CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of February 18, 2020 at 6:35 pm at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 West Main Street, New Albany, Ohio. Staff attending were City Manager Joseph Stefanov, Law Director Mitch Bancfesky, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Police Chief Greg Jones, City Engineer Ed Ferris, Deputy Development Director Mike Barker, Community Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Development Services Manager Steve Mayer, Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Public Information Officer Scott McAfee, Human Resource Officer Lindsay Rasey, Development Services Manager Stephen Mayer, and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason.
Mayor Spalding led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
The following Mayor/Council Members answered Roll Call:

- Mayor Sloan Spalding  
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- CM Colleen Briscoe  
P
- CM Marlene Brisk  
P
- CM Michael Durik  
P
- CM Chip Fellows  
P
- CM Kasey Kist  
P
- CM Matt Shull  
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ACTION ON MINUTES:
Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Hearing none, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with six yes votes and one abstention (Brisk) to approve the February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Minutes were adopted.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:
Mayor Spalding moved to amend the agenda to strike the executive session pursuant to city charter section 4.03(E) and add an executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2). Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to amend the agenda.

HEARING OF VISITORS:
AEP Energy Savers Grant Award
Michael LaScola, AEP Ohio Energy Efficiency & Consumer Program Coordinator, thanked the city for its partnership with AEP Ohio. AEP’s goal was to get actions that led to 200 points and the program came just short of 300 points. Residents were interested in the educational aspects which made it a rewarding campaign. As many residents had already made energy saving improvements, it
was more of a challenge to accumulate points. The grant money was slated for greenspace/playground improvements. Mr. LaScola presented the city with a large, ceremonial check.

Council Member Kist thanked Mr. LaScola and the AEP team for attending many events in New Albany. Mayor Spalding observed that Public Information Officer Scott McAfee personally called members of the community to invite them to participate. Mr. LaScola told council that AEP was still working with Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly on the Sustainability Roadmap program.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mayor Spalding reported that the PC approved the Final Development Plan for the Holiday Inn Express at State Route 161 and Beech Road. Discussions revolved around height, setbacks, and signage. The PC heard an application to rezone .93 acres of land at Central College and State Route 605 for the development of a beer garden/restaurant/bar. There was a lot of public participation. The PC unanimously denied the application. If the applicant chose, they could approach city council for the zoning change. A Strategic Plan update presentation was postponed to the next PC meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: Council Member Fellows reported that the PTAB held their organizational meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Brisk reported that the BZA approved a variance to increase the square footage of an accessory structure on a 15 acre property. The BZA approved a variance to enclose a porch area which would add to the interior square footage of an accessory structure.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

NONE.

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE O-03-2020**

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 95.48 +/- ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF STATE ROUTE 161, SOUTH OF SMITH'S MILL ROAD AND WEST OF BEECH ROAD FOR AN AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BEECH CROSSING ZONING DISTRICT" FROM ITS CURRENT ZONING OF LIMITED GENERAL
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EMPLOYMENT (L-GE) AND INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) TO INFILL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (I-PUD) AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS LLC C/O AARON UNDERHILL, ESQ.

Development Services Manager Stephen Mayer told council that the rezoning would add hospital and medical office uses to the described area. The rezoning also consolidated three different zoning texts. The new text would ensure consistency throughout the 95 acre site, making it easier for staff to work with. Prior uses would remain in the text. In consideration of the unique needs for hospital and medical uses, the text allowed for architectural and signage flexibility. Hospital and medical office buildings could be up to 80 feet high. A Sign Master Plan had to be submitted to the Planning Commission at the time of the Final Development Plan. Other revisions included landscaping treatments along public roads, screening requirements, and strong pedestrian connectivity in the form of leisure trails and sidewalks. This zoning matched the recommendations in the city’s 2014 Strategic Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their January 2020 meeting.

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 Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Ordinance O-03-2020.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES
NONE.

READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-11-2020
Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY AND VERMEER HEARTLAND INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BC1800XL BRUSH CHIPPER AS SET FORTH IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM STATE TERM SCHEDULE NUMBER 800802 AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED $70,000.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec told council that the Public Service Department needed to replace its brush chipper dating from 1997 and purchased in 2005. Using state and national cooperative contracts, the city forester and mechanic researched six different units from two manufacturers. They were recommending the 130 horse power, diesel Vermeer chipper because it had a more safety features. It came with a tow line. The cost was within the city’s $70,000 budget. The new unit would handle 18 inch diameter trees versus the old unit’s 15 inch diameter capability.

Council Member Durik asked and Director Nemec stated that staff was recommending the more expensive Vermeer model because it had a diesel engine, which was the mechanic’s preference as all of the city’s trucks were diesel, and it would last longer. Additionally, the more expensive chipper had more safety features.
Mayor Spalding commended city staff on their tree maintenance and on making the old chipper last this long.

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

Council Member Brisk moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Durik seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-11-2020.

**RESOLUTION R-12-2020**
Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE SHARED IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DUBLIN-GRANVILLE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE ROCKY FORK CREEK IN THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO.

Public Service Director Mark Nemec told council that the Franklin County Engineer had maintenance and inspection responsibility for the Dublin-Granville Road bridge over Rocky Fork creek. The New Albany corporation limit line was close by. Franklin County had determined it was time to replace the bridge and obtained funding. The bridge had no pedestrian access or trails. New Albany’s Parks and Trails Advisory Board prioritized the area as #4 out of 20 and recommended a trail connection. City staff approached Franklin County and the City of Columbus about adding pedestrian access when the bridge was reconstructed to save money. New Albany has partnered up before on similar projects.

Franklin County estimated the cost of the entire project at $1.2 million. To extend the width of the bridge 10 feet would be another $95,000 x 2. New Albany and Columbus would each take $95,000 for the pedestrian portion. Franklin County would bear the cost of engineering, bidding, and inspection. City Manager Stefanov would have to sign a maintenance agreement to keep the full 10 foot portion free from snow and ice. Franklin County would do the annual inspection and maintenance of the structure.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Nemec answered, the last time the city replaced a bridge on Thomson Road, it cost around $300-$350,000 8 years ago. The city budgeted $100,000 for this project in 2020.

Director Nemec stated that, once school was out, Franklin County’s plan was to close Dublin-Granville Road and have the project completed by the time school opened. Council Member Duzik asked and Director Nemec confirmed they were closing the whole road to complete the project more quickly. Council Member Brisk wanted to make sure residents knew that New Albany wasn’t the one closing the road. Council Member Shull asked and Director Nemec replied that he was not aware of any City of Columbus plans to create a pedestrian path past the bridge to the new roundabout. Council and Tom Rubey, Development Director for The New Albany Company, discussed plans for paths around the Taylor property and the Greensward loop.
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 Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to approve Resolution R-12-2020.

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: No report.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:

A. Council Representative to MORPC: No meeting.

B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: Council Member Shull reported that Andy Dunn presented his skate park proposal to the Joint Parks board which took the proposal under advisement. The upcoming Summer Movie Series would take place in Windsor, Upper Clarenton, and Thompson Park. They were grateful for the city’s grant award for their program.

C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Brisk reported that the school board announced that they received the city’s contribution of $210,000 and the AEP grant transfer. They were grateful for the city’s partnership. They approved construction of the pavilions this summer. Representatives from the New Albany Community Foundation were present to present a check for scholarship funds for traveling to Andros Island as part of a marine biology program. The school board voted to continue their partnership with Kenyon College on the College Credit Plus Program. Council Member Brisk received an email announcing the first Student Well-being Health Fair that Thursday at the Heit Center.
D. Council Representative to Plain Township: Council Member Durik reported that the township would receive its new EMT vehicle by the end of March. The old vehicle would be sold. With the fire chief’s retirement pending, the township was working on updating that job description. The chief’s last day was not yet determined, but would likely be in June or July. Council expressed an interest in being present. Council Member Durik stated he would get more information on those plans.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported that the Healthy New Albany Studio 55+ Studio Casino Night was taking place on Wednesday evening. He knew there was interest in a senior center and city staff was looking into that. Council Member Fellows added that Healthy New Albany was investigating opening up the gym and pool to seniors on select days and times.

