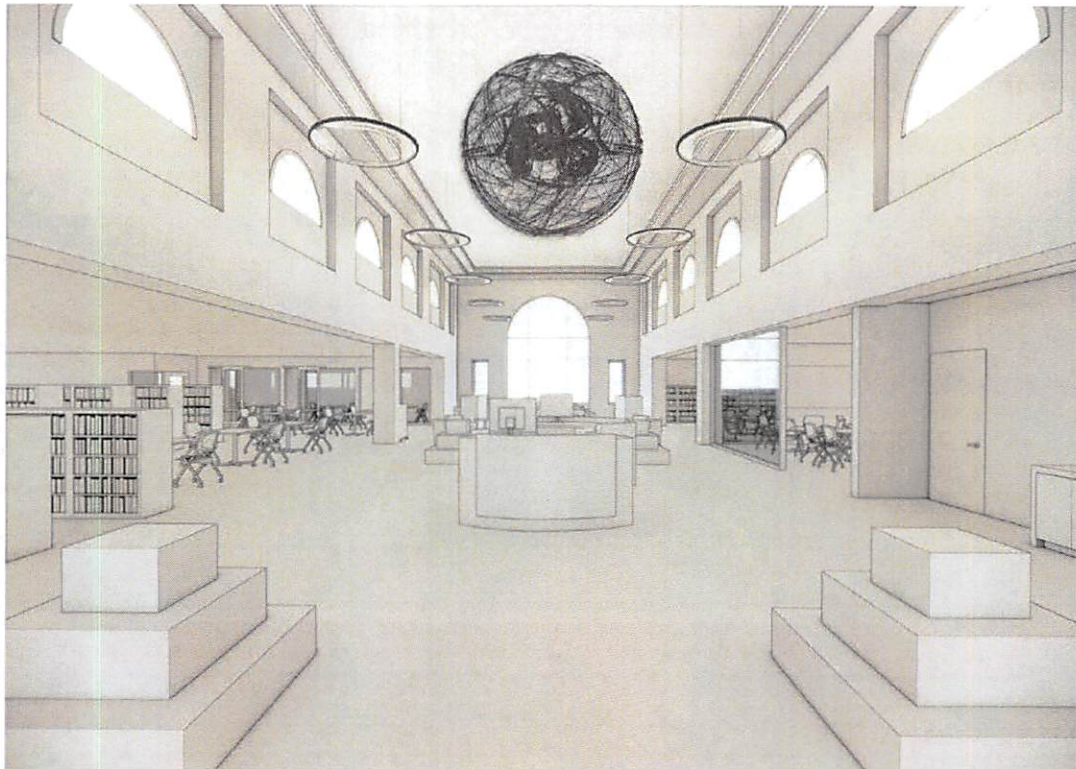
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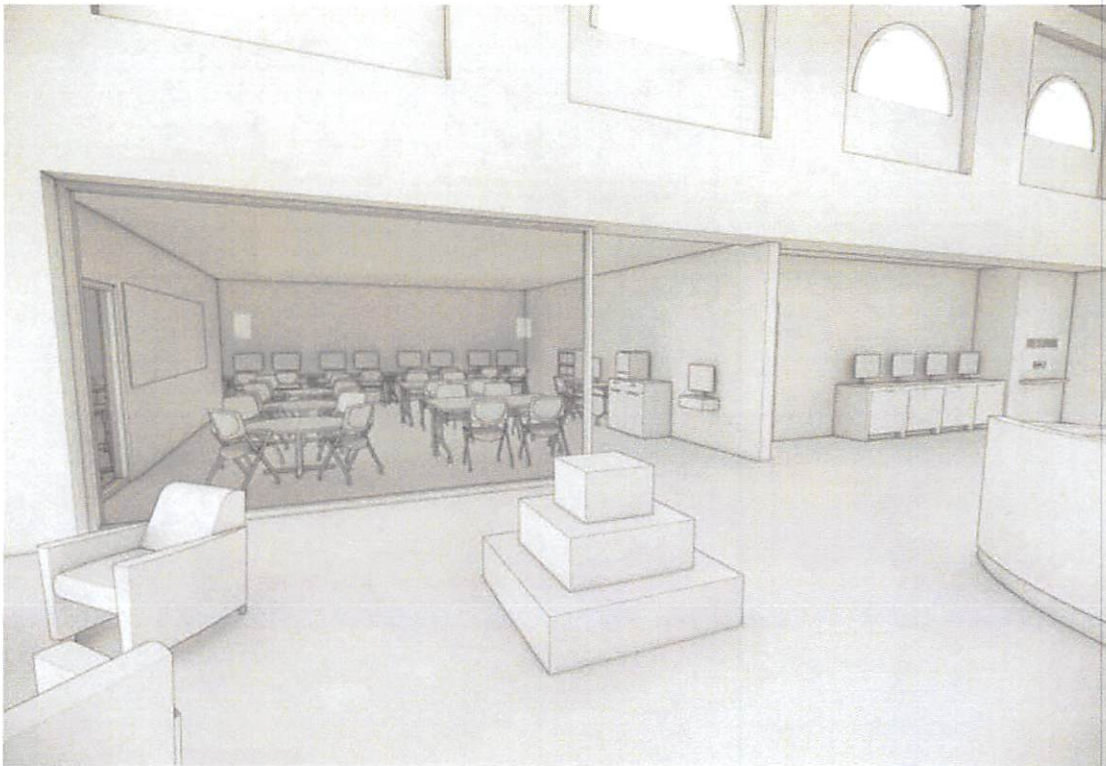
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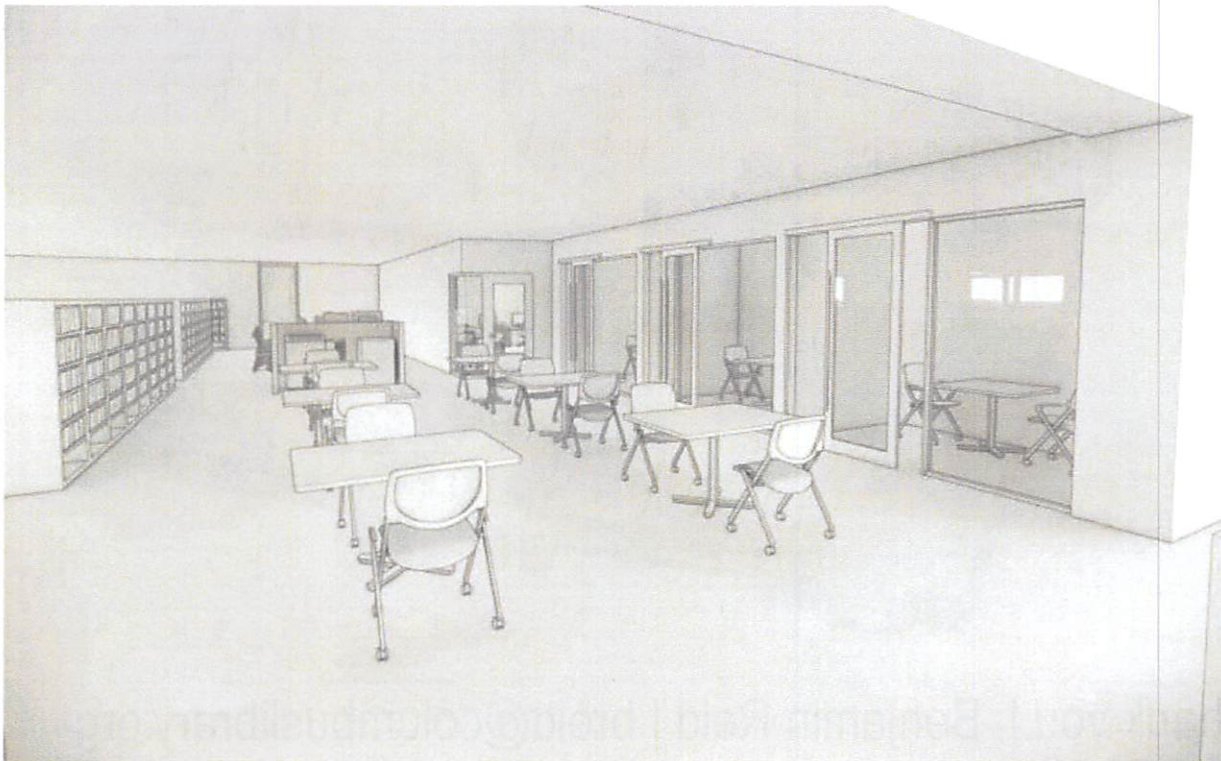
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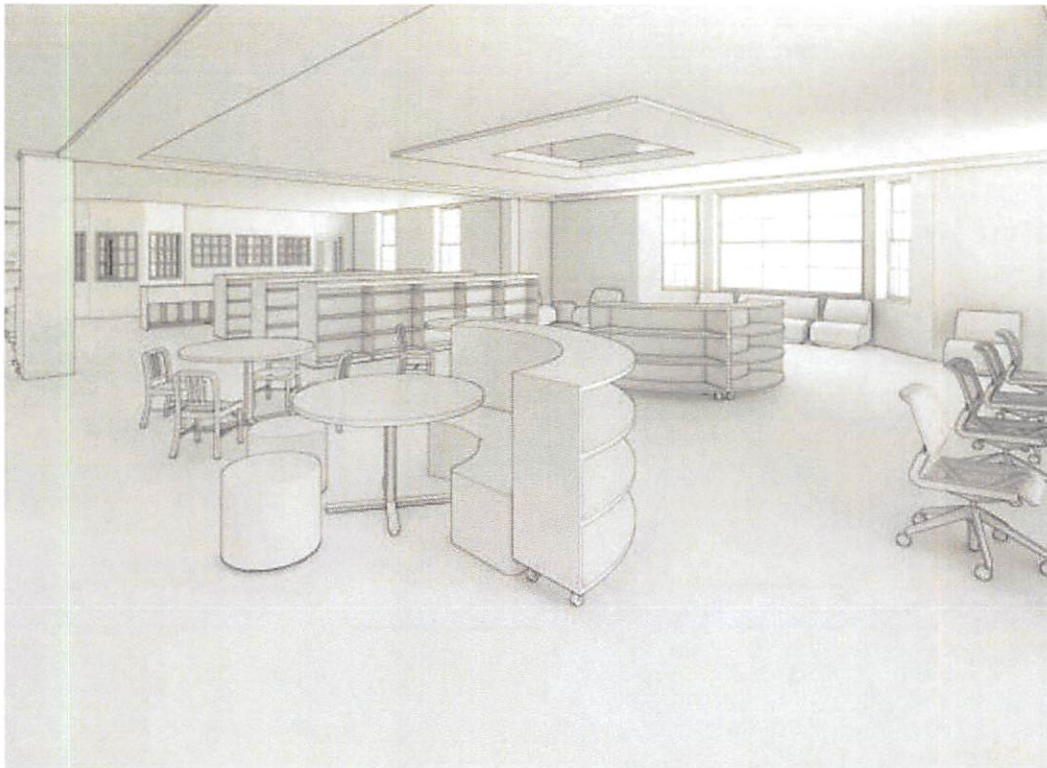




