



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Benjamin Albrecht, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, City Engineer Ryan Ohly, Planner II Anna van der Zwaag, Public Service Director Mike Barker, Engineering Manager Cara Denny, Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason, and Chief Communications Officer Josh Poland.

Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

Mayor Sloan Spalding	P
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	A
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P
CM Andrea Wilttrout	P

Clerk's note: See Other Business for motion to excuse Council Member Durik.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Council adopted the 1/17/2023 regular meeting minutes by consensus.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

NONE

HEARING OF VISITORS:

NONE

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: no meeting

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: No meeting.

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SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Kist spoke about the “Earth Day to Arbor Day Celebration.” The SAB was expanding last year’s program. Earth Day would include an expanded waste drive at the Public Service Complex from 9 am to 2 pm, for e-waste, hazardous waste, and possibly paper shredding. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that hazardous waste drop-off restrictions were stringent and the city was working through those details. Council Member Kist described a potential online passport program for the week April 23rd. People could report their points for reward. Students were expected to be the biggest users. The SAB had 1 student member and 2 teachers on the board. They were working on a guest lecturer at the Heit Center, coordinating with Senior Connections. There would be events on Arbor Day, including the mayor reading proclamation with the city forester and students planting 80 saplings at Resch Park.

Council Member Fellows noted that several scouting groups were looking for projects - this could be a good opportunity for them. Council and staff further discussed invasive species removal and prior years’ clean-ups.

IDEA IMPLEMENTATION PANEL: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:
NONE

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:
ORDINANCE O-10-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 67.547 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC.

City Engineer Ohly stated this ordinance authorized the acceptance of a conservation easement from The New Albany Company (NACO). The area was just outside the city limits. The property had watercourses and wetlands under the regulatory jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This legislation was the next step in the permitting process. The permit required that certain wetlands and buffer areas be protected by recording a conservation easement. A public entity must be recipient of the easement to make sure the purposes of the easement were fulfilled. The easement contained restrictions intended to preserve the natural integrity of the area.

Mayor Spalding asked and Engineer Ohly confirmed the subject land was in Franklin County and in the New Albany-Local School District.

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



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Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-10-2023.

ORDINANCE O-11-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 0.666 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC.

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated this resolution authorized the acceptance of an easement from The New Albany Company. This easement was in Franklin County and was part of a larger conservation easement on the Licking County side. The property had watercourses and wetlands under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Ohio EPA. This legislation was the next step in permitting process required for the Level 3 Isolated Wetlands permit. The permit required certain wetlands and buffer areas to be protected in perpetuity by recording a conservation easement.

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 ordinance. Council Member Wilttrout seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-11-2023.

ORDINANCE O-12-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 42.374 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, LLC

City Engineer Ohly stated this conservation easement was the second piece of property contiguous the property in Ordinance O-11-2023. This was the next step in the permitting process with the Ohio EPA.

Mayor Spalding recalled discussion at first reading about passive use of the land. He noted this area was more forested. He asked and Engineer Ohly confirmed that the easement would preserve the existing features. There were restrictions on cutting down vegetation. Council Member Fellows observed there could be nice little park there. Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company, stated the majority of this parcel was category 3 wetlands, which were the most restricted and protected. Engineer Ohly added that anything the city wanted to do would need permission from the governing agencies.

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

Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-12-2023.

ORDINANCE O-13-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A 9.417 ACRE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY ROMANELLI AND HUGHES BUILDING COMPANY.

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City Engineer Ohly stated this ordinance accepted a conservation easement from Romanelli and Hughes Building Company. The conservation easement was required for conditional approval of the Stormwater Drainage Manual Type 3 variance request that was issued to Romanelli and Hughes by the City of Columbus. As a condition of its permit and related application materials, the watercourse and adjacent area had to be protected by a conservation easement.

Council Member Kist asked and Tom Rubey, Director of Planning, The New Albany Company, answered that this property was in the Columbus Schools District. Mr. Rubey stated the limit lines were wonky in this area. Council and Mr. Rubey further discussed the various city limit and school district lines.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the ordinance. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Ordinance O-13-2023.

Mayor Spalding thanked the developers for going through the permitting process and removing almost 100 acres from development.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

NONE

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R-08-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MIDSTATES RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR TAYLOR FARM PARK THROUGH A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT AS AUTHORIZED IN CODIFIED ORDINANCE 123.121 (b).

Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly described the process of arriving at the Parks Framework Plan. Taylor Farm Park was identified as 1 of 3 destination parks. Director Joly described the progress of Taylor Farm Park phase 1 work. The goal was to have everything graded and stoned and ready for asphalt in the spring. Designs on phase 2 continued. There were 3 main components: playground, community gardens, and expanding wildlife habitats for birds.

Director Joly presented the attached slides. The playground was a big component of the park. The site was set back in the middle of the park. They didn't want it next to the parking lot. They wanted the area to be explored. She would update council on other aspects during the City Manager's Report. She described the Ohio EPA covenant area lines which had more restrictions. The playground area had flagstone and aggregate paths. They were proposing rubberized play surfaces which increased accessibility. The park was designed for a range of abilities and ages. Most of the city's neighborhood playgrounds were for 2-5 year-

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olds. As a destination park, staff wanted to accommodate both younger and older kids. She described the various equipment pieces amenities for the 2-5 year-old and the 5-12 year-old sides of the playground. Staff was bringing this resolution separately from the rest of the park construction because the city learned that it was hard to get things in 2022. By purchasing under the cooperative purchasing program, the city could place the order now. Lead times were about 4 months, putting installation in the summer time frame. The cost of playground was about \$1.58 million. The park had a \$5 million dollar budget for all phase 2 components. The city was designing the rest phase 2 within the budgeted amount.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that the equipment met ASTM standards. The leisure trail paths were wide enough for an EMS squad to get back to the playground. Staff was discussing placing an infrared camera at the playground. It wasn't decided yet if it would be electric or solar powered. City park hours were from dusk to dawn. There was a question whether lighting the park would draw people in when it wasn't open. Motion-activated lighting was a possibility. Council Member Fellows recalled experiences with teenagers spray painting graffiti at The Links park. They decided to use motion sensitive lights.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly confirmed that the parking lot would be gated. If someone stayed late, they could still leave. They couldn't enter after the park closed.

Council Member Fellows asked and Chief Jones confirmed they would patrol the area.

Council Member Wilttrout showed pictures of the equipment to her children. They were excited. This was the type of equipment her kids gravitated towards. She appreciated the delineation between older and younger kid play areas, and making it so that parents could monitor while still with the younger kids.

Council Member Brisk asked and Director Joly described accessibility features like the special swings and poured-in-place rubber surface. Everything was accessible from the ground level. All surfaces leading to the playground would be either paved or flagstone path. Also, the aggregate was compacted, making it accessible to wheelchairs.

Council Member Shull asked for reassurance that what the city put out was fun, active, and safe. He expressed concerns about the notched play post. He asked whether equipment could be substituted in and out. Director Joly answered there were different options. From a design point of view, the city tried to offer a range of levels of challenge for kids. The surface was safer - bouncy, better than mulch. There was a level of risk with the notched play post. Some might only climb to the first notch. There was intentional emphasis in creating challenging play experiences so kids had options. Council Member Shull expressed not wanting to put the city at risk. Council members discussed similar types of equipment in other playgrounds and historically risky playground equipment.

Council Member Kist stated the proposal exceeded what he thought would be allowed. He was glad the city could offer some of these things sooner than what would become available at Kitzmiller Wetland Park. New Albany didn't have equipment verticality outside of the playground at the school. Some didn't feel

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comfortable going to the school during the summer. He appreciated that the park was set back and encouraged more activity. This would be a place to direct young families to go to.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly confirmed that bikes would be allowed on paths.

Director Joly recalled kids pitching what they wanted at Rose Run Park, including a zip line. This design was inspired by their high-flying ideas. Council Member Kist noted the creek was the draw at Rose Run Park. Council Member Brisk agreed that the city needed more active play. She wished the city could better promote the school playground along with the Taylor Farm playground. Council members discussed the school playground as a great asset.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that she expected benches to be installed. They hadn't talked about shade structures and were hoping trees would provide that. Tables could be fixed among trees. Phase 3 would provide more amenities.

Council Member Wilttrout stated her main issue with Thompson Park was the distance to restroom facilities. Mayor Spalding noted limitations on construction next to the Taylor Farm Park playground. The facilities would be by the community gardens.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Joly replied that some cover was cleared to make the park more visible. They were also planning on planting some trees.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly responded that the city sent a letter out to neighbors who had encroachments on the parkland, giving them until March 15. The city was sending out a second letter soon and would assess the next steps.