B. Clerk of Council: No report.

C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats reported to council the necessary adjustments to appropriations to close out 2019. The most changes were to the Economic Opportunity Zone Funds and the hotel tax to make them compliant with budgetary regulations. She gave council a summary for the end of 2019.

D. City Manager:

Clerk’s note – topic titles included for better legibility

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
City Manager Joseph Stefanov reported that AEP awarded a grant to the city for electric vehicle charging stations. Staff had come up with some ideas for location. The city had to determine the cost of providing power. Much work still needed to be done. Final recommendations for locations would come back to council. Council Member Shull asked and Director Joly answered that the city would be getting four stations, each which could serve two vehicles. Mayor Spalding observed that entities were putting electric vehicle charging stations in premier parking spots that then went utilized when empty. Mayor Spalding preferred not to displace handicapped parking or high-demand spots for a charging station. Council agreed. Council Member Fellows recommended leaving room for expansion as electric vehicles became more popular.

Cable Barrier on State Route 161
New Albany had partnered with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Columbus to obtain funds to install a cable barrier that would prevent cross-median crashes on State Route 161. The grant was approved and would cover 100% of the cost of cable installation from around Hamilton Road out to Babbitt Road. Going beyond Franklin County became a jurisdictional issue. This cable would cover the highest accident area. As more developed out east, the city would look at extending into Licking County.
Projects Timeline
City Manager Stefanov told council that he was preparing a draft timeline for various city projects which he would be emailing to council.

City Shuttles
The city received its new shuttle bus. COTA selected New Flyer as their preferred vendor for battery-powered buses. Staff would be determining whether New Flyer best meet New Albany’s requirements. If not, the city had latitude to choose an alternative. He expected to know more in a few weeks and would come back to council for direction.

Founders Day and Rose Run Park Dedication
Public Information Officer Scott McAfee was working with the Founders Day organizers to coordinate the Rose Run Park dedication. Healthy New Albany would be offering a Rose Run Race the morning of Founders Day. Following that would be the park dedication, the parade, and the festival. In conjunction with the festival, there would be bands and additional activities in the Rose Run Park area. Council Member Fellows asked and City Manager Stefanov answered that the current plan was to put festival rides in the Heit Center parking lot. The parade route would feature Rose Run Park. Dublin-Granville Road would be shut down during the day and host food trucks for the festival. Generators would be brought in for supplemental power.

Health Department Coordination
City Manager Stefanov reported that staff had been monitoring events and talked about the cancellation of some Arnold Classic activities. He and city staff were in on a Health Department conference call about the response to the coronavirus. The recommendations thus far were similar to safety precautions for the flu. Staff would continue to stay updated and work with the Health Department.

Retired Street Name Signs
City Manager Stefanov told council that the Public Service Department was taking down the old street name signs and replacing them with new ones. The old signs had no significant value. In the past, residents had expressed an interest in the signs. The question was how to dispose of them. One option could be to donate them to a community group to auction off. Mayor Spalding agreed there would be interest and finding a group or groups to auction them off in an organized way was a good idea.

Director Nemec stated that the signs were not metal, so couldn’t be scrapped. His department was getting calls and city employees had been taking down the information of those interested. There would be 730 signs to off-load. Mayor Spalding could see several entities being interested in a fund raising opportunity. Perhaps the city could ask for proposals from those organizations. He did not know which organizations were equipped to handle the signs. An on-line auction could be a way to give everyone an opportunity.
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Council Member Fellows complimented the new signs. Council and staff discussed where the new signs had been installed. Director Nemec stated that all of the old signs should be down by early summer. Council Member Fellows expressed dislike that the color of the signs no longer matched the color of the posts. He recommended that the city start repainting the posts to match. Council and staff discussed the posts and the city’s design guidelines. Council Member Briscoe suggested that council members make a point of viewing the new signs on the posts for further discussion at a later date.