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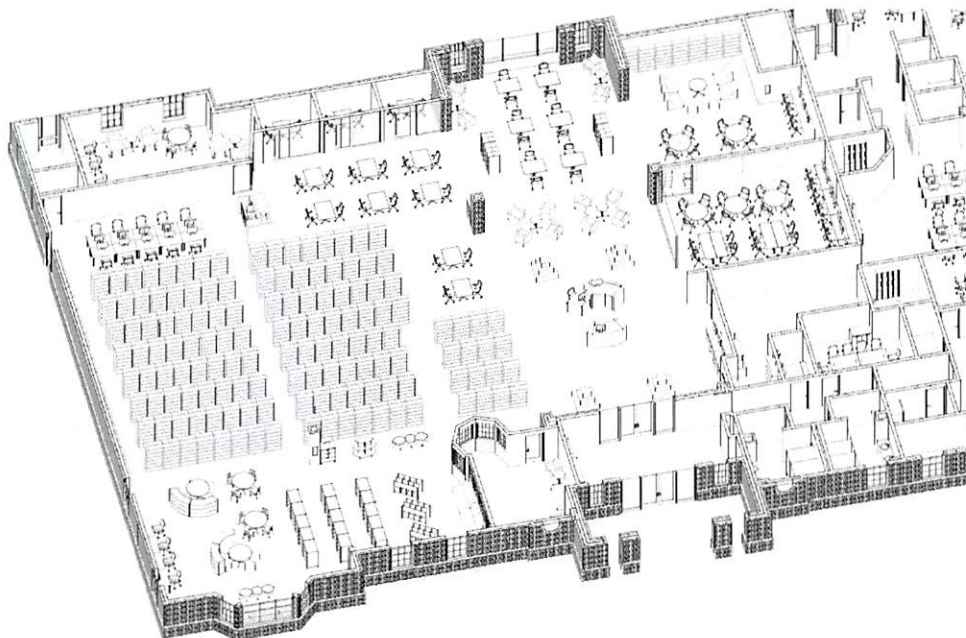


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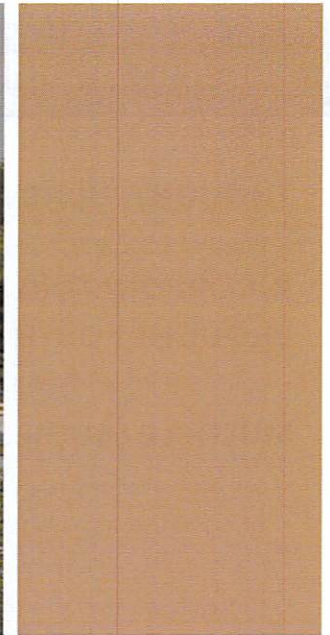
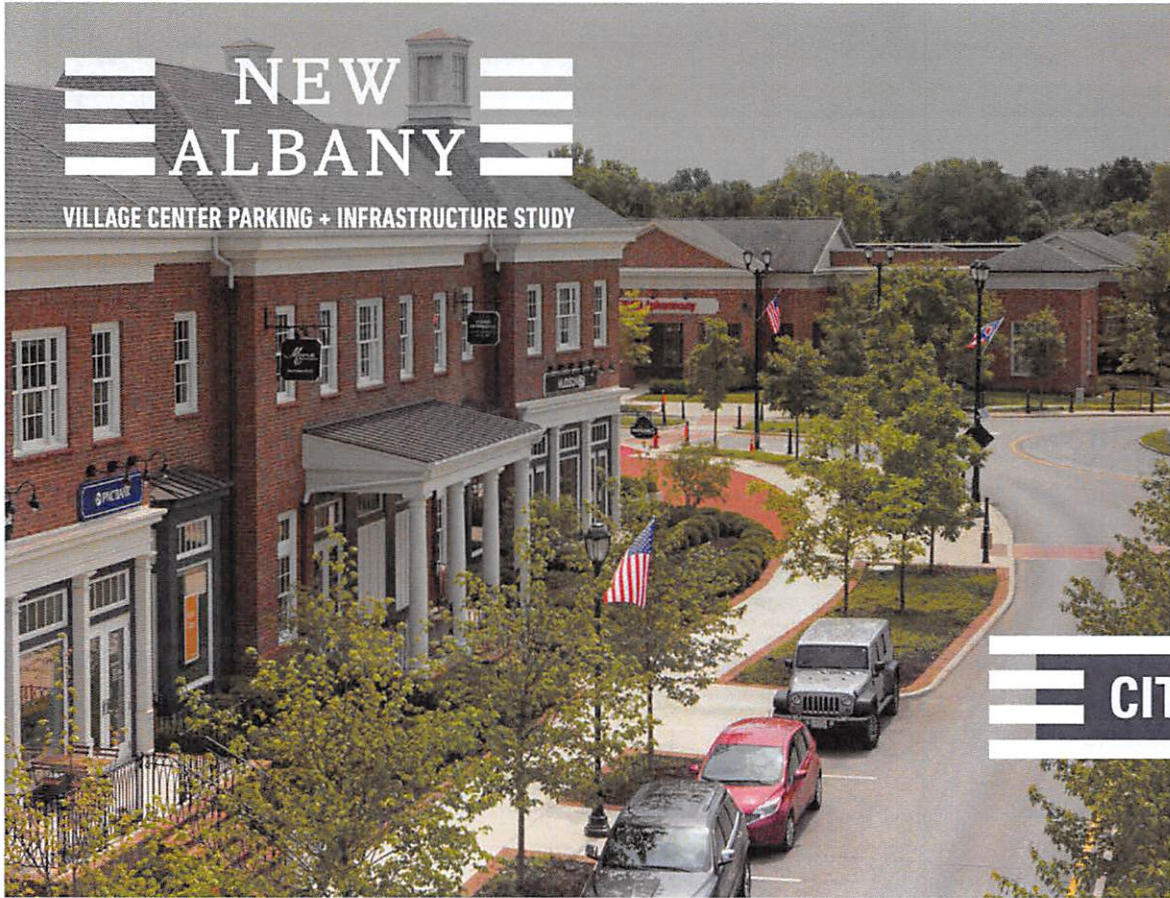
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PROJECT GROUNDING

THOUGHTFUL REVIEW AND TOWN PLANNING ANALYSIS OF VILLAGE CENTER.

- Block by block, area by area

INCORPORATING VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT IDEAS FOR THE VILLAGE CENTER BROUGHT FORTH OVER TIME.

- Input from these sources helped inform our studies (development density, land use, access, pattern)

MULTIPLE STUDIES FOR EACH AREA.

- The application of new development opportunities
- Using the Urban Center Code and the Strategic Plan(s)
- Representing scale appropriate for the Village Center and its established context
- Utilizing best practices to evaluate parking and subsequent improvements



BACKGROUND

ENGAGE NEW ALBANY

"The parking is an issue. I think **considering a two-story parking garage will be necessary** at some point."

"We need effective parking within the vicinity **to support the businesses in the area.**"

"There are many people that work in these buildings [Market Street retail] and there's **not enough parking to accommodate the employees and the patrons.** Weekdays are especially bad."

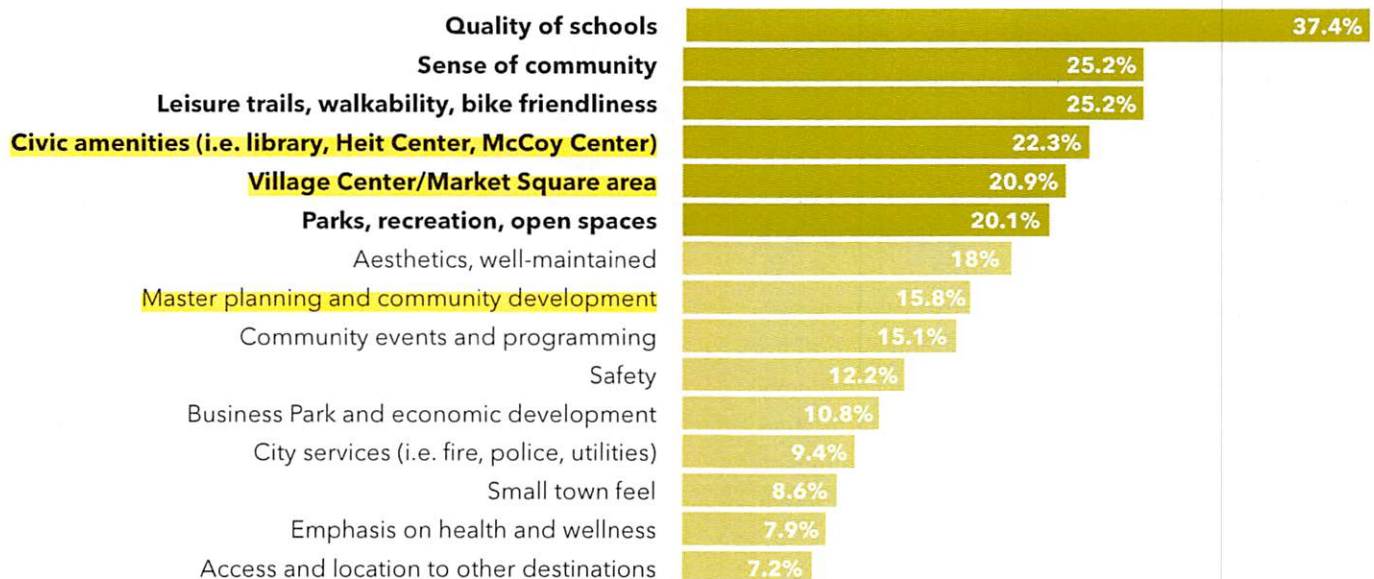
"More retail options would likely increase our usage of the Village Center. But **if parking is a problem, we will go elsewhere.**"

"A more walkable, integrated Village Center is key. You can't do any of that without **first addressing the parking and traffic concerns...**"

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COMMUNITY INPUT | STRENGTHS

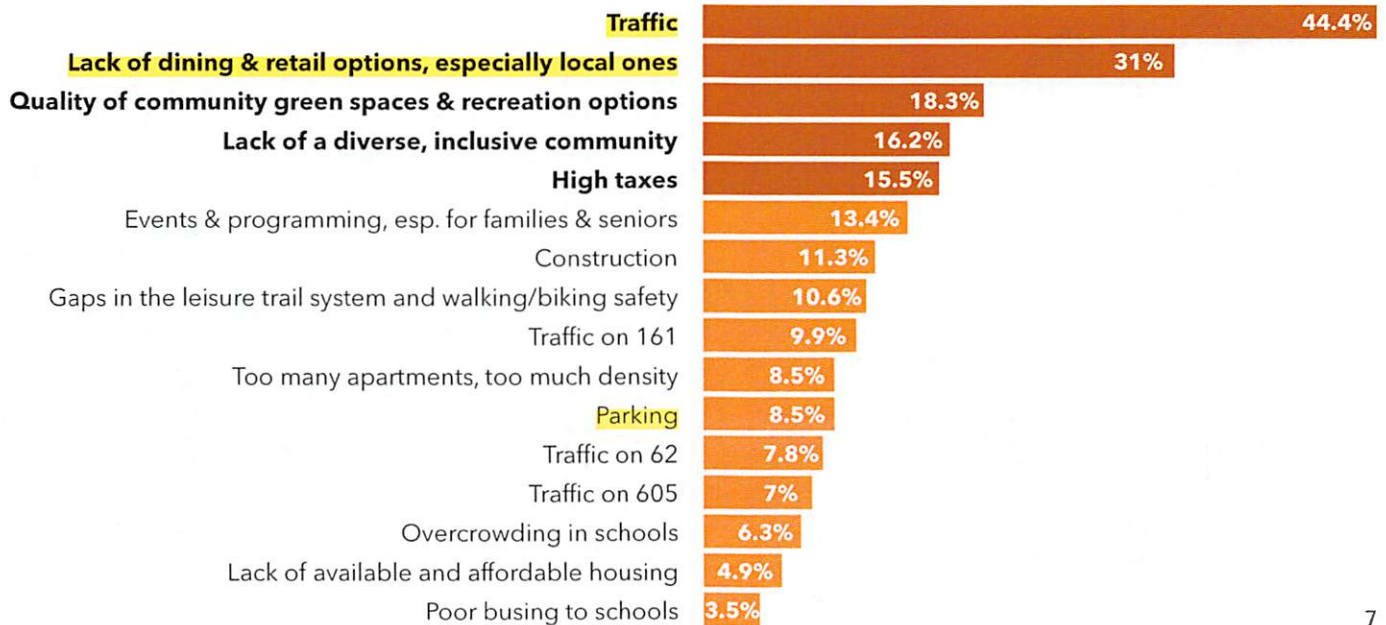
WHAT ARE NEW ALBANY'S STRENGTHS? WHAT IS WORKING WELL?