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

Council Member Wilttrout moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-08-2023

RESOLUTION R-09-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF MAKING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING, OR CONSTRUCTING CLOVER VALLEY ROAD NW AS EXTENDED TO JOIN WITH AND EXTEND TO INTERSECTING ROADS WHICH ARE AND SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE.

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated the planned roadway and improvements would accommodate and improve traffic flow in the area. This resolution declared the intent to appropriate the fee simple interest and easements to the properties along the roadway corridor. This was the segment of Clover Valley Road that

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was currently local and unimproved, running north to south, generally between Jug Street Road and Green Chapel Road.

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

Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Wiltrout seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-09-2023.

RESOLUTION R-10-2023

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF MAKING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING, OR CONSTRUCTING GREEN CHAPEL ROAD NW AS EXTENDED TO JOIN WITH INTERSECTING ROADS WHICH ARE AND SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE.

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated this segment of Green Chapel Road was a local unimproved roadway that ran east to west, generally between Clover Valley Road and Mink Street. The roadway was recently annexed to the centerline and was contiguous to the 900-acre Intel campus. The planned roadway improvements would accommodate and improve traffic flow in the area. This resolution declared the intent to appropriate the fee simple interest and easements to the properties along this corridor.

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

Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-10-2023.

RESOLUTION R-11-2023

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF MAKING, REPAIRING, IMPROVING OR CONSTRUCTING MINK STREET AS EXTENDED TO JOIN WITH INTERSECTING ROADS WHICH ARE AND SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT CHARGE

City Engineer Ryan Ohly stated this segment of Mink Street was a local unimproved roadway that ran north to south between Green Chapel Road and Worthington Road. This roadway was recently annexed to centerline and was contiguous to the 900-acre Intel campus. Planned improvements would accommodate and improve traffic flow. This resolution declared the intent to appropriate the fee simple interest and easements to properties along this corridor.

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

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Council Member Kist moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve Resolution R-11-2023.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Safety Committee: No report.

B. Public Utilities: No report.

C. Service and Public Facilities Committee: No report.

D. Planning and Economic Development Committee: No report.

E. Administration Committee: No report.

F. Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee: Council Member Shull reported that the Bed Tax Grant (BTG) Committee organizational meeting, reappointing Council Member Shull as Chair, Council Member Brisk as Vice Chair, and Council Member Fellows as Secretary.

The BTG reviewed and discussed the grant applications and Community Event Board funding request. The CEB chose not to do Springfest this year based on issues the prior year, so their budget was lower. The CEB would be doing July 4th and Octoberfest with a budget \$129,000 out of the \$225,000 that the city budgeted for community contributions. That left \$96,000 for bed tax grants.

Council Member Shull reviewed the attached grant criteria and instructions. The committee divided grant consideration into 3 steps. If an applicant passed each consecutive step, the committee could make a recommendation. The new eligibility requirements and criteria helped to streamline the process.

Founders Day – They met all the requirements. The parade would be on May 20th and there would be multiple events throughout the day. They attracted 6-8,000 folks. Last year, the total cost of city services was \$12,162.74. Founders Day was requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000.

The Garden For All – This was a new applicant. The BTG Committee went through their steps. The first step asked if this application enhanced visitor appeal and encourage overnight stay. The BTG Committee felt it would not. This was not reflection on the applicant or application, but the program didn't meet bed tax funding criteria. The Garden For All was an outreach program of All Saints Episcopal Church in New Albany. The garden produced food and flowers which were donated to the New Albany Food Pantry and to Gahanna residents in need. The application requested \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommend funding at \$0.

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Council Member Kist asked and Council Member Shull replied that the application stated The Garden For All was looking to use grant funds to hire folks to help expand and run the garden and to install a greenhouse. Council Member Shull stated there could be other avenues through which they could receive support. This was a wonderful program, but not related to bed tax money.

HNA - Farmers Market – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. This was a new application. The market was in its 13th season. They averaged 1,000 attendees each week in the summer and 3-400 in the winter. 80+ local farmers, producers, and food trucks came each week. 50% of the customers surveyed attended the market because of the community atmosphere and proximity. They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000.

HNA – New Albany Walking Classic – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. The event was in its 19th year. The 2023 date was not yet determined. They had about 2,000 participants and 1,000 volunteers. They drew from 177 zip codes, 21 different states, including Canada, and hosted some people from Germany. In 2022, they incurred city costs of \$12,162.74. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in city costs and services.

HNA - Food Pantry – The Food Pantry did not meet the new eligibility requirements and grant criteria. Historically, the city had provided funding to the pantry through the grant application process. In 2022, the Food Pantry received \$3,000. The BTG Committee asked council to continue funding at \$3,000. Based on a discussion with the finance director, the city had funds available through another community support account that would be more appropriate. The Food Pantry worked closely with the New Albany school district to provide meals to students who qualified for the federal free/reduced school lunch program. Approximately 1/3 of the meals went to 43054 residents. They didn't have their 2022 financial books closed yet. It appeared they were trending for a loss. While they didn't qualify for this grant, the city had supported them in the past. The BTG Committee was recommending \$3,000 from a source at the discretion and direction of the finance director.

Mayor Spalding asked and Council Member Shull replied that he spoke to the Healthy New Albany Director Angela Douglas and understood they served only within the school boundaries, of which 1/3 was specific to the City of New Albany. There were specific boundaries for food pantries throughout central Ohio. Council Member Brisk confirmed the school district jurisdiction. She thought it was important to recognize that the city would receive a lot of great grant requests from wonderful organizations, but when council redefined this committee and put the application together, the bed tax was supposed to be about activities that drew people in, and perhaps eat lunch in New Albany, and maybe stay in a hotel, or move here. She didn't feel right about cutting off the food pantry after historically supporting them. Council Member Shull shared that Ms. Douglas suggested that council volunteer for a day and pass out food.

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. They self-described as the only institution earnestly trying to preserve the past for future generations, one piece of history at a time. They requested funding for improvements and maintenance for historic property. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000.

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NA Symphony – Council Member Shull stated, in 2022, the symphony submitted 3 requests and were awarded \$16,000 total. In 2023, they split out the 3 into 5 requests.

New Albany Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Series – They met the eligibility requirements. They would perform 4 main concerts. The organization was made up of over 100 musicians and 75 choral musicians coming from the greater Columbus community, including New Albany. Each season, approximately 10,000 attended their events. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$5,000.

New Albany Symphony Chorus – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. They performed with the symphony during the holiday and summer programs. The chorus had 75 individuals. Estimated attendance was approximately 786 per performance. They were requesting \$2,500. The BTG Committee was recommending \$2,000.

New Albany Symphony Sensory Friendly Series – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. The series was performed by the orchestra and was often joined by the chorus. Estimated attendance per event was 1,138. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Grant committee was recommending \$5,000.

New Albany Independence Day 5K – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. The run would happen on July 4th. The race raised money for the New Albany Symphony with 25% of the proceeds benefitting local non-profit performing arts groups, including the high school band, choir, orchestra, theater, and children's theater, New Vision Dance, and the New Albany Ballet. The race attracted about 1,200 participants. In 2022, city costs and services came to \$2,276. They were requesting \$2,500. The BTG Committee was recommending the same as in 2022, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 in city costs and services.

Rose Run Fest – The festival would run from June 5-10. Healthy New Albany would be involved. There would be themed activities. The symphony would perform several times. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000.

Altogether, in 2022, the city awarded the New Albany symphony \$16,000. This year, the recommendation totaled \$23,000.

New Albany-Plain Local Joint Park District – The summer movie series would happen in June, July, and August. The first 2 movies would be hosted in neighborhood parks. The final event would take place at Thompson Park. Total attendance was estimated at 1,000. They were bringing back their empty bowl campaign from which proceeds would be donated to the food pantry. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$10,000. Council Member Wiltrout asked and Council Member Shull answered that the parks district lost money on this and the Trunk or Treat events. He listed some of the expenses including entertainers, movie rights, and the movie screen.

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NA Parks Foundation – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. Trunk or Treat would be held on October 14 at Bevelhymer Park. They were estimating over 2,000 attending. In 2022, they had 50 participating trunks - most New Albany-owned or people who resided in the city. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending \$8,000, in part to stay within the BTG budget. Mayor Spalding asked and Chief Jones answered that city officers weren't at the event last year, but would likely be needed this year.

Pelotonia – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. Pelotonia would take place August 4-6. The event would again start in New Albany. The event raised over \$21 million. They estimated 7,500 riders and attendees on Saturday and 2,500 on Sunday. They incurred over \$32,000 in city costs and services in 2022. They were requesting \$10,000. The BTG Committee was recommending an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in costs and services. Mayor Spalding asked and Council Member Shull confirmed that the application showed they would start and finish both days in New Albany.