Engage New Albany Update
Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly distributed the attached report to council and reviewed it with them. Engagement remained strong. She summarized the recent community meeting. As the city entered Stage 3 of the Strategic Plan, staff would be taking all of the outreach and input they received during the summer along with directions on policies, programs and services that came in through Phase 2, and would start drafting recommendations to bring to council. Director Joly wanted to bring the draft recommendations to council to get their feedback and input before the draft Strategic Plan document. She would continue to update council on these topics, answer questions, and get feedback during the City Manager’s Report at council meetings. She encourage council to contact her or Development Services Manager Stephen Mayer with questions after reading the report.

Village Hall Lobby Redesign
City Manager Stefanov acknowledged Public Information Officer Scott McAfee’s work with Mark Moorehead on the redesign of the Village Hall lobby. Feedback thus far had been positive.

High Water Levels at Rose Run Park
Council Member Fellows observed that Rose Run Creek water levels were very high and running strong. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that she had some videos of the water levels. Council and staff discussed high water level warning signs and communications to the community. City Manager Stefanov said the city was also looking at erosion to see if any changes needed to be made to the design.

Pedestrian Crossings
Council Member Briscoe asked about making the intersection of Main Street and Village Hall Road more pedestrian friendly. Crossing there was dangerous and she did not believe drivers recognized that this was an intersection where people could cross. Council Member Briscoe suggested pavement striping, particularly with Rose Run Park nearby. City Manager Stefanov told council that the plan was to stripe that intersection when Main Street was repaved later in 2020.

Council Member Brisk asked and City Manager Stefanov replied that strobes could be added to the Village Hall and Main Street intersection. Director Nemec told council that, as part of the 2020 Street Improvement Plan, the road would be ground out and repaved from the roundabout to Dublin-Granville Road. He didn’t know if there would be work done on the Main Street Bridge. Council Member Brisk asked and Deputy Development Director Barker answered that people
crossed at Village Hall Road because it was an intersection. The curvature of the road restricted some sight distance, however, a striped crossing would introduce a safer condition and more could be done. City Manager Stefanov suggested putting in the striping and taking an incremental approach to further improvements.

City Manager Stefanov answered that the next pedestrian improvements would be the mid-block crossings further south on Main Street on the other side of the roundabout and east of roundabout on Market Street. Those would get a similar, strobe-type flashers as were currently in front of Starbucks. Council Member Briscoe expressed concern about so many strobe-lit crossings so close together. Council Member Kist observed that it would be rare for all strobes to go off concurrently. Council Member Brisk supported giving drivers as much ability as possible to see that someone was crossing. Council Member Kist asked and City Manager Stefanov stated staff could look at adding the light bar to the roundabout crossings. He didn’t know how effective the light bars were compared to the strobe lights, although he suspected the strobes got drivers’ attention better. City Manager Stefanov and council discussed standardization of crossings.

E. City Attorney: No report.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**
NONE.

**POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:**
Council Member Brisk encouraged qualifying members to stop in the Healthy New Albany Studio 55+ Casino Night.

Council Member Brisk suggested the city put together a team to walk the Rose Run 5K.

Council Member Brisk reported that some residents reported that they felt the Raines Bridge was too dark to cross at night. Council Member Brisk had not yet tried to cross at night and did not yet know if all lighting was installed. Staff and council discussed lighting in the area. Director Joly appreciated the feedback. Council Member Shull asked and Director Joly answered that the white color on the bridge would be cleaned up as one of the punch list items. Mayor Spalding had heard reports that the new decking on the bridge was slippery when wet. Director Joly replied that the city was looking at treatments to make the surface grip better. Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly answered that there were already recycling receptacles throughout the park. A few more benches were slated to be installed, the WiFi network was not yet up, and there were some more landscaping items to address.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
Mayor Spalding moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for discussion regarding employment or compensation of a public employee; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purpose; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) for conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the
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public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with seven yes votes to go into executive session at 7:55 pm.