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COMMUNITY INPUT | WEAKNESSES

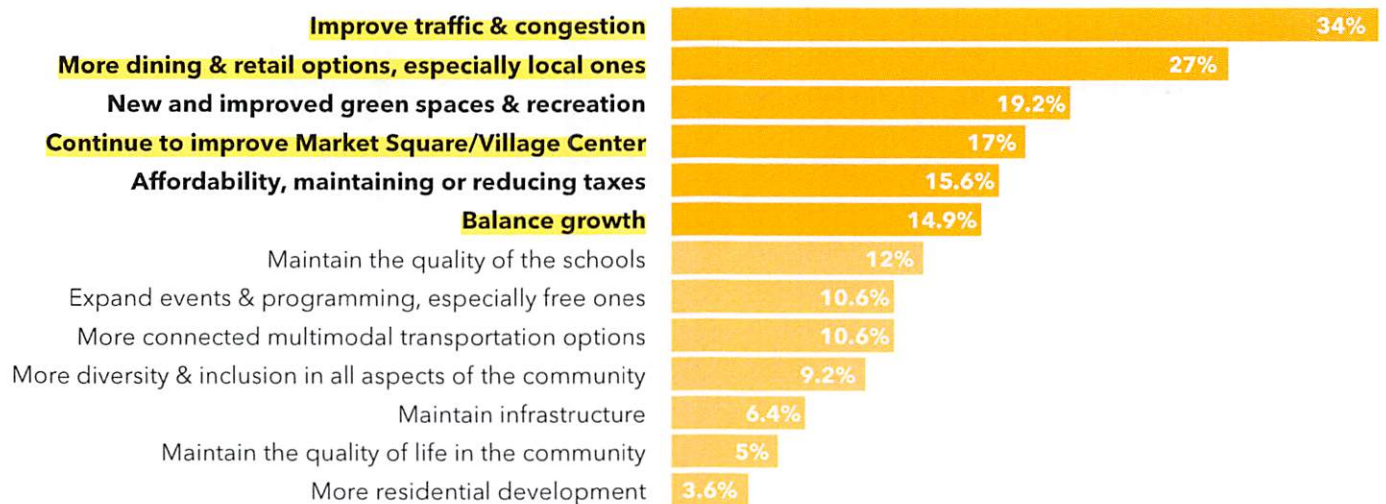
WHAT ARE NEW ALBANY'S WEAKNESSES? WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED?



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COMMUNITY INPUT | PRIORITIES

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES FOR NEW ALBANY? WHERE SHOULD WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS?



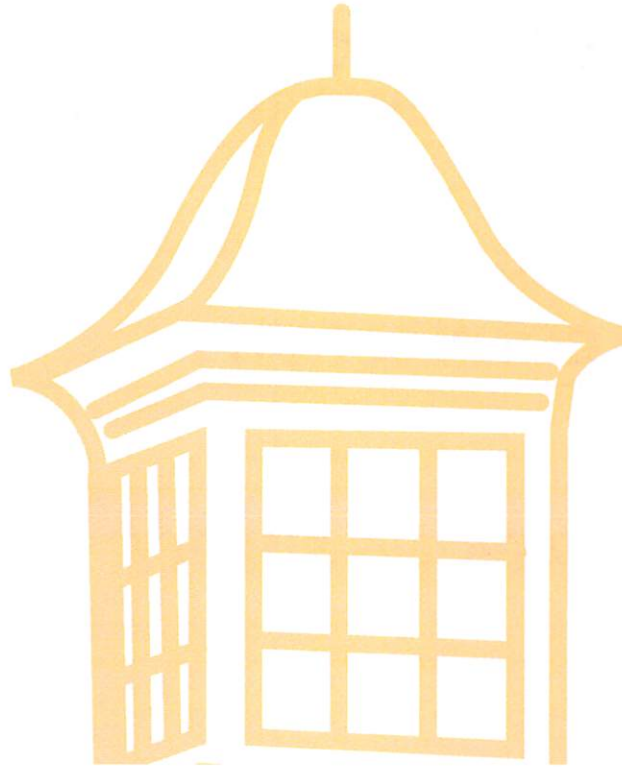
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VILLAGE CENTER VISION

THE HEART OF NEW ALBANY

To achieve the long-standing goals for the Village Center and those expressed by the community, the following objectives must be addressed:

- **Set the table for continued success**
- **Knit the districts together**
- **Provide housing that addresses community needs** (compact, walkable, close to amenities)
- **Continue to improve and support the retail offerings**
- **Respect the scale and character**



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CONTINUE VILLAGE CENTER SUCCESS

ACCOMMODATE GROWTH, BUT REMAIN NEW ALBANY

Set the table for continued success

- Address parking issues
- Address traffic concerns
- Address storm water

Knit the districts together

- Expand the complete street grid
- Continue the Rose Run Park and connecting bridges
- Activate the gaps

Providing housing that addresses community needs

- Create walkable blocks
- Identify infill housing opportunities

Continue to improve and support the commercial offerings

- Address parking
- Identify commercial infill opportunities
- Improve connectivity

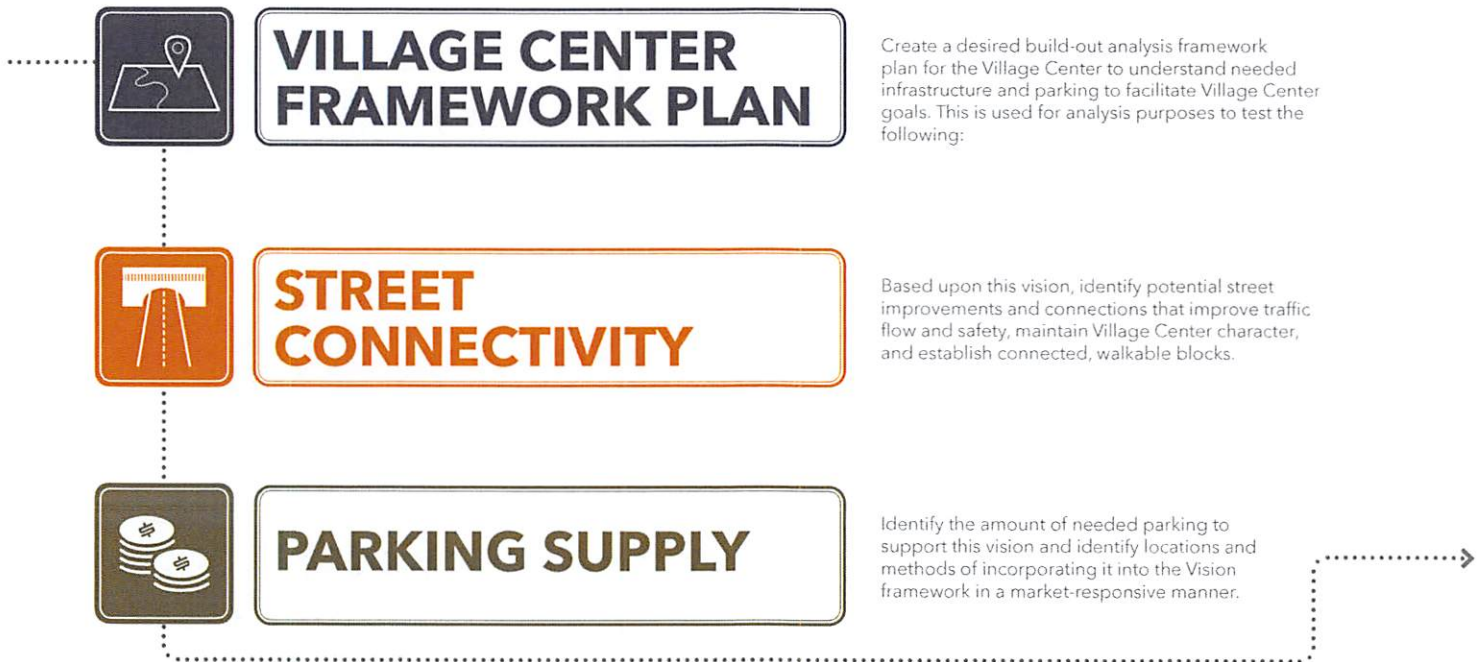
Respect the scale and character

- Do not overbuild streets
- Create and maintain appropriate, walkable blocks
- Follow the Urban Center Code



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WHERE DO WE START?



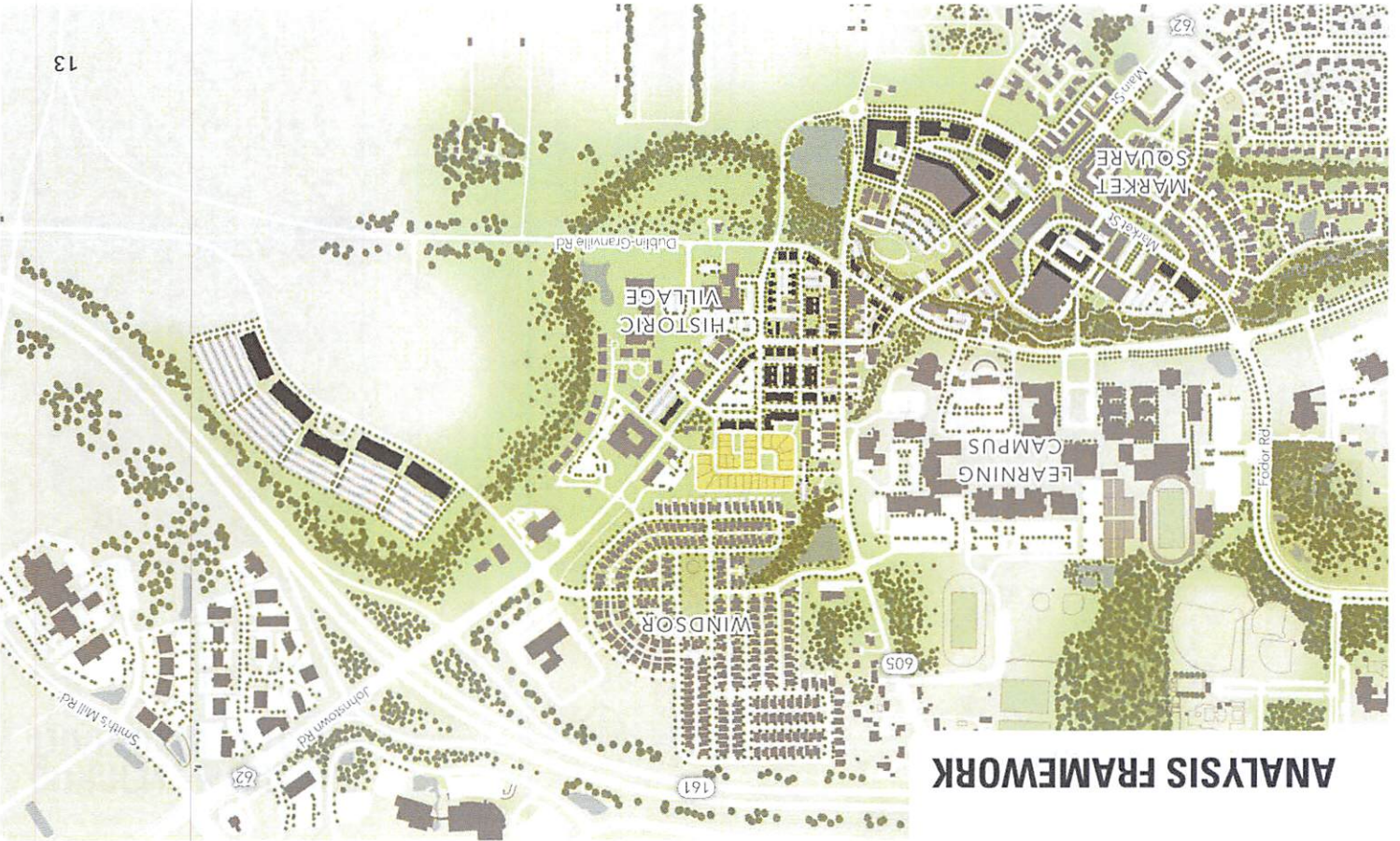
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WHERE DO WE START?