Project Hero/Honor Ride – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. The event would happen on May 27, starting and finished at the Heit Center. They raised money for injured veterans and first responders. They expected 500 riders. They incurred \$8,074 in city costs and services. They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services. Mayor Spalding noted that, pre-COVID, there were about 1,000 riders in the event. Last year was about 300 and it rained the whole day. Council Member Kist recalled the cold weather.

Thanks For Giving 4-Miler – They met the eligibility and grant criteria. The event took place on Thanksgiving Day in downtown New Albany. They drew participants from 30 states. The goal was to promote health, giving, and family. In 2022, they incurred \$6,645.28 in city costs and services. They requested \$5,000. The BTG Committee was recommending an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services.

Council Member Shull offered to make the motion for the grants and do a separate motion for the food pantry. Council Member Kist stated he would abstain from the grants vote. Law Director Albrecht agreed that would be sufficient.

Council Member Shull moved, on behalf of the 2023 Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant Committee, that council approve the following requests for funding:

Founders Day - \$10,000

Farmers Market - \$5,000

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

New Albany-Plain Township Historical Society - \$10,000

New Albany Symphony Series - \$5,000

New Albany Symphony Chorus - \$2,000

New Albany Symphony Sensory Friendly 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 Rose Run Fest - \$10,000



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New Albany Joint Parks District - Summer Movie Series - \$10,000

New Albany Parks and Recreation Foundation – Trunk or Treat - \$8,000

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

Project Hero/Honor Ride Ohio – an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in city costs and services

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

Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with 5 yes votes and 1 abstention (Kist). Motion passed.

Council Member Shull moved to continue funding the New Albany Food Pantry at \$3,000 through an alternate community support account more appropriate for this type of request based on the recommendation of the finance director. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to approve the motion. Motion passed.

Council Member Kist praised the new application budget spreadsheet which made applying easier. Council Member Shull stated he enjoyed the process this year. Council Member Brisk noted the new process reduced the subjectivity and made it more understandable to the applicant.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No report.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist reported that the school board conducted a school-wide belonging survey for Grades 1-12. The goal was for everyone to feel belonging. The board gave an update on the Building Inclusive Campus Culture (BICC) program. They reviewed the framework of the BICC and the action plan, including 5 main goals. Implementation would take time, but the goals were worthwhile. The board received 10-11 applications for the open board seat. Interviews would take place the coming weekend.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Mayor Spalding reported on the Open House reception for new Fire Chief Conner. The city looked forward to working with him. Council Member Kist added that he, Council Member Brisk, and Council Member Shull attended and heard good things about Chief Connor from the state fire marshal. Fire department representatives may come to city council meetings and give updates.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported meeting with representatives from Bechtel, a family-owned construction company, one of the largest on planet and known for its work on Hoover Dam. He passed around a coin with an insert describing their values. Council Member Fellows asked and

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Mayor Spalding responded that AEP was leasing some of their office space for Bechtel's use. They would look for permanent space in the area. Bechtel had questions about the local workforce, housing, and other issues.

Mayor Spalding stated he was unable to attend the recent COMMA meeting. There was a focus on regional housing plans. There were presentations by the City of Columbus, MORPC, and United Way. Everyone had a role to play in increasing housing stock. Growth was coming and the city should plan for development pressure on the city, township, and school system.

- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason polled council about the summer parades. Council opted for the horse and wagon at Founders Day and golf carts for the July 4th parade.
- C. Finance Director: No report.
- D. City Manager:

DORA Update – Planner Anna van der Zwaag presented the attached PowerPoint slides.

Clerk's note: The presentation is represented by the slides. The minutes capture council questions and discussion.

Mayor Spalding asked for a visual of what permanent sign could look like.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly answered that the Public Service Department put out 6-8 trash cans weekly which could be blown down due to weather. Permanent signs would be better and permanent receptacles could be emptied 1x per week. Council Member Kist stated there was need for trash cans, even outside the DORA. Director Joly stated cups were completely recyclable. The permanent receptacles would look like those in Rose Run Park. Some DORA signage could be affixed existing trash cans. Small permanent signs could be affixed to light posts.

Council discussed keeping holiday lights up year-round. Council Member Fellows suggested time frames so that they would be special. City Manager Stefanov stated he would check with the arborist about leaving lights up as there was risk of them strangling growing trees. Council Member Fellows expressed interest in keeping the amphitheater dome lit. Director Joly stated that the city got a proposal from the company that lit the trees. Council and staff discussed larger bulbs, similar to patio lighting.

Planner van Der Zwaag described the current DORA boundary. Changes to state law meant New Albany could have up to 3 DORAS, with a minimum of 2 qualified permit holders in each. If the city received interest from new establishments, it would be up to council to modify the boundary or create an additional DORA. Mayor Spalding named several businesses that may be interested.

Council Member Kist expressed disappointment that the DORA wasn't utilized for local events. Was it possible to require vendors who come it for events to be a part of the DORA? Director Joly answered that staff was working on a policy. She noted that many events were not produced

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by city. Those event organizers had relationships and some vendors didn't want competition from the DORA establishments. She also described temporary liquor license permit rules and defined areas of where the vendor could sell alcohol. The city would need to communicate with organizers about expectations. Council Member Kist and staff further discussed events with temporary liquor licenses, cup purchases, possible cup return policies, and Gahanna's gated events.

Council Member Fellows asked about expanding the DORA to include more of Dublin-Granville Road up to Market Street. Director Joly answered that council could amend the boundary. The current boundary was drawn to allow movement to the McCoy Center and amphitheater. The amount of Dublin-Granville Road in the DORA would accommodate most events.

Council Member Fellows asked and Chief Jones replied that DORA boundaries were being respected by users. Council Member Kist noted there was a learning curve with officers gently reminding and educating. At one point, BrewDog stopped selling DORA drinks because of patrons occupying tables while going back and forth to an event. BrewDog resumed selling after that.

Council Member Fellows asked and Planner van der Zwaag described how the process of moving the DORA boundary would be the same the original DORA establishment process. It would require 2 pieces of legislation and an application, including a safety and sanitation plan. Director Joly stated council was required to review the DORA 5 years after establishment. The city didn't have 2 permit holders yet for a second or expanded DORA. City Manager Stefanov noted Elliot's had expressed interest.

Taylor Farm Update

Director Joly presented the attached PowerPoint slides.

Director Joly stated the city bought Taylor Farm's 98 acres in 2021. 100% site was deed-restricted in some way. The city was working through owning a historic farm on a 100-year flood plain. Applications would be going through city boards and commissions starting in March. The city worked with The New Albany Company and the Ohio EPA to establish boundaries to determine where the play area would go and how to handle the homestead. Environmental covenants restricted use and the kinds of trail materials. The city was able to increase the maximum linear of footage of boardwalk. Covered viewing decks were restricted. The city's own Flood Plain Mitigation Agreement meant that the city couldn't do anything within those areas. There was AEP utility easement on 5% of the site. This easement restricted vegetation and plantings and allowed AEP access.

The city was working with many agencies to create a park. The flood plain restrictions meant doing significant grading – cutting closer to creek and moving that dirt close to the bathrooms and community gardens to level that up. The city was proposing to build new structures at the flood plain elevation rather than 2 feet above, and would be asking the Planning Commission for a variance on March 6.

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Director Joly described the new restroom building, showing inspirations, lines, and materials. The design team liked a stained wood product which mimicked a weathered color and blended with the landscape, but would be new siding and look new. The gray stain would also work on the barn. Doug Morgan, Mt. Vernon Barn Company, evaluated the barn. The city had discussed a possible event center, but there were significant flood plain issues. The city was now looking and creating an open-air pavilion with sliding barn doors for people to have picnics. There may be some heating, but it would not be a 4-season building. There would be no restrooms or elevator. The space would be informal and flexible, given all of the constraints.

Council Member Kist liked this idea, similar to the Wexner space. The Wexner space had a fire place. He didn't know if possible. This design made more sense than a formal center.

Director Joly described the chicken coop/storage and restrooms. The city was still doing its due diligence to see if the chicken coop was salvageable or would have to be demolished to build new. The existing coop was a rare design, popular in the Midwest in the 1920s. The restrooms would mirror the chicken coop design with a walkway in between the 2 buildings. The darker gray stain would blend into the landscape. The storage would be used for the restrooms and by the community gardens. The design would go before the Architectural Review Board on March 13.

Council Member Fellows and Director Joly answered that there were no chickens planned for the chicken coop at this time. Healthy New Albany representatives had expressed interest in chickens. Council and staff discussed a space for animals or a petting zoo.

Mayor Spalding asked and Director Joly answered that the intention was to match the accessory buildings with the barn in the future, or at least make them complimentary. The Architectural Review Board would weigh in on color selection.