Council Member Shull moved that council come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with six yes votes (Brisk absent) to come out of executive session and resume the regular meeting. Council resumed the regular meeting at 9:17 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:
NONE.

ADJOURNMENT:
With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mayor Spalding moved and Council Member Fellows seconded to adjourn the March 3, 2020 regular council meeting at 9:17 pm.

ATTEST:

Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

Sloan Spalding, Mayor

Date: 3/17/20
INTRODUCTION
The second task of the Engage New Albany Strategic Plan was the visioning and opportunities analysis, which roughly took place from September 2019 to January 2020.

The following is a summary of MKSK’s findings for the second task of Engage New Albany. The information is organized into the following sections:
1. Community Engagement Summary
2. Subcommittee Meetings
3. Steering Committee Meeting No. 3
4. Community Workshop No. 2

Task three of Engage New Albany is the plan synthesis and is expected to be completed by late spring 2020 and ready for adoption.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY
The graphic below is a summary of the total number of people engaged to-date during the first and second tasks of the strategic planning process.

- **1,200+** People engaged in the first phase of Engage New Albany
- **657** Online survey responses
- **50+** Roundtable participants
- **115** Mobile meeting participants
- **41** Steering Committee members
- **75+** Neighborhood Gathering attendees
- **150** Community Update Luncheon participants
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

The 41-member Steering Committee guiding the strategic planning process was further divided into two subcommittees: transportation and sustainability. These topics were chosen because they are priorities for this plan and require additional input and guidance from the Steering Committee. During task 2 of the planning process, the subcommittees each met for the second time. The results of these meetings are summarized on the following pages.

Sustainability Subcommittee

The 9-member Sustainability Subcommittee met for the second time on October 16, 2019 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at City Hall. The planning team gave a presentation that consisted of background and existing conditions information and then facilitated discussion and an interactive Mentimeter activity afterwards. The results of that discussion and activity are below:

Top sustainability topics to focus on in this plan:

- Educational programs and campaigns to raise awareness and provide resources about sustainability within the community
- Adopt policies that position the City to be a regional leader in sustainability and to set the example for businesses and residents
- Adopt renewable energy to power public facilities and incentivize residents to switch to renewable energy to power their homes and vehicles
- Improve waste management through recycling and composting and focus on reducing dependence on single use plastics
- Continue to focus on encouraging mode shifts to alternative transportation by making the City more pedestrian and bike-friendly
- Focus on nature preservation, green infrastructure, and sustainable landscaping practices

What recommendations do you think would have the biggest impact on sustainability in New Albany?
**Transportation Subcommittee**

The 7-member Transportation Subcommittee met for the second time on December 18, 2019 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. at City Hall. The planning team gave a presentation that consisted of existing conditions, growth and trends, and potential strategies moving forward. Following the presentation, the subcommittee discussed their thoughts on transportation in New Albany and completed an interactive Mentimeter activity. The results of that discussion and activity are below:

*How important are the following policies to you?*

![Importance Scale Diagram]

**What would make you and New Albany residents more likely to use transit?**

- More frequent service
- Convenient schedule
- Few transfers
- Easy access to destinations

**What would make you and New Albany residents more likely to walk or bike?**

- Access to more destinations within walking/biking distance
- Sense of safety
- A more connected system of pedestrian and bike infrastructure
- Maintain leisure trail system and remove snow in the winter
STEERING COMMITTEE #3