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ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK



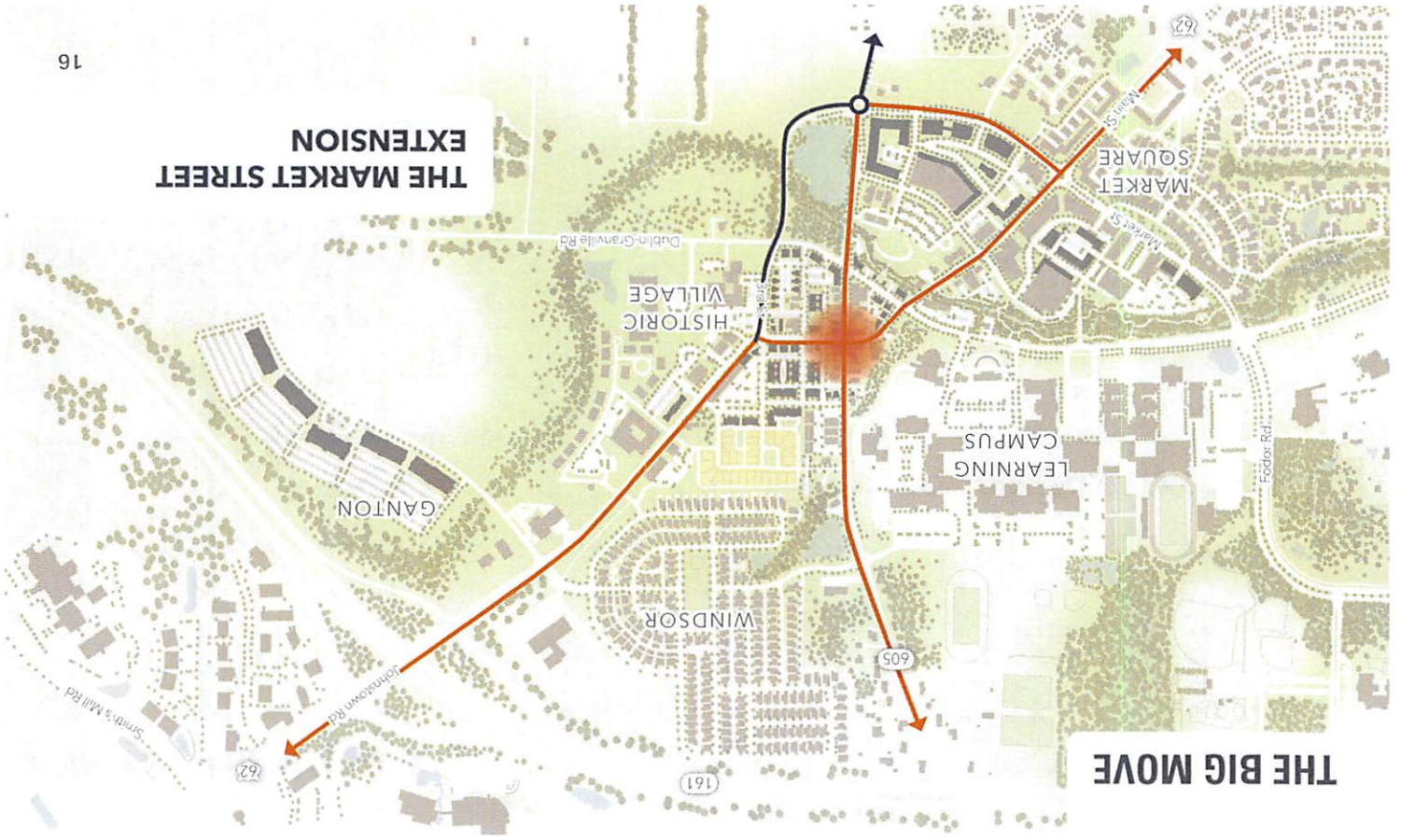
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CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

1. The City of New Albany
- Strategic Plan(s)
- Form Based Code
2. New Albany Company
- NAco Future Village Center Plan (2019)
3. 2021 Current Village Center Build-Out Status
4. Programmed Future Projects
- Rose Run II & Veterans Memorial
5. NAco commissioned Village Center Traffic Analysis:
Wells + Associates & Carpenter Marty (2020)
6. The City of New Albany Project Analysis (2020)