City Manager Stefanov asked council for any further feedback on the presentation. Council members expressed support.

Harlem Road/Dublin-Granville Road Intersection - Public Service Director Mike Barker said this project was being done in conjunction with the traffic signal at Smiths Mill Road and Forest Drive. Both projects were expected to be complete sometime in mid-June of 2023. Poles, mast arms, and appurtenances were expected to be delivered in mid-March. There was some remaining pavement work, road improvements, and trail work. The Harlem Road temporary signals had been in place for some time. The signals at Smith's Mill Road and Forest Drive would go active in 1-2 weeks. The Harlem Road project included installation of 2 leisure trail bridges. Plans and permitting were complete. The bridge projects would be going out to bid in the next 2 weeks. The intent was to have the project awarded in the next 4-6 weeks, and construction would begin soon after that. Director Barker didn't expect inventory issues and anticipated a timely turnaround.

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US 62/SR 161 - Workers had taken down the existing traffic signal system and put in temporary traffic signals. Grading and excavation work at the eastbound on-ramp to SR 161 had started. There was a temporary traffic signal at Walton Parkway which would be activated in the next couple of weeks. Work would continue at each of the other interchanges. The city was coordinating its project with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)'s SR 161 improvements. ODOT would be widening and adding a lane to the inside of SR 161, as well as widening the existing overpass. There would be work underneath the interchange area. The ODOT project was currently in the bidding process. ODOT was anticipating starting construction in July of 2023. The overall project would widen I-270 up to Route 3 and all of SR 161 east of I-270 to US 62. ODOT scheduled to complete the project by November of 2024. The big visible changes would be around August/September of 2023. The city's project was on or ahead of schedule. The city's project was expected to be complete by the end of 2023.

Market Street Extension – Director Barker stated he would have legislation for council soon to bid for construction to extend Market Street up to 3rd Street and to connect to Main Street. He would have more detailed graphics at the next meeting. The city was wrapping up the final design. The intent was to bid in March, with active construction beginning in May. This project was purposely planned over 2 phases to handle traffic flow. Phase 1, including the roundabout at Main Street/Reynoldsburg–New Albany Road, would start in 2023. Phase 1 would also include the extension of Market Street east of RNA up to Dublin-Granville Road. They would construct stormwater basins on the periphery at same time. Phase 2 would contain the balance of the work, including the work on Dublin-Granville Road up to US 62. The extra phases alleviate construction traffic and give the contractor some flexibility with timing and hopefully put the city at a competitive advantage.

Mayor Spalding stated he'd received questions and asked for visual aids for the Market Street extension and the project at Harlem Road and Dublin-Granville Road.

Council Member Brisk expressed disappointment that the widening of SR 161 would stop at the New Albany Road exit. Council members were hoping for the widening to reach Beech or Mink Roads and expressed concern about narrowing right at that intersection. Director Barker stated New Albany Road was the highest volume interchange in the area and the widening would have a substantial effect on traffic.

E. City Attorney: No report.

POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:

NONE



Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

February 7, 2023

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council Member Kist moved to excuse Council Member Durik from the meeting due to travel. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with 6 yes votes to excuse Council Member Durik from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Kist seconded to adjourn the February 7, 2023 regular council meeting at 8:57 pm.

ATTEST:


Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council


Sloan Spalding, Mayor

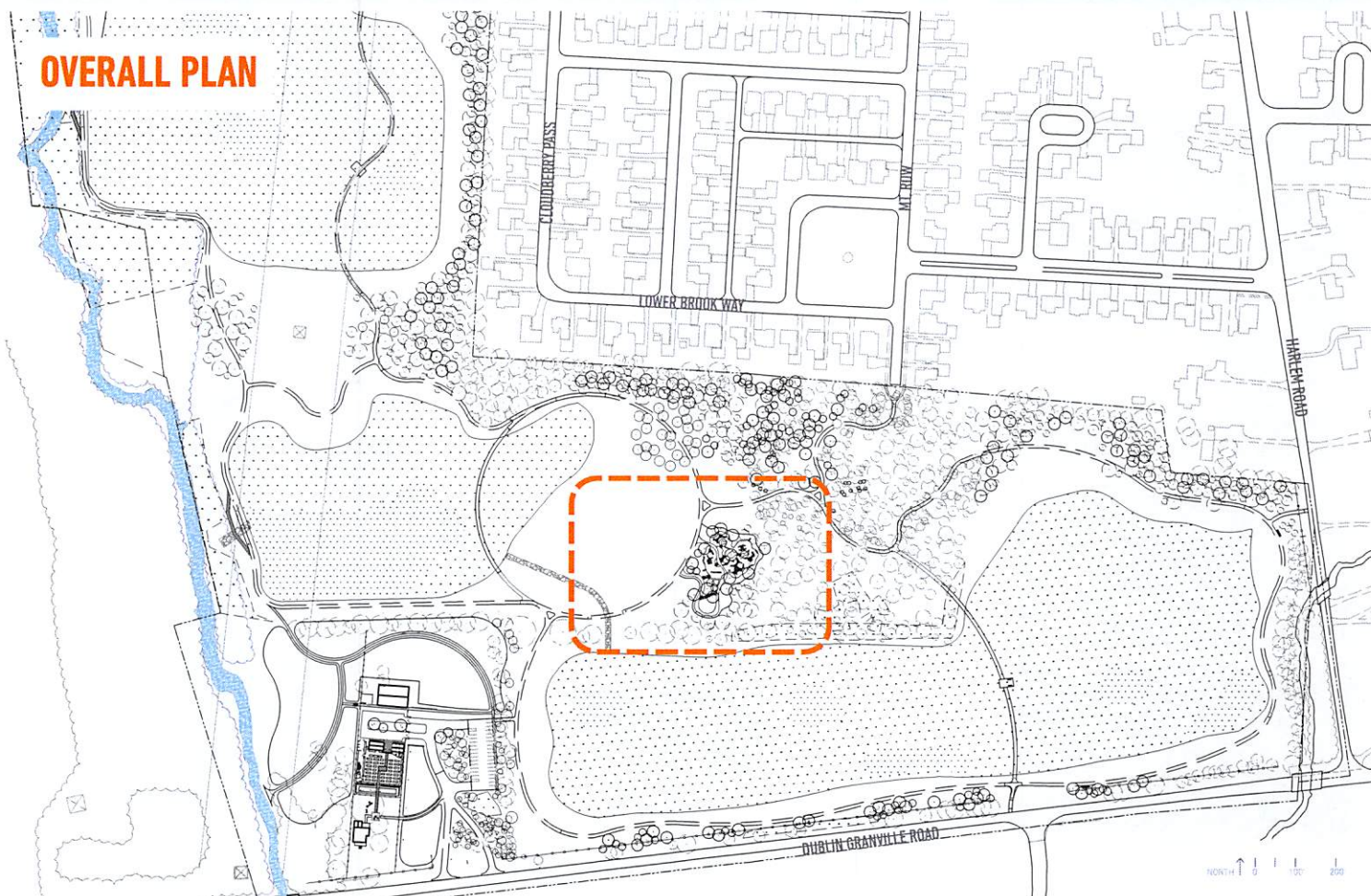

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PLAYGROUNDS
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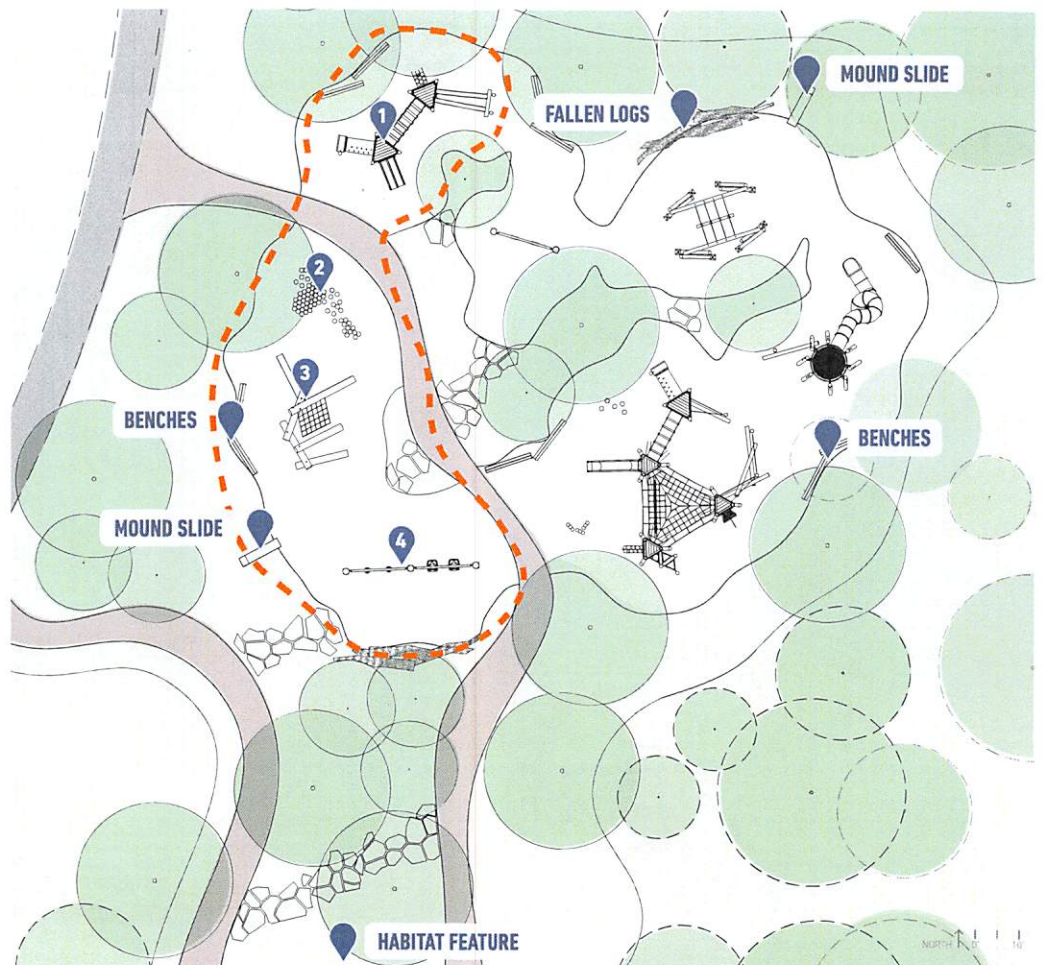
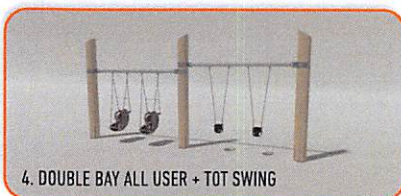
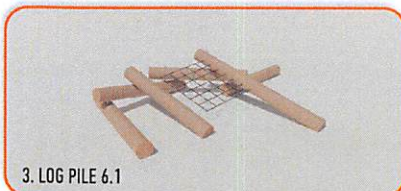
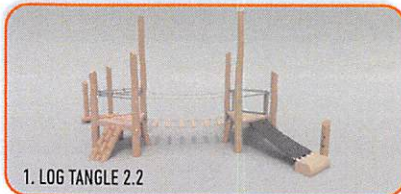
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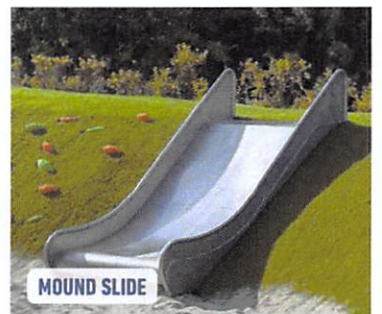
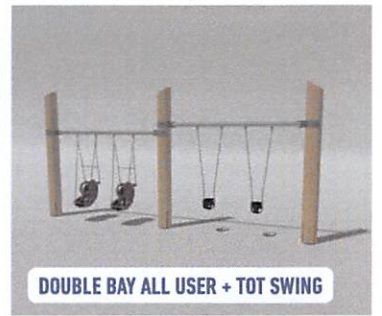
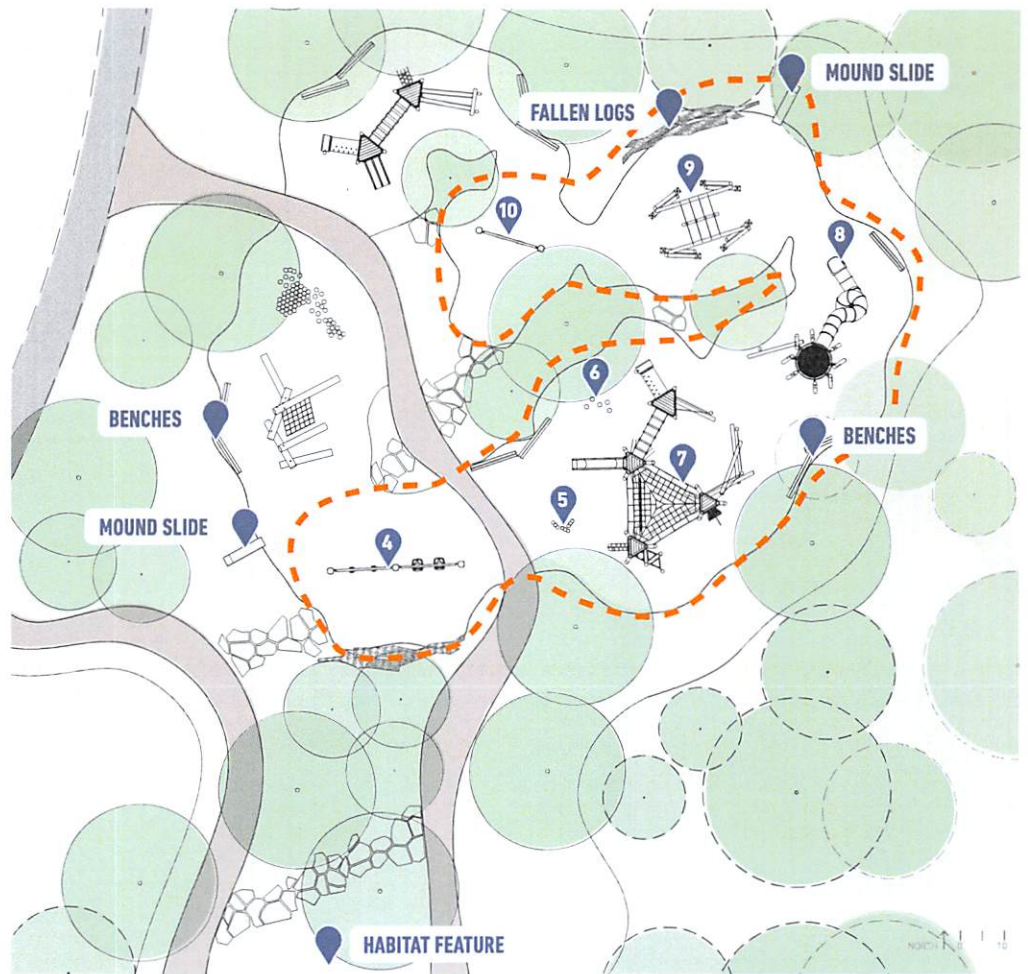
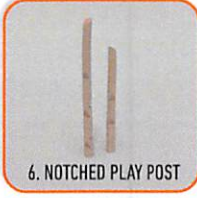
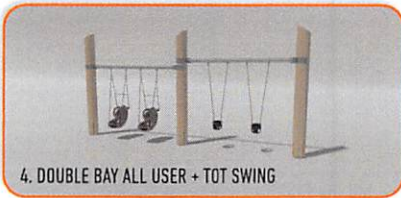
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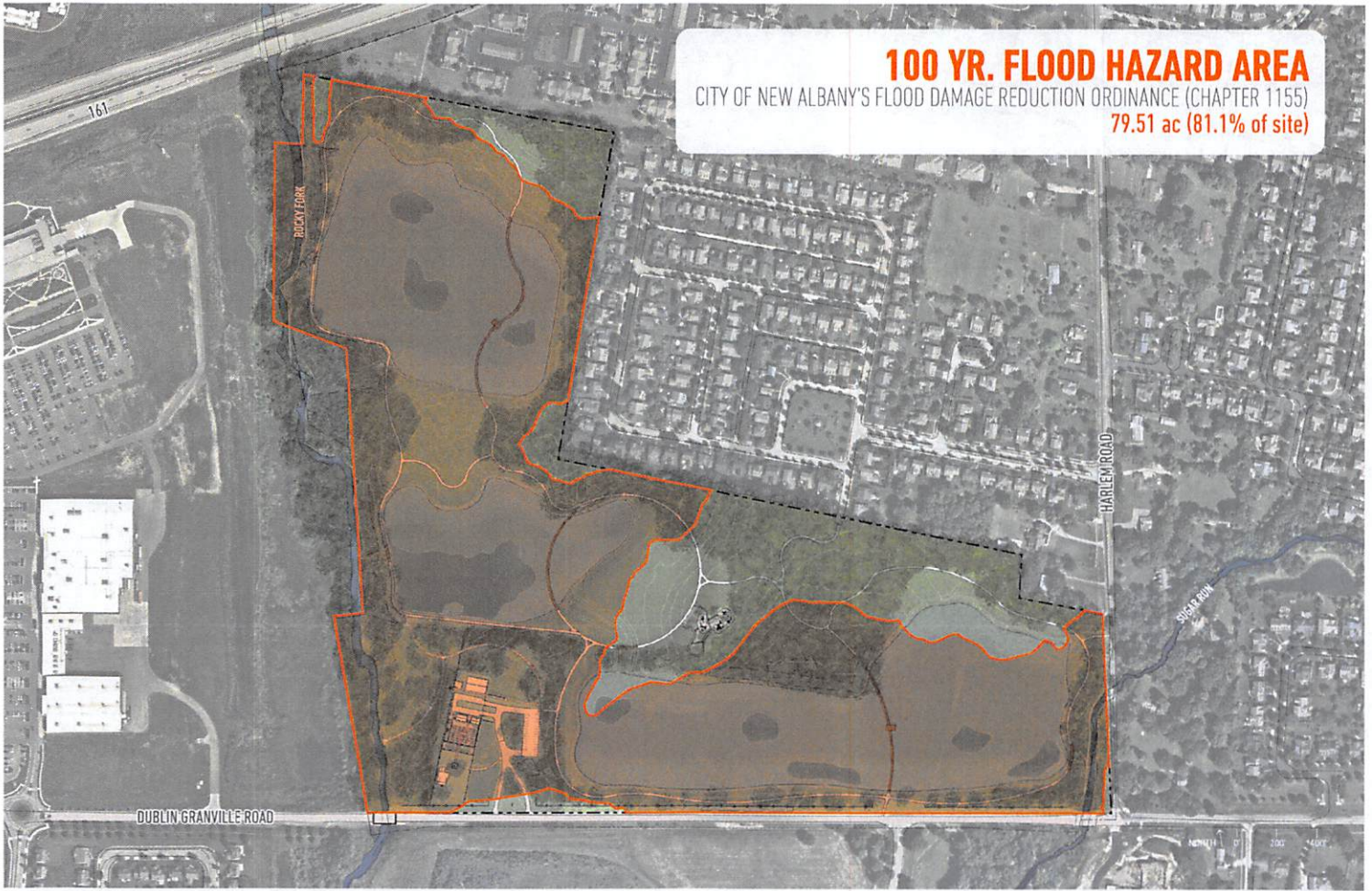
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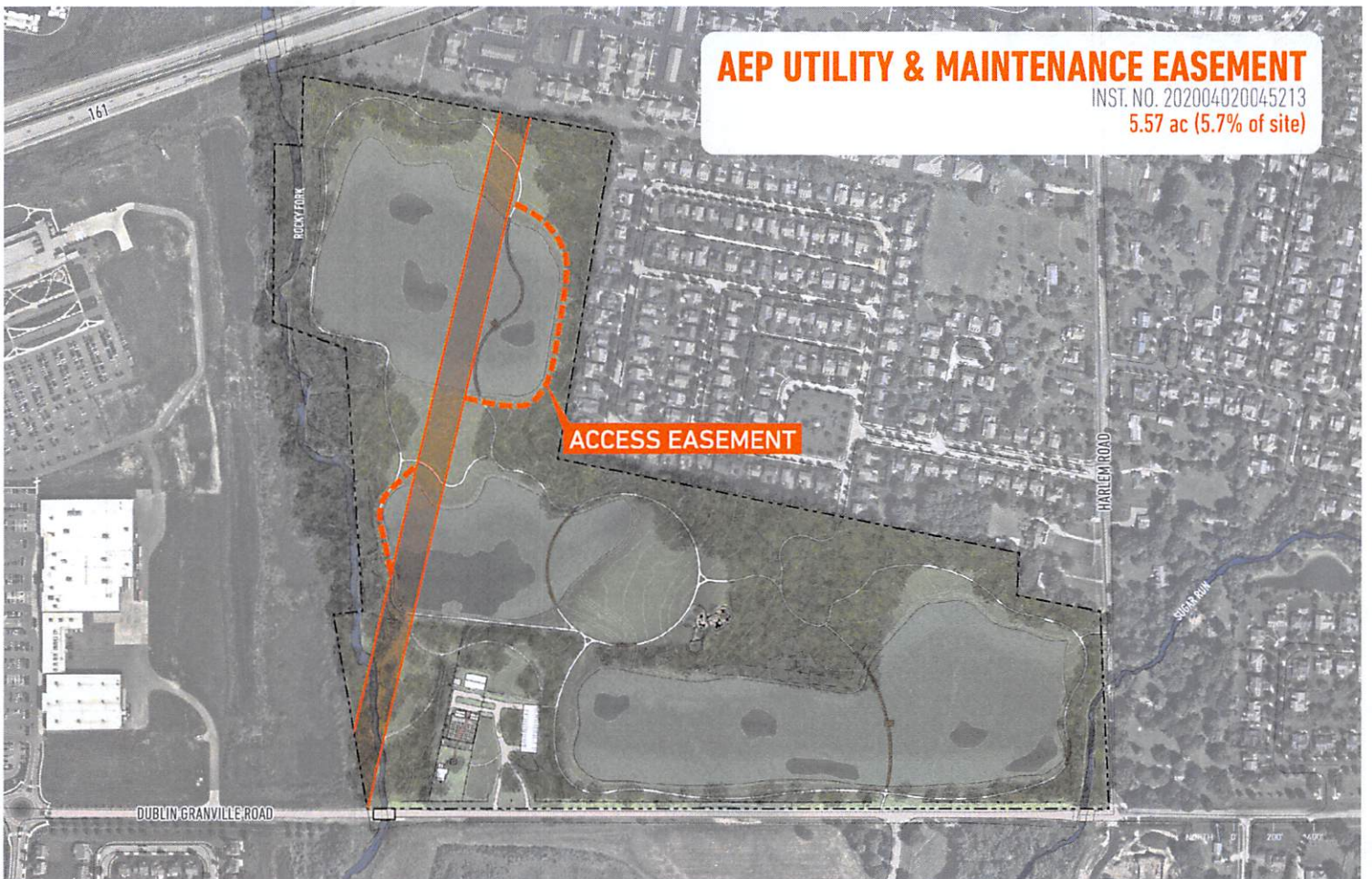


