



## Council Minutes – Regular Meeting

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Spalding called to order the New Albany City Council Meeting of June 1, 2021 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, Finance Director Bethany Staats, Administrative Services Director Adrienne Joly, Police Chief Greg Jones, Development Director Jennifer Chrysler, Economic Development Manager Michael Loges, Chief Communications and Marketing Officer Scott McAfee and Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason. Staff tele-present were Law Director Mitch Banchevsky, Community Public Service Director Mark Nemec, Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker, City Engineer Ed Ferris, and Engineering Manager Michael Loges.

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 Colleen Briscoe	P – Tele-present – departed at 8:30 pm
CM Marlene Brisk	P
CM Michael Durik	A
CM Chip Fellows	P
CM Kasey Kist	P
CM Matt Shull	P

Clerk Mason reported the Council Member Durik could not attend due to travel and requested to be excused. Mayor Spalding moved to excuse Council Member Durik from the council meeting. Council Member Fellows seconded and council voted with six yes votes to excuse Council Member Durik from the council meeting.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

Mayor Spalding asked if council had reviewed the proposed May 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes and if there were any additions or corrections. Clerk Mason reported two council member name corrections on the Motion to Excuse and the Action on the Minutes. The changes were hand-written on the original. Hearing no further changes, Mayor Spalding moved to adopt the May 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended. Council Member Shull seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve May 18, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

NONE.

### **HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing Juneteenth - Mayor Spalding read the proclamation. He stated this was an important step for the city in a year of self-reflection and education. There was still a lot to learn.

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those issues. She particularly wanted to explore the education piece and historical marker. She wondered if a professional company could help with the statement.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council and Clerk Mason determined an executive session for two board and commission reappointments was not needed. Clerk Mason would approach the two members, who had recently completed partial terms, to ask if they would be interested in a full-term appointment.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Franklin County Public Health update and discussion – Mayor Spalding referenced the city's mask mandate which came shortly after the state's second public health order. The city's order allowed council or city manager to rescind the city's order. The State of Ohio mask mandate was ending June 2, 2021. Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) had made the same determination and New Albany was under its jurisdiction. The City of Columbus' order remained at this time.

Mayor Spalding recommended that the city rescind its health order and communicate that to the public. The city would continue to follow state guidelines which came from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. Mayor Spalding acknowledged this was a fluid situation and could change.

Council and staff discussed private businesses, determining each owner would decide for their own business. However, the sign that the city distributed for New Albany's health order would need to come down. Mayor Spalding understood masks would be required in public libraries past the state deadline. Council discussed a proprietor's ability to charge a patron with trespassing and/or disorderly conduct.

Council discussed the messaging to citizens. Council agreed to communicate staying in line with Franklin County Public Health recommendations and orders. Council Member Kist suggested language that it was okay to wear a mask, there should not be repercussions. Mayor Spalding suggested including that some establishments may still require masks and some individuals may decide they still want to wear masks, and citizens should be respectful in both situations. Council concurred. City Manager Stefanov recalled that much of that language was in the FCPH releases. He suggested referring people to the FCPH communications.

Mayor Spalding moved to rescind the city's mask order in light of the State of Ohio and Franklin County Public Health rescinding their mask orders. Council clarified that this would be effective at 12:01 am on June 2, 2021. Council Member Shull seconded.

Council and staff discussed the many ways the city could get the message out. Council Member Fellows suggested involving the Chamber of Commerce.

Council voted with five yes votes and one absent (Briscoe) to approve to motion. Motion passed.

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Council Member Shull and Council Member Kist suggested going with option #1, but widening it to include Rose Run 2 and Market Street where Oktoberfest happened. Council Member Brisk expressed concern about leaving establishments out. Council discussed whether the DORA could be permitted next to the school and amphitheater after school hours. Council didn't want to go further north of Dublin-Granville Road because they didn't want people walking that far with a drink. Council further discussed potential boundaries to include Rose Run 1, Rose Run 2, the amphitheater, and Market Street.

DORA signage would have to be up during its hours of operation. Director Joly gave examples of DORA hours at other cities including first Fridays, certain weekends, certain months, events only, and excluding holidays like Beggars' Night and/or school events. City Manager Stefanov reminded