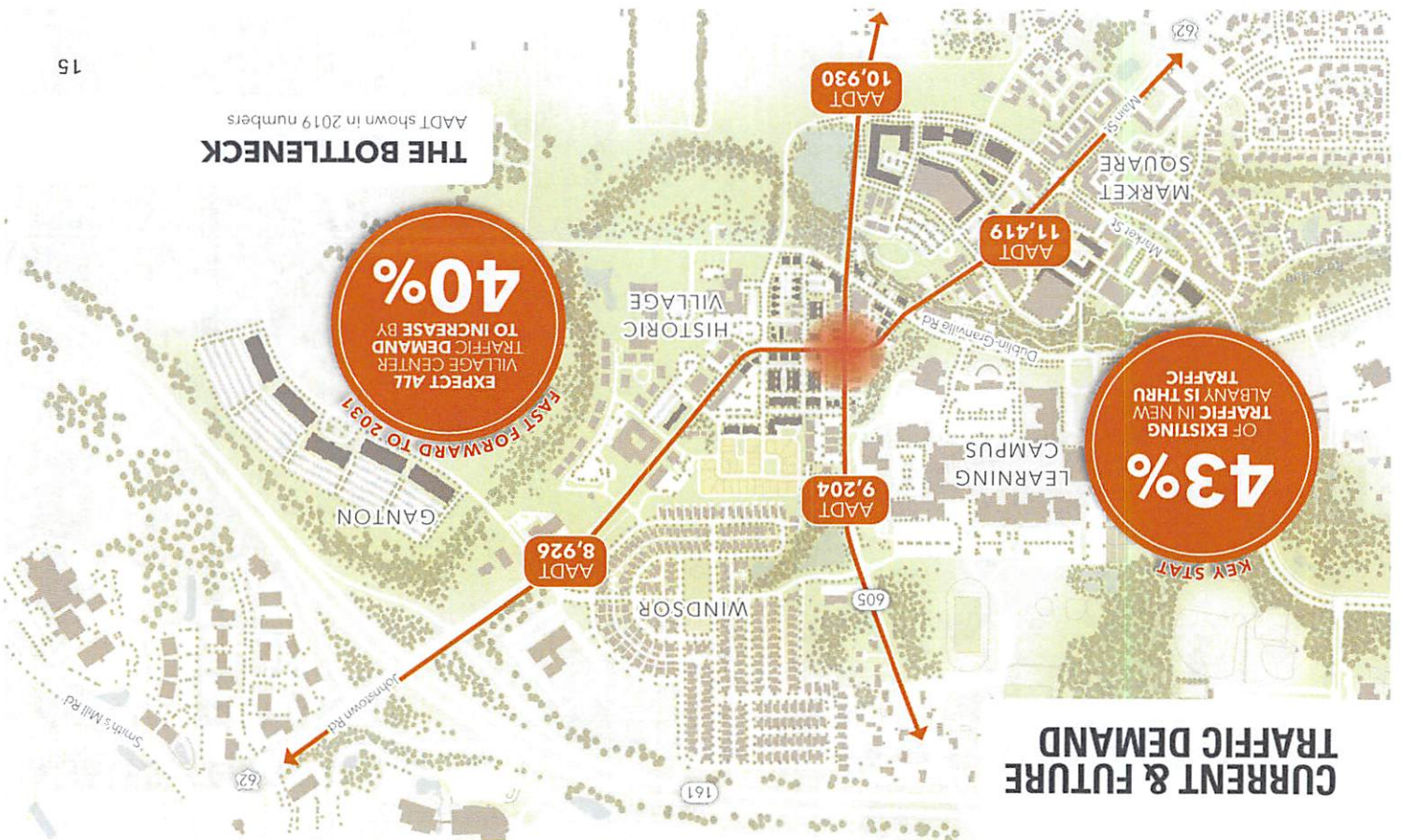
THE MARKET STREET EXTENSION



THE BIG MOVE

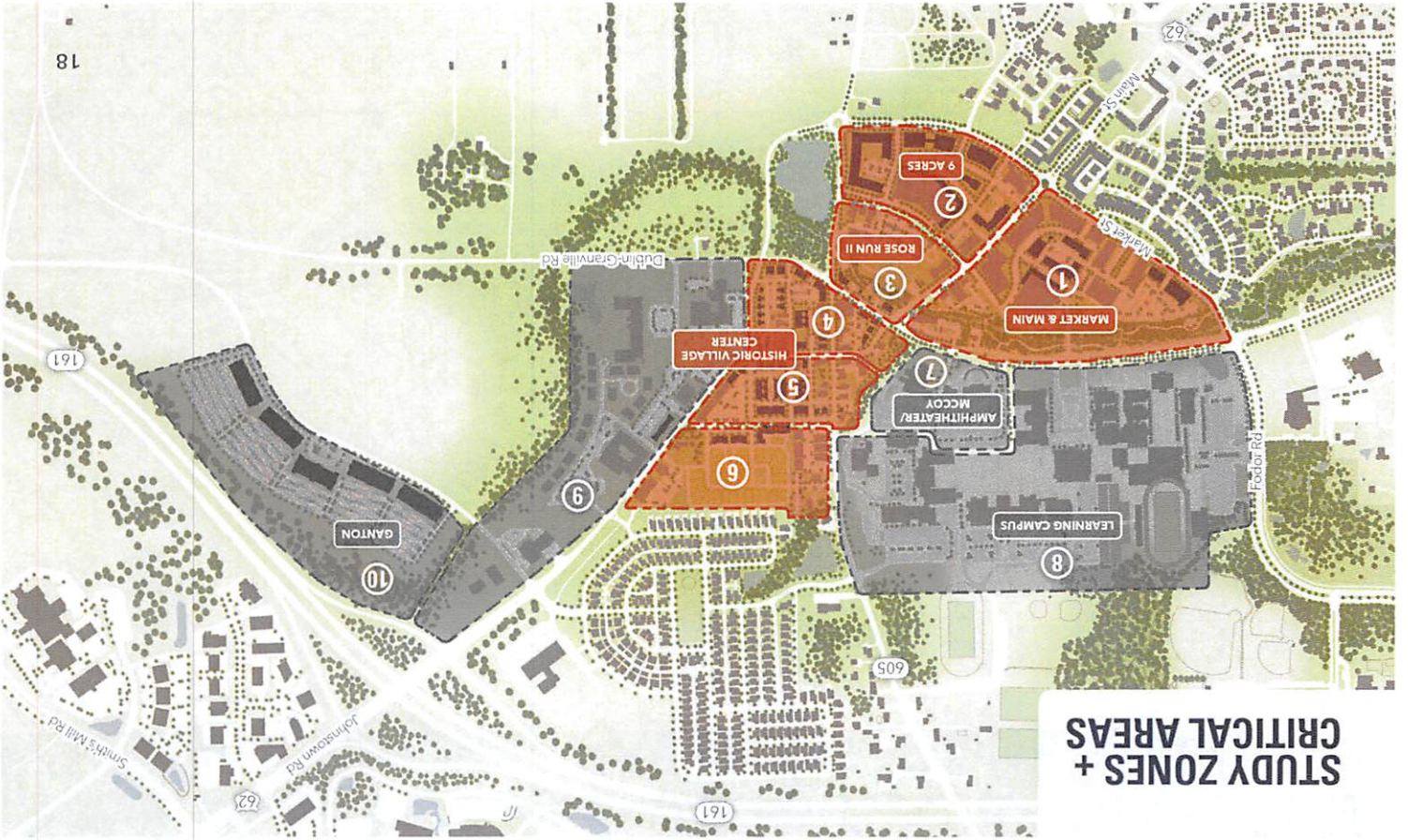
THE BOTTLENECK

AADT shown in 2019 numbers



TRAFFIC DEMAND

STUDY ZONES + CRITICAL AREAS



INSTANT & SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT

- Overall traffic volumes and total time traveled reduces and continues to reduce from implementation through 2031

28%
OVERALL
DECREASE
PEAK-TIME AVERAGE VOLUMES

41%
OVERALL
DECREASE
PEAK-TIME AVERAGE VOLUMES



STUDY ZONE "BLOCK" OBJECTIVES

CREATE STUDY ZONE BLOCK GROUPS.

- Determined by commonalities related to:
 - Walkshed & geography
 - Existing & desired street grids
 - Similar building types and character
 - Similar program types

BLOCKS PARK THEMSELVES.

- Any new development must supply all parking needs on site within the "block"

IMPROVE AND ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY.

- Create walkable blocks and connections
- Improve the pedestrian experience with great streetscape amenities & block vibrancy

IDENTIFY FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

- Infrastructure needed for successful development
- Public parking lot opportunities
- Potential commercial and residential infill opportunities



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BLOCK 1: MARKET SQUARE EXISTING PARKING USE



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BLOCK 1: MARKET SQUARE

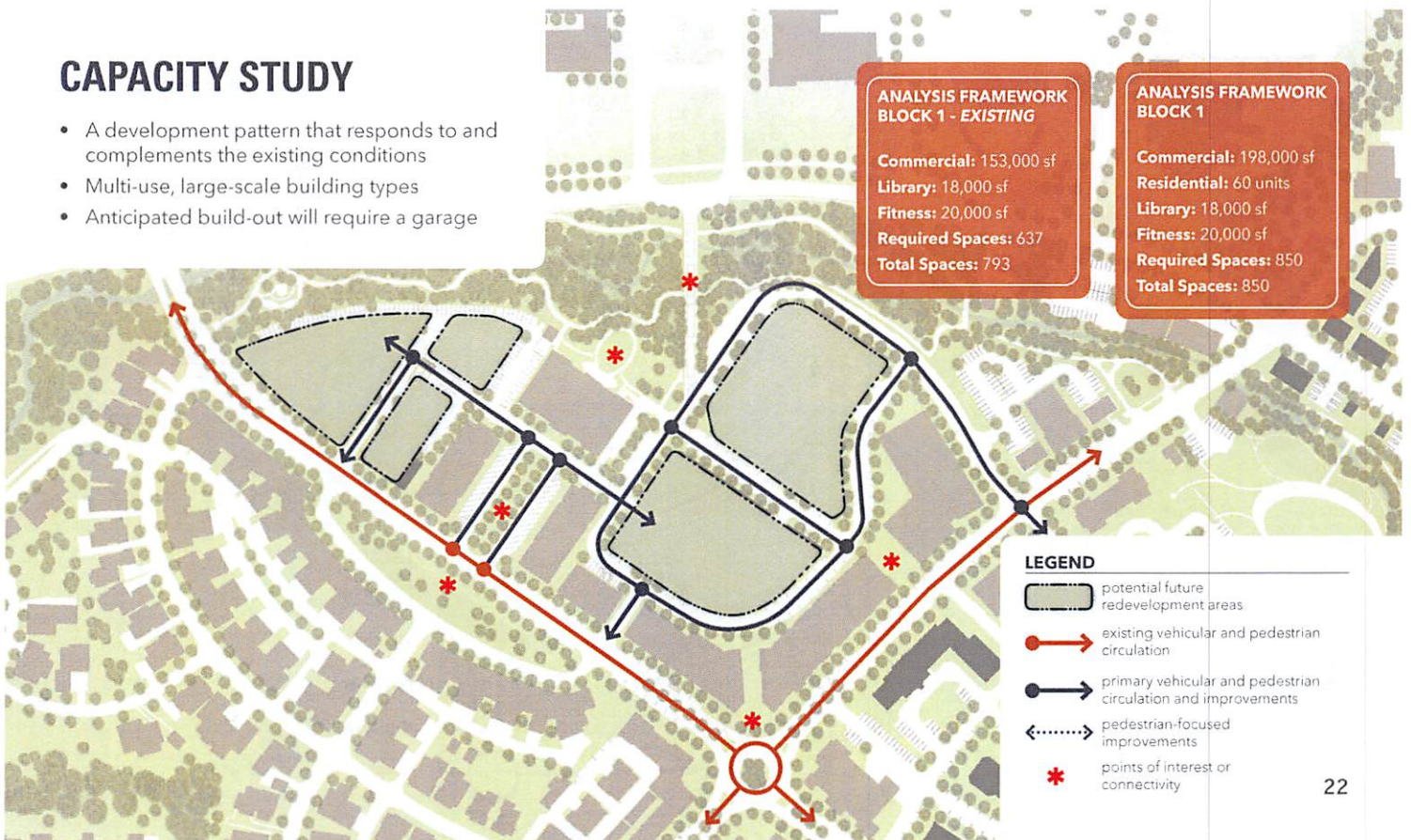
CHARACTER

- Mixed-Use:
Retail
Restaurant
Office
Potential for residential
- 2-3 story buildings
- Comparatively larger block/
building scale



CAPACITY STUDY

- A development pattern that responds to and complements the existing conditions
- Multi-use, large-scale building types
- Anticipated build-out will require a garage



BLOCK 2: THE 9 ACRES

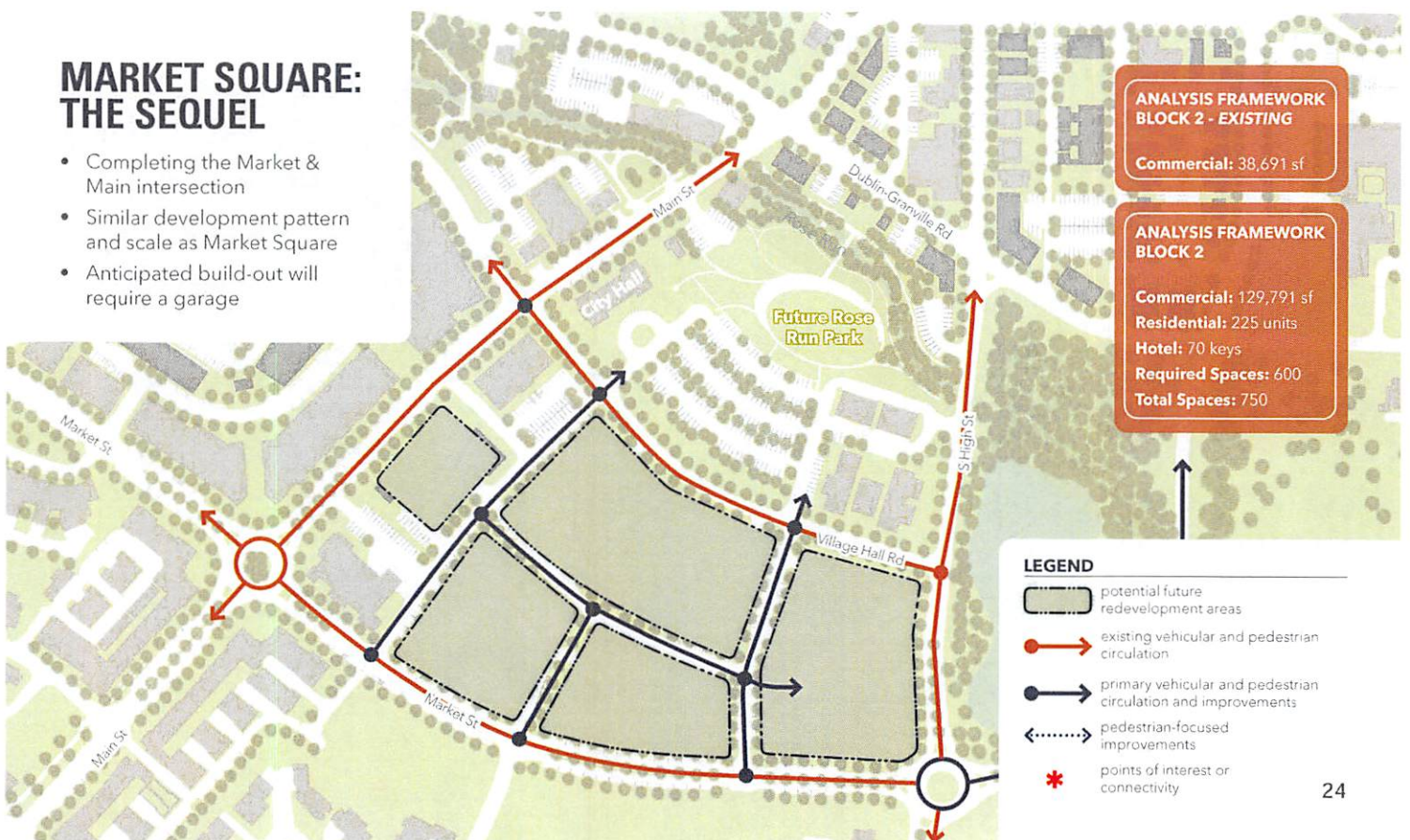
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MARKET SQUARE: THE SEQUEL