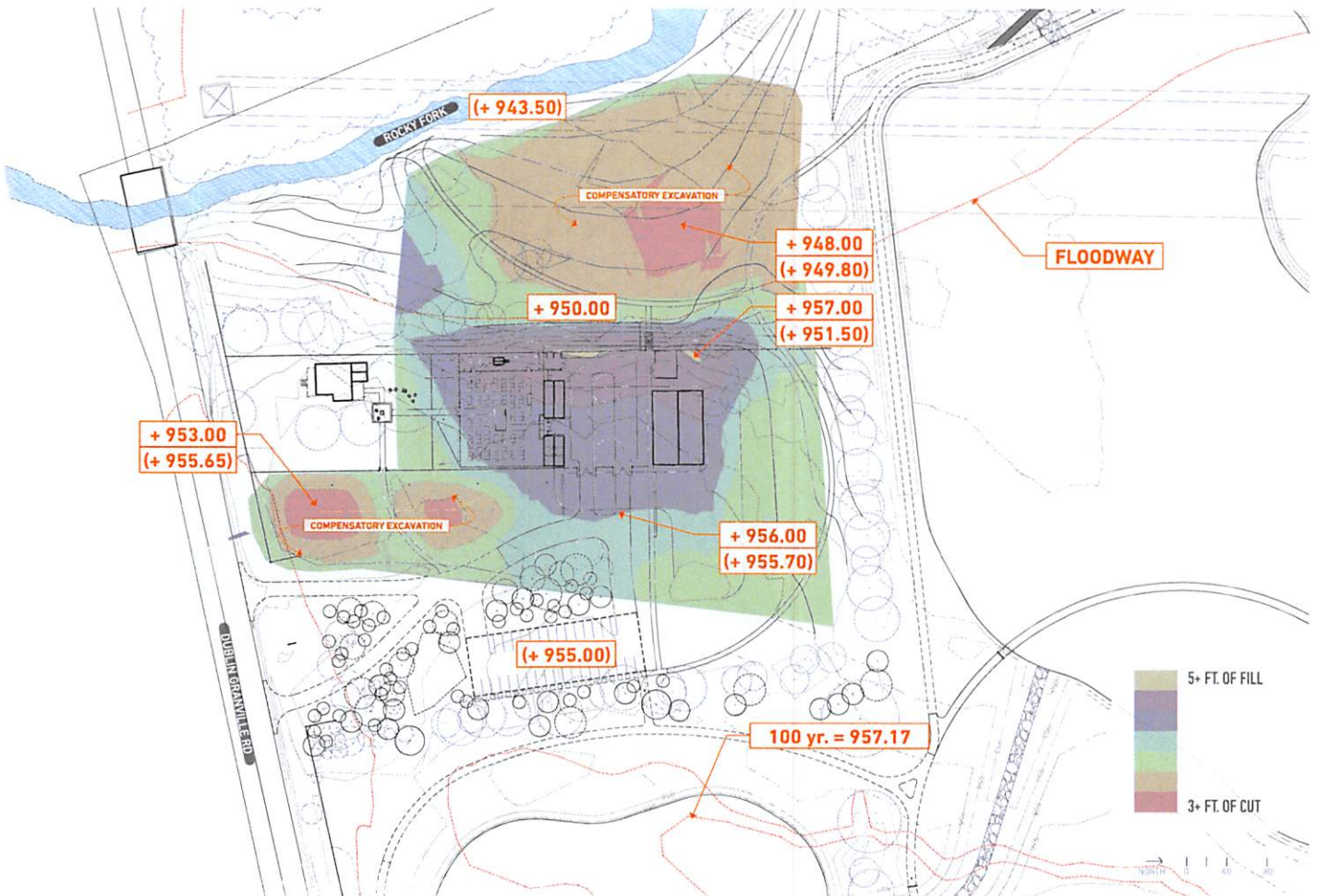
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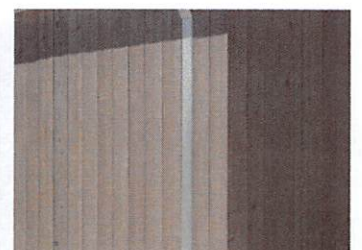
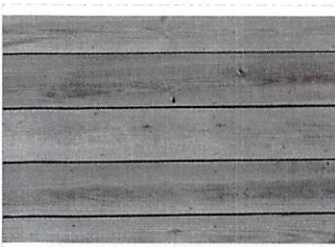