The third Steering Committee meeting was held on January 8, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Heit Center, which was attended by about 25 committee members. The purpose of this meeting was to unveil the proposed strategic direction to the committee members to get their feedback before presenting the information to the public at the Community Workshop #2. The majority of the meeting was occupied by the presentation of the strategic direction, which was organized into the following five topics:

- New Albany Growth
- Mobility & Connectivity
- Sustainability & Environment
- Parks & Wellness
- Strengthening the Village Center

After each topic, the planning team paused to hear feedback from the committee. The committee members were in favor of all the strategies presented and provided comments that the planning team used to refine the strategies before presenting them at Community Workshop #2. Steering Committee members who were unable to attend or wanted to voice further thoughts were able to fill out an online survey after the meeting, which 5 committee members completed.

Below are a few comments received from Steering Committee #2.

"Support a more comprehensive green space plan and investment in new pocket parks and play equipment."

"Connecting the Village Center with Market Square is a winner!"

"Continued development of parks, green spaces, paths and community gathering spots is an asset and should be a focus. This serves to improve the lives of current New Albany residents and to provide a buffer to outside growth."

"I am in favor of the controlled growth patterns that were explained."
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

The goal of the second community workshop was to present the draft strategies and objectives to the general public and gather their feedback. The workshop was held on January 16th from 6-8 p.m. at the Columbus Metropolitan Library - New Albany Branch. After a 45-minute presentation, the public was invited to visit 7 different stations, each covering a plan topic area. The stations were:

- Land Use
- Mobility
- Village Center
- Sustainability
- Parks & Recreation
- Community Well-Being
- General Comments

A kid's station was also incorporated into the set-up to encourage families and caretakers of children to attend. The kids were given coloring pages and invited to use their imagination to design a community park, downtown area, and a neighborhood. More than 75 people attended the in-person community workshop #2.
After the in-person workshop, an online survey was included on the project website, and which **180 people completed**. The average time to complete the online survey was **17 minutes**. The combined results from the in-person workshop and online survey are included below and organized by topic.

**LAND USE**

*What type of land uses would you like to see more of in New Albany? (n=179)*

- Dining and retail: 48%
- Parks, recreation, & open space: 32%
- Single family residential: 15%
- Office: 14%
- Multifamily residential: 3%
- Residential (generally): 2%
- Industrial: 2%
- Mixed-use: 1%
- Agriculture: 1%

*Should New Albany strive to be a life-span community where people can live their entire lives within the city if they so desire and provide the housing types to make this possible? (n=159)*

- Yes: 86%
- Maybe: 9%
- No: 5%

*Should New Albany add retail areas within the city, but outside of the Village Center if they are limited in geography and designed to serve the adjoining neighborhoods and/or employment centers? (n=174)*

- Yes: 69%
- Maybe: 6%
- No: 25%

**VILLAGE CENTER**

*What would make the Village Center even more of a destination for you and your family? What would you like to see more of in the Village Center? (n=186)*

- More dining & retail: 60%
- Address parking concerns: 20%
- Better integrate Market Square & historic Village Center: 12%
- Improved nonvehicular access from other parts of the city: 12%
- More entertainment & programming: 11%
- Public spaces to gather & enjoy the outdoors: 8%
- A skatepark: 4%
- Live music or an outdoor concert series: 4%
- A community center: 4%

*Are you supportive of adding walkable, cluster neighborhoods (similar to Ashton Grove, Keswick, Market & Main, and Ealy Crossing) connected to the Village Center? (n=166)*

- Yes: 58%
- Maybe: 7%
- No: 35%

*percentages don’t equal 100 because responses could count for more than 1 theme*
**MOBILITY**

How often do you or your family walk or bike to a destination within New Albany? (n=184)

- Never: 16%
- Almost never: 11%
- A few times a year: 22%
- A few times a month: 24%
- Every day: 27%

Do you agree that we should preserve the character of New Albany's corridors in our efforts to improve traffic flow? (n=167)