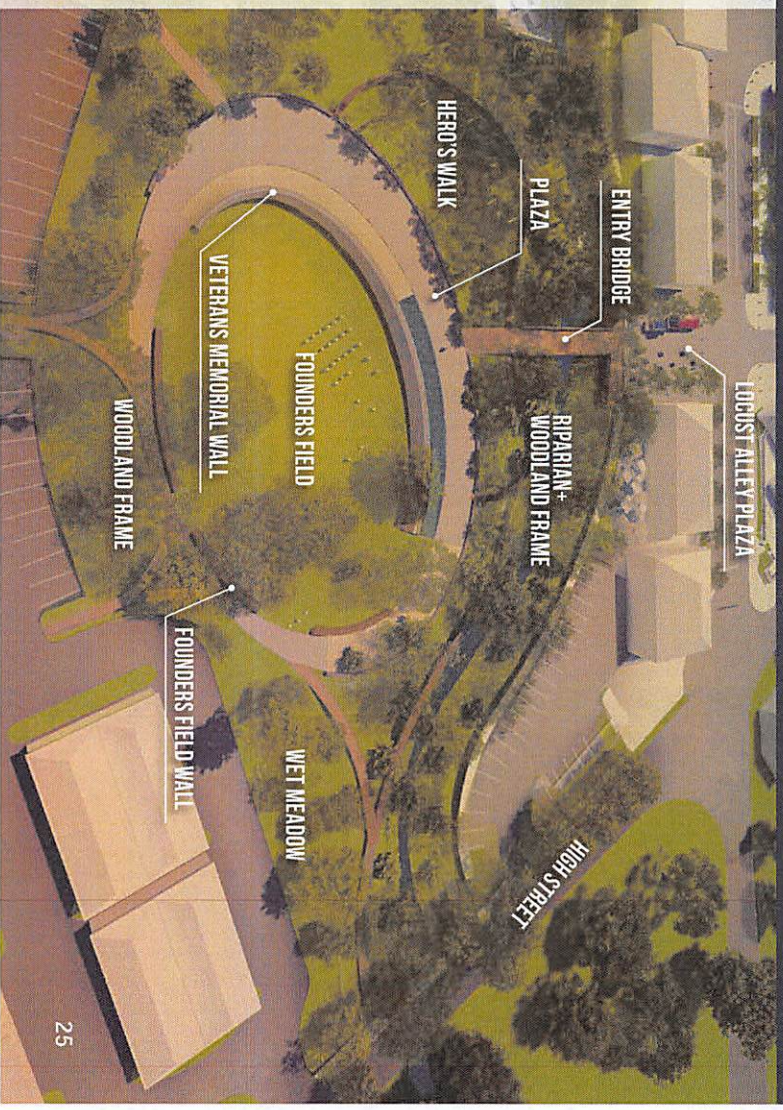
- Completing the Market & Main intersection
- Similar development pattern and scale as Market Square
- Anticipated build-out will require a garage



BLOCK 3: ROSE RUN II & VETERANS MEMORIAL

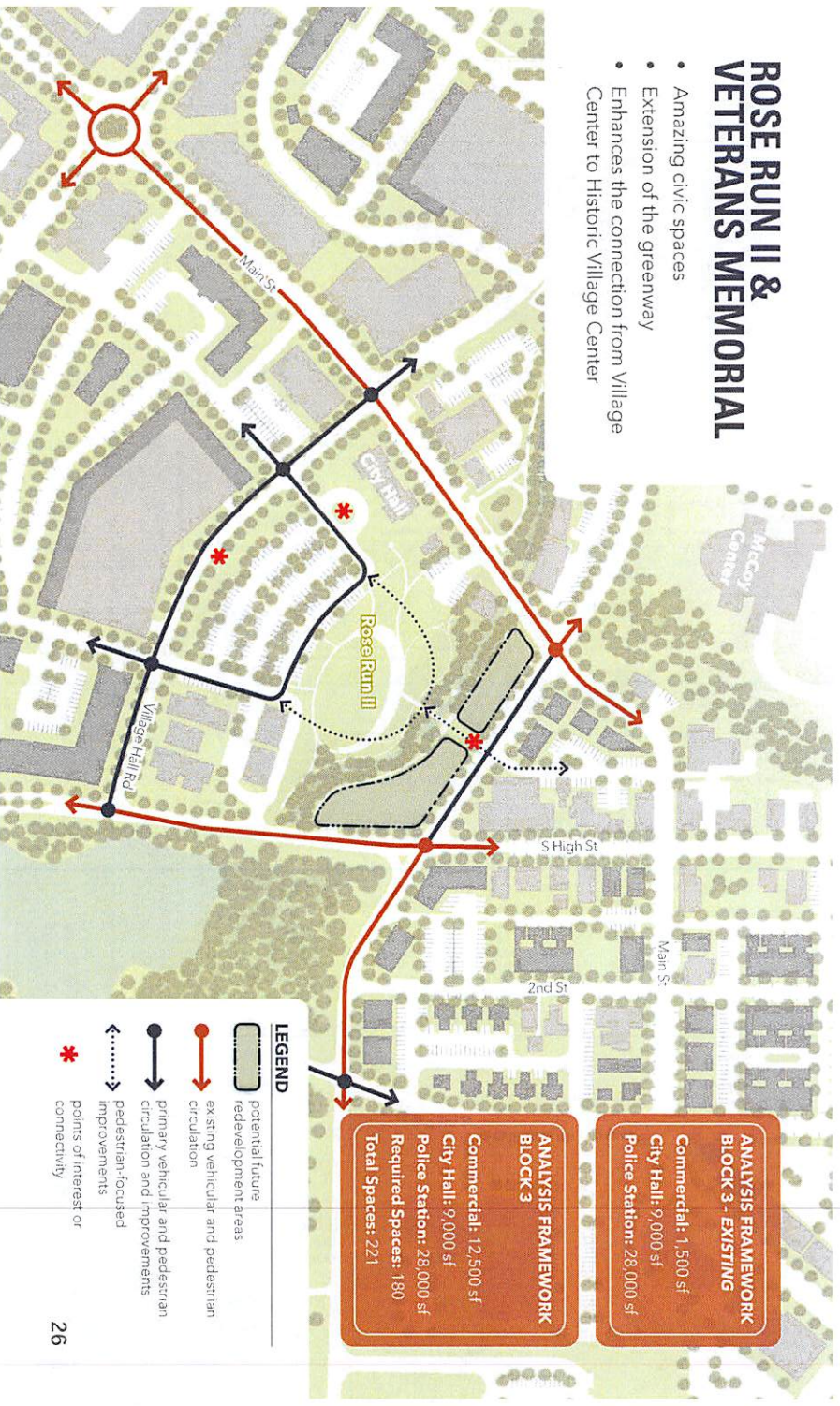
CHARACTER AND

- Civic center
- Retail
- Commercial
- Extension of green corridor
- Transition from Village Center's larger scale buildings to Historic Village Center's smaller scale buildings



ROSE RUN II & VETERANS MEMORIAL

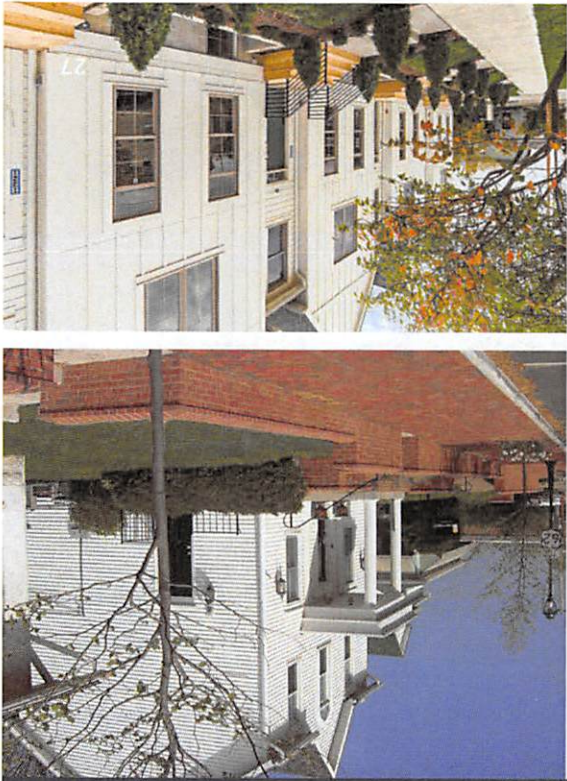
- Amazing civic spaces
- Extension of the greenway
- Enhances the connection from Village Center to Historic Village Center



BLOCKS 4-6: HISTORIC VILLAGE CENTER

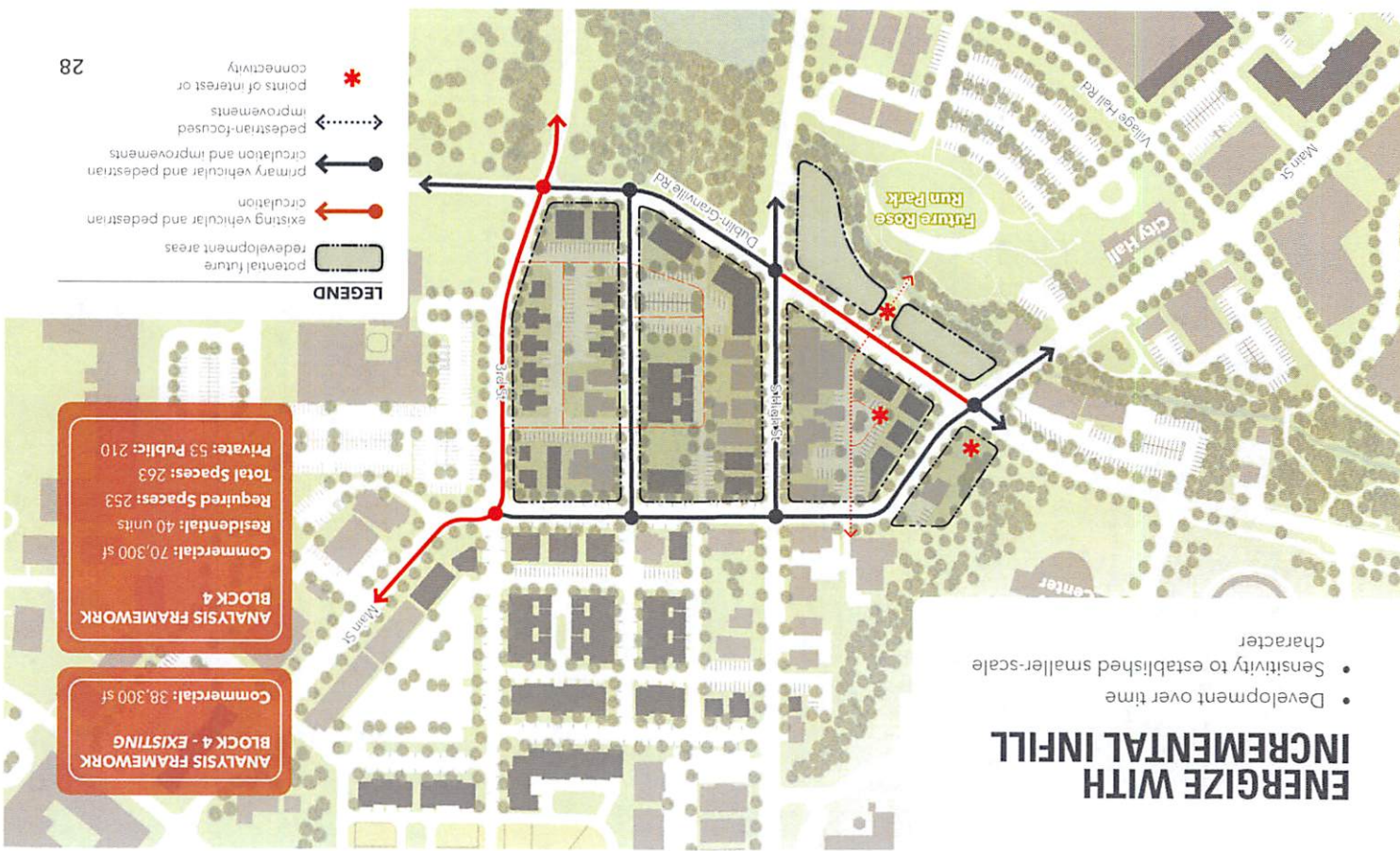
CHARACTER

- 1 - 2 story buildings
- smaller, residential scale
- parcels and buildings
- inviting streetscape
- amenities
- Transition from retail and office to residential moving north
- Incremental development pattern