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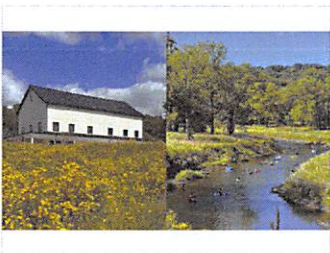
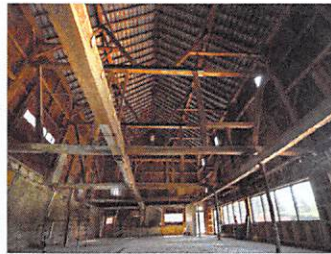
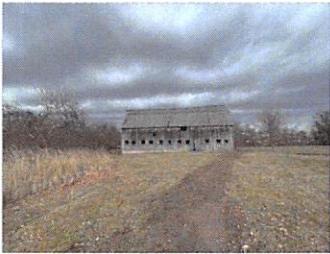
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White Paint- Scheme

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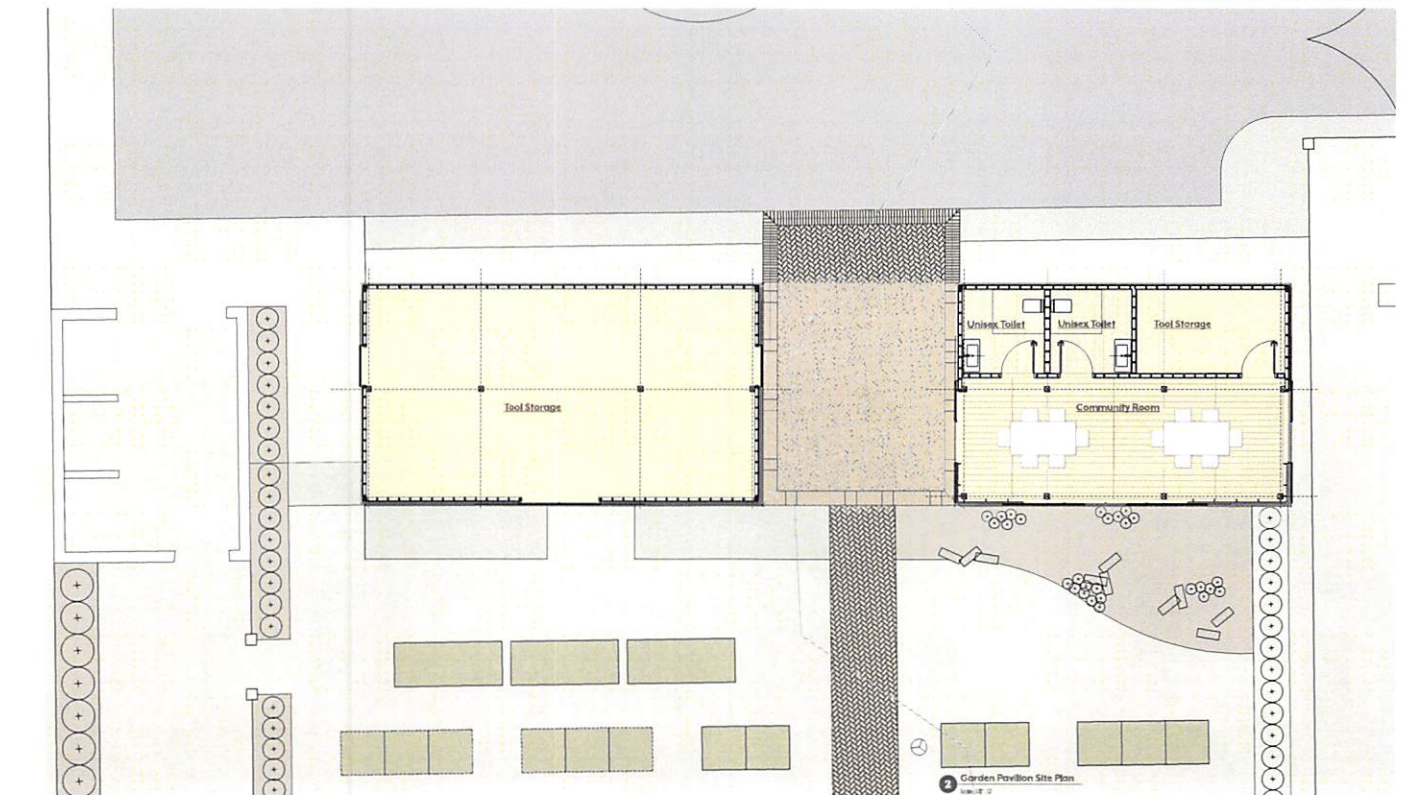


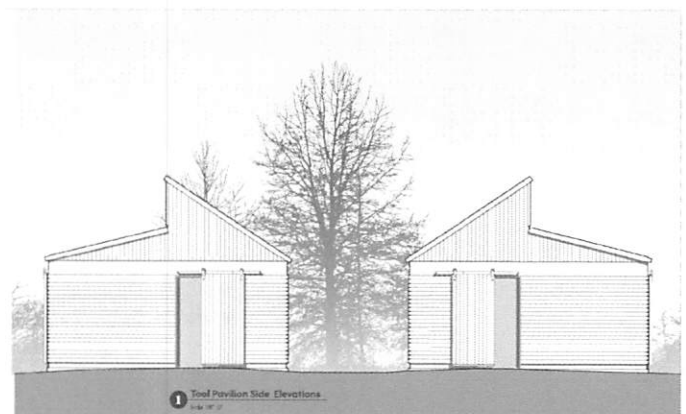
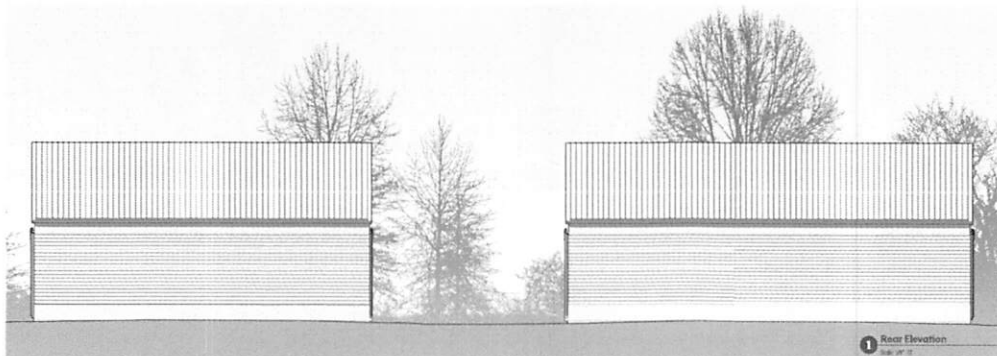
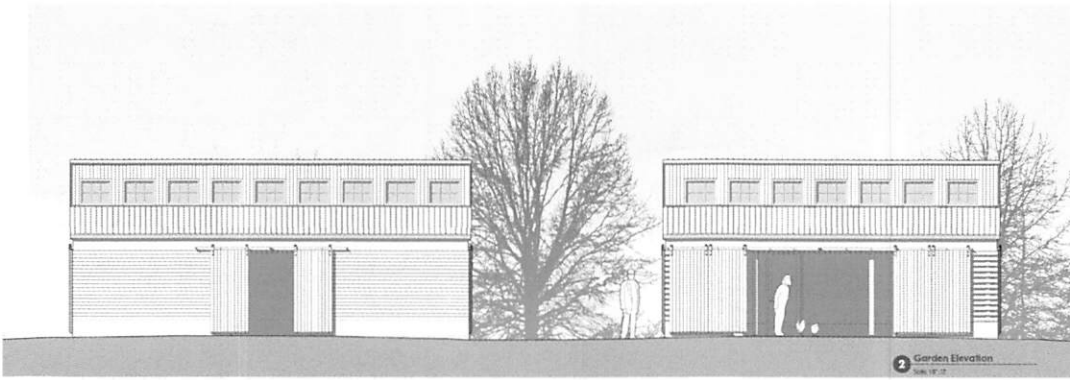
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HOTEL/MOTEL BED TAX GRANT ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS

The City of New Albany Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Grant was established to improve the quality of life for our residents, corporate citizens, and visitors. These funds are invested back into the community through designated activities and events that enhance visitor appeal and encourage overnight stays.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a federally recognized tax-exempt not-for-profit (include appropriate paperwork as part of application)
- Applicant must have ties to the New Albany community
- Applicant must be in good standing from all prior funding applications, having paid all applicable fees and submitted all paperwork for all past activities/events
- Application must be submitted prior to advertised deadline

Even if the above requirements are met, the following are not eligible to receive funding:

- Individuals
- Organizations that support political candidates, movements, and/or philosophies
- Organizations whose primary purpose is to influence, promote, or attempt to initiate legislation
- Organizations desiring funding to travel outside of New Albany
- Organizations that are for-profit
- Organizations with budget deficits incurred prior to application
- Endowment Funds

Grant Criteria - application must meet one or more of these goals

- Beautification of public property
- Improvements to and maintenance of historic property
- Activities/events that appeal to a broad segment of New Albany residents
- Cultural arts events
- Enhances New Albany's image/increases media coverage (local/regional/national)
- Activities/events that bring customers to New Albany businesses

Additional Criteria – Background Checks

The City of New Albany instituted a policy requiring background checks for staff members or volunteers of any community organization that receives city funds and also provides children's programming in which a staff member or volunteer interacts with or is responsible for the welfare/supervision of children in such a program on a reoccurring and one-on-one basis. In order for the community organization to be eligible for city funding, its staff members and/or

volunteers who interact with children or who are responsible for the welfare/supervision of children in such a program on a reoccurring and one-on-one basis must submit to a finger-print based, annual criminal background check. A background check through the New Albany Police Department can be provided free of charge by the city.

By accepting funding from the City of New Albany, the community organization agrees to require each staff member and/or volunteer who interacts with or is responsible for the welfare/supervision of children in such a program on a reoccurring and one-on-one basis to submit to a finger-print based, annual criminal background check through a police department in Franklin or Licking Counties **prior to** participating in any of respective organization's programs for children. The organization shall supply copies of the background checks, at the time of application or as new staff and/or volunteers are added, via email (council@newalbanyohio.org) or letter sent to: *New Albany City Council; 99 W. Main Street; PO Box 188; New Albany, Ohio 43054.*

Failure to comply with these background checks will disqualify the community organization from current and future City of New Albany funding.

Payment for New Albany Services/Fees

All organizations will be responsible for payment(s) related to any and all New Albany-related services provided in the coordination of the project/event for which funding was received.

Funding Provided to Successful Applicants

City Council may choose not to distribute public funding assistance until after a project or event is complete.

Ability to Suspend/Terminate Program

Due to funding priorities or declining budgets, this grant program may be suspended or terminated at any time. The New Albany government would honor any formal funding commitments already made to community organizations so long as all requirements have been met, including the payment of any New Albany-related costs, all necessary paperwork and forms have been completed, and organizations have properly submitted all necessary receipts and supporting documentation for review and approval.

Please attach the following documents to your Request for Funding Application

- Completed 2021-2023 Excel spreadsheet with Past and Proposed Budget (*form provided with application - this is the organization's opportunity to put its best foot forward for grant assistance*)
- Copy of invoices for services rendered by city departments (*if applicable*)
- IRS Determination Letter or other proof of official non-profit status
- Copies of completed fingerprint-based background checks (*if applicable*)

Please return all of this information by January 20th to:

Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council *99 W. Main Street, PO Box 188*
jmason@newalbanyohio.org or *New Albany, Ohio 43054*

DORA SIGNAGE & SANITATION PLANS

• Signage

- Temporary signage placed out weekly by service department
- Staff recommends permanent signage solution

• Sanitation

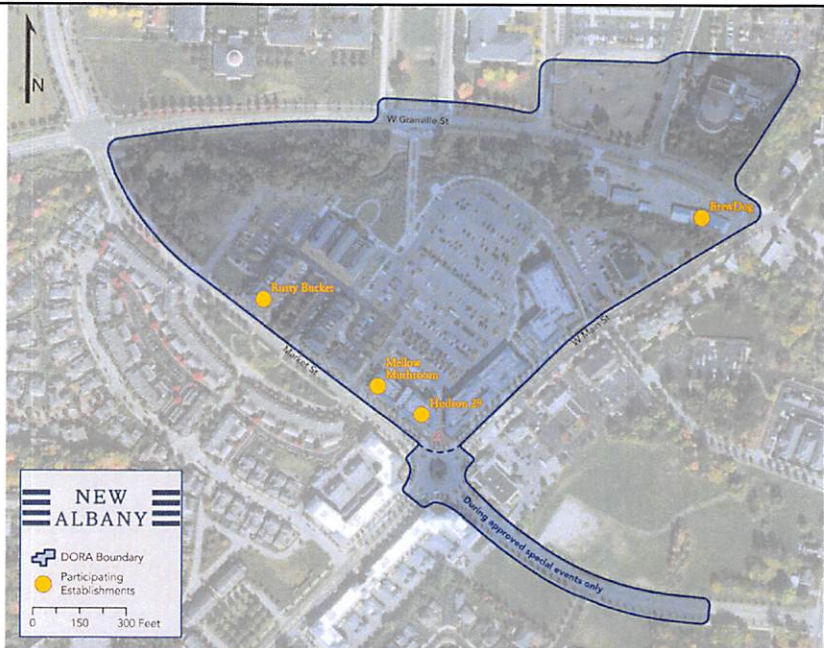
- Temporary additional trash & recycling containers placed weekly by service department
- Staff recommends permanent trash & recycling options



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DORA

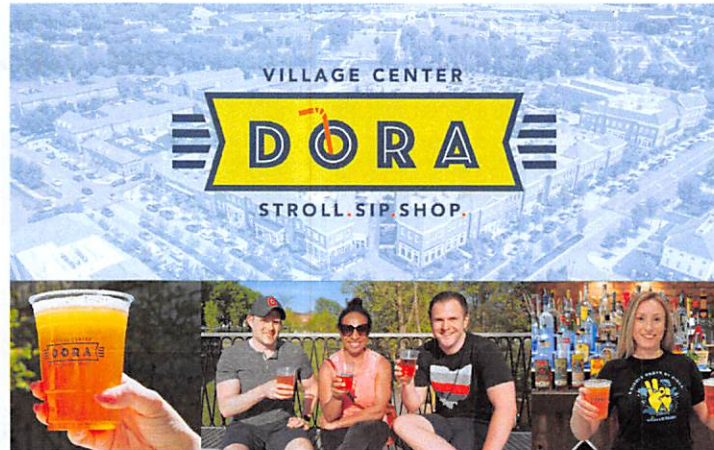
- Current boundary shown on the right
- Interest from establishment outside of current boundary



NEW ALBANY

DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA)

- Created 11/16/2021 by Resolution R-53-2021
- Effective Founders Day 2022
- 4 participating establishments



NEW ALBANY



DORA CUPS



Initial Investment

20,000 16 oz cups
5,000 9 oz cups
\$5,722 total startup costs

DORA Establishments

4,050 16 oz cups ordered
1,750 9 oz cups ordered
\$1,334 purchased at-cost

Cups by Business

BrewDog: 3,250
Rusty Bucket: 800
Hudson 29: 500
Mellow Mushroom: 450

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