- Yes: 86%
- No: 8%
- Maybe: 6%

Which of the mobility strategies for New Albany would you prioritize? (n=164)*

- Continue to develop leisure trails system: 26%
- Use corridors to reinforce New Albany's character: 19%
- Promote alternative modes of transportation: 19%
- Continue to implement guiding policies: 7%
- Consider local transit/neighborhood circulator: 7%
- Continue "roundabout first" policy: 6%
- Advocate for regional transit: 4%
- Prioritize safety for all modes of transportation: 3%
- Create a multiplicity of connections: 2%
- Build on-street bike facilities: 2%

**PARKS & RECREATION**

What is the top parks & recreation improvement you would like to see in the New Albany community? (n=197)*

- Community rec centers: 31%
- Skatepark: 15%
- New destination park: 15%
- Updated neighborhood playgrounds: 15%
- Other: 13%
- Indoor fieldhouse: 11%
- Miracle Field: 3%
- Additional recreational fields: 2%

What types of additional programming would you like to see in the New Albany community? (n=192)*

- Special events and festivals: 58%
- Arts & culture programs: 47%
- Family-oriented programs: 44%
- Fitness & wellness programs: 42%
- Nature education: 35%
- Social programs: 26%
- Senior programs: 26%
- Adult sports leagues: 23%
- Youth sports leagues: 23%
- Other: 14%

*percentages don't equal 100 because responses could count for more than 1 theme*
**SUSTAINABILITY**

Would you be supportive of converting some of the setbacks along New Albany's road corridors from turf grass to native prairie meadows, wooded areas, or local food production? \(n=167\)

- Yes: 86%
- No: 11%
- Maybe: 3%

Do you think the City should promote the use of solar panels and geothermal systems in our community? \(n=175\)

- Yes: 85%
- No: 10%
- Maybe: 5%

**How important is it for the City to address and promote sustainability? \(n=183\)**

- Less Important (1): 47%
- Very Important (5): 13% [4.1]

**What else should the City do to improve environmental sustainability in New Albany? \(n=147\)*

- Improve and expand recycling: 18%
- Preserve natural areas, wildlife habitats, and significant tree stands: 15%
- Educate and communicate to the public about sustainability: 10%
- Promote alternative modes of transportation: 10%
- Start a composting program: 9%
- Promote & adopt alternative energy: 7%
- Reduce or eliminate single use plastics wherever possible: 7%
- Incorporate waste management for bulky & hazardous materials: 5%
- Expand the Community Garden and local food production: 3%
- Implement more green infrastructure & prevent stormwater runoff: 3%
- Begin a volunteer clean-up day initiative: 2%
- Encourage low-impact landscaping and ban pesticide use: 2%

*percentages don't equal 100 because responses could count for more than 1 theme*
## COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

**What communication methods do you currently rely on for City-related information? (n=190)**

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**What are some ways that New Albany can improve as an inclusive and welcoming place for all people? (n=142)**

- Events to bring people of all backgrounds together: 17%
- More diverse representation on boards/commissions and in City media: 7%
- Consider development of affordable housing: 6%
- Not applicable/New Albany already does a good job at this: 6%
- Improved communication about things to do in the City: 5%
- More inclusive attitude toward periphery of the city, school district: 4%
- Reduce cost of living: 3%
- More volunteering opportunities: 2%
- Education about the value of diversity: 2%
- More public spaces where people can interact and mingle: 1%
- Adopt a nondiscrimination ordinance: 1%
- Encourage minority- and women-owned businesses: 1%

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What can the City and community do to improve the well-being and happiness of the people that live and work here? (n=138)*

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<td>Continue to provide high quality parks and recreation opportunities</td>
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<td>Continue to focus on health and wellness</td>
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<td>Prioritize traffic management</td>
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<td>Create a community center that is affordable and caters to all people</td>
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<td>Attract more restaurants and retail</td>
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<td>Continue to seek out resident feedback</td>
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<td>Continue to focus on City communications to inform the public and promote activities</td>
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