ENERGIZE WITH INCREMENTAL INFILL

- Development over time
- Sensitivity to established smaller-scale character



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ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK BLOCK 5 - EXISTING

Commercial: 29,925 sf

ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK BLOCK 5

Commercial: 36,850 sf

Residential: 13 lots

ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK BLOCK 5

Commercial: 55,255 sf

Residential: 32 units

Required Spaces: 198

Total Spaces: 322

Private: 56 Public: 266

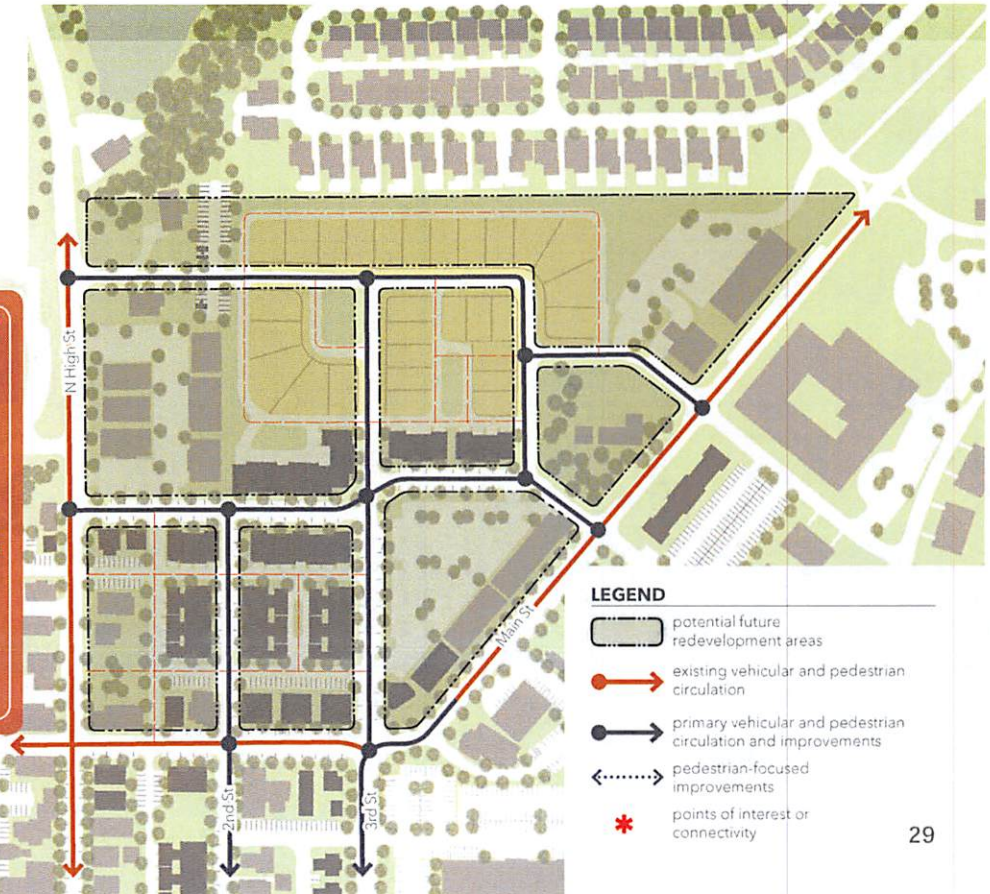
ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK BLOCK 6

Commercial: 36,850 sf

Residential: 47 units

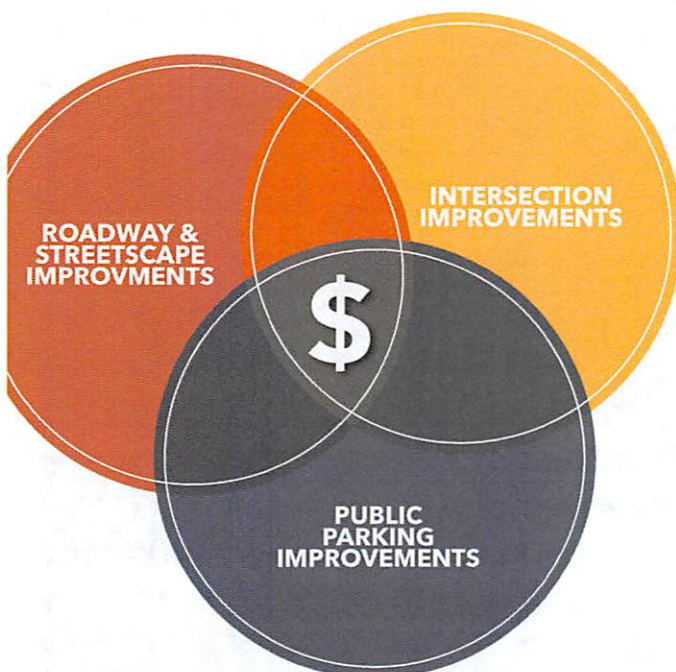
Required Spaces: 195

Total Spaces: 224



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INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS



- Create **great streets to complete the grid and connect the Village Center**

- Implement **pedestrian-friendly intersections.**

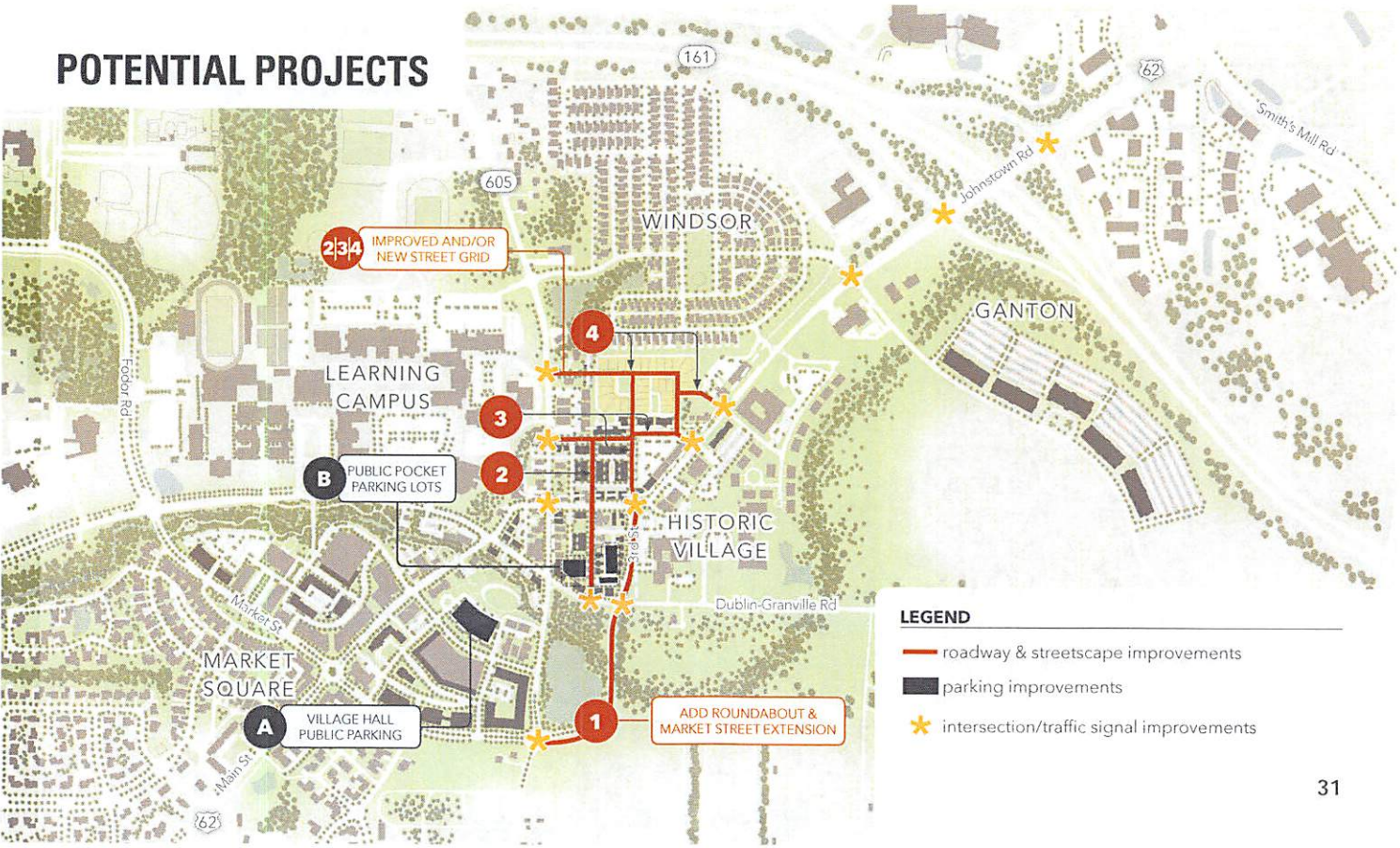
Traffic-data driven **traffic signal timing** updates.

- Continue to include **on-street parking** as street improvement projects arise.

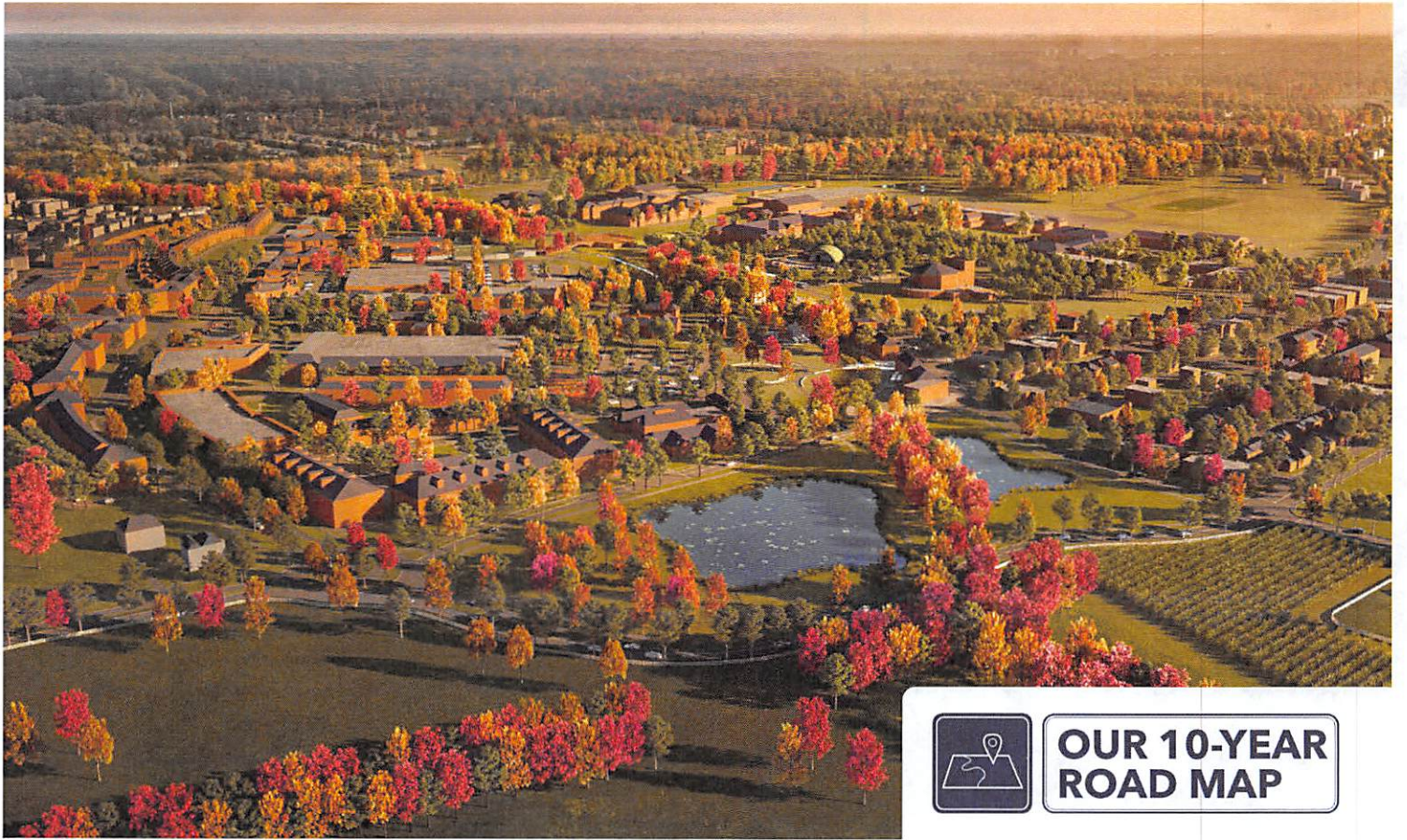
Plan for and implement **public parking lots.**

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POTENTIAL PROJECTS



QUESTIONS



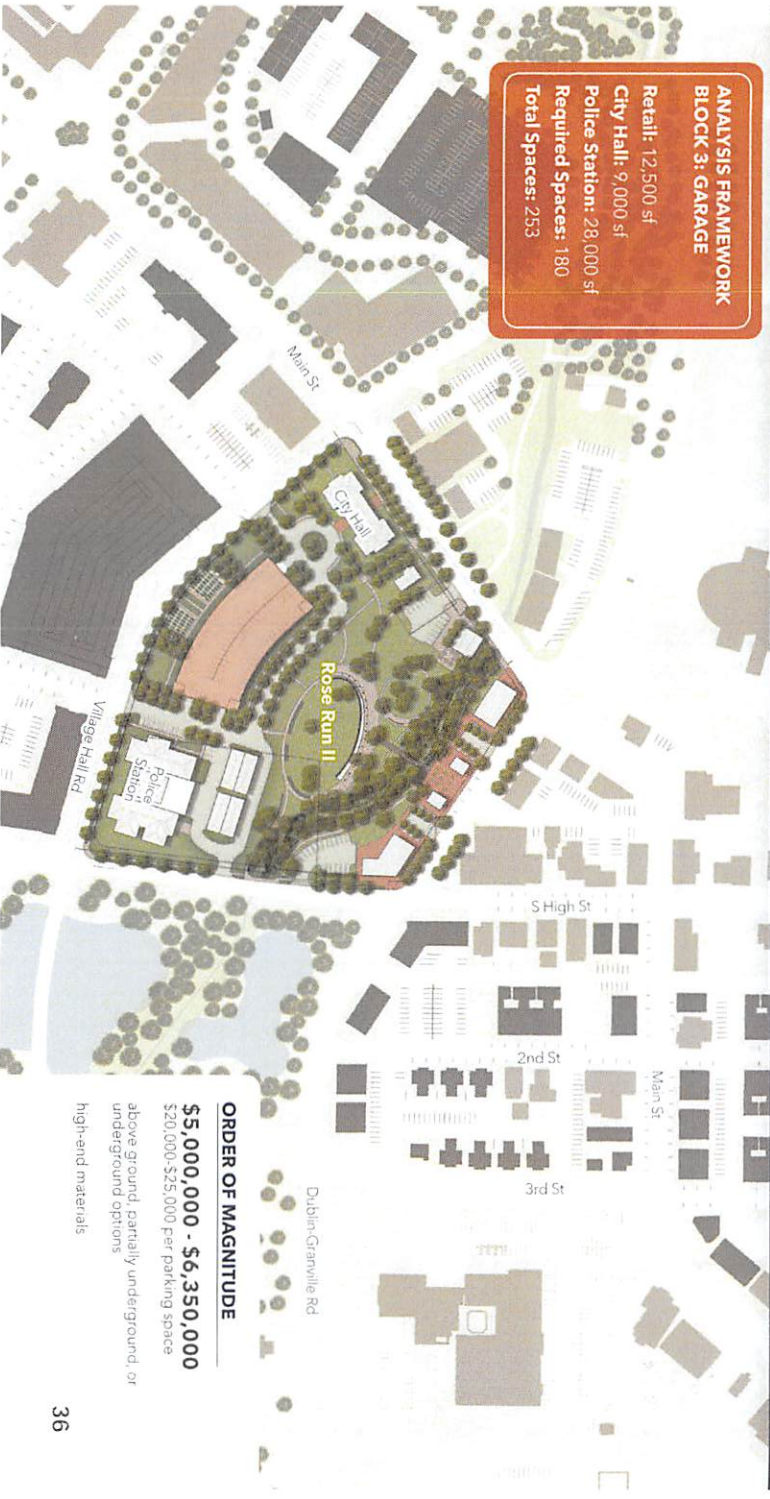
**OUR 10-YEAR
ROAD MAP**

BLOCK PLAN: ROSE RUN II & VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKING LOT



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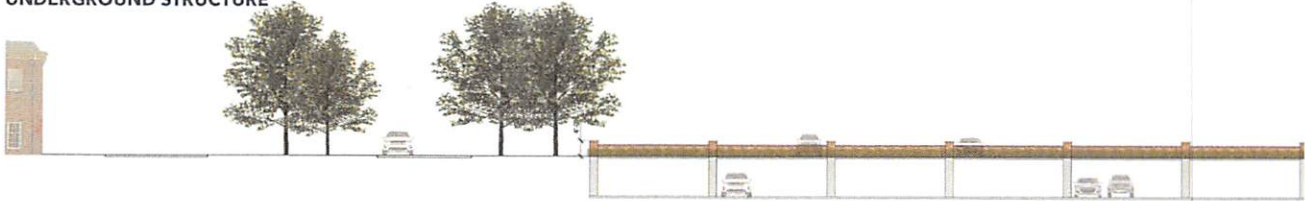
ALTERNATE BLOCK PLAN: ROSE RUN II & VETERANS MEMORIAL GARAGE



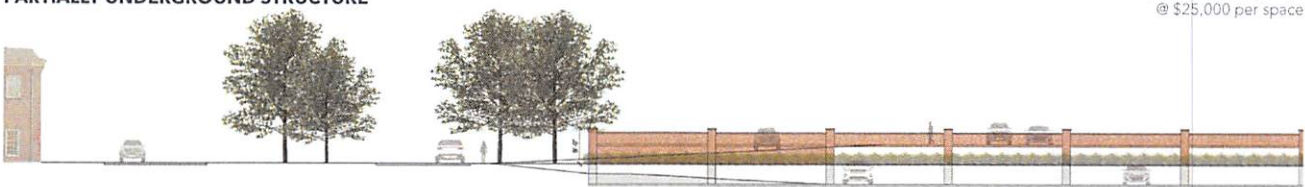
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ROSE RUN II GARAGE OPTIONS

UNDERGROUND STRUCTURE



PARTIALLY UNDERGROUND STRUCTURE



ABOVE GROUND STRUCTURE

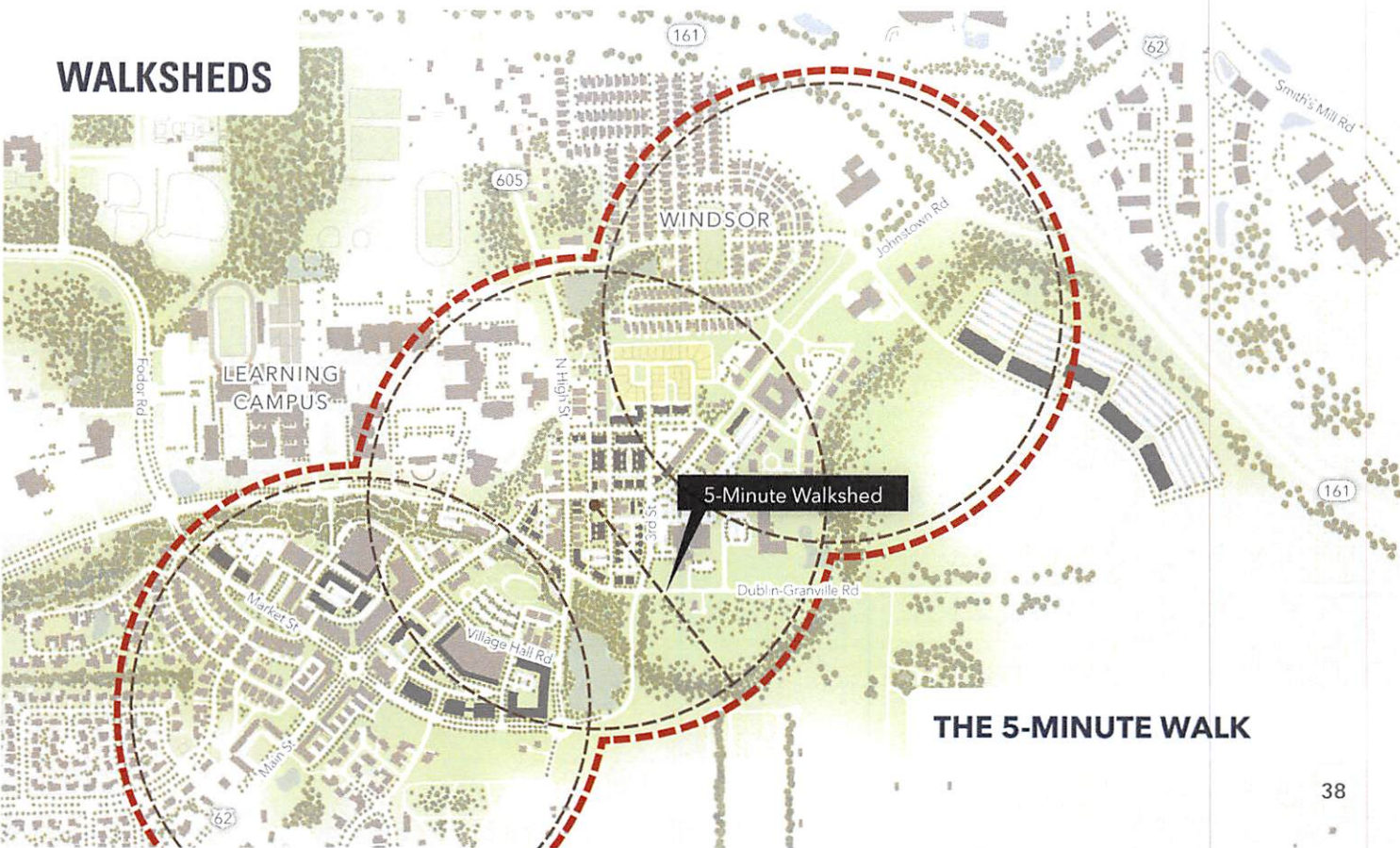


\$6,350,000 +/-
@ \$25,000 per space

\$5,700,000 +/-
@ \$22,500 per space

\$5,000,000 +/-
@ \$20,000 per space

WALKSHEDS



THE 5-MINUTE WALK



TO: Council

FROM: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council

DATE: February 16, 2021

RE: Board and Commission Appointments

This memo details those willing to be appointed to board and commission positions

Personnel Appeals Board

3 year terms

- Abe Jacob is willing to be appointed to the unexpired term ending 12/31/23
- Dustin Calhoun is willing to be appointed to the unexpired term ending 12/31/22

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

3 year terms

- Vida Farwana is willing to be appointed to the unexpired term ending 12/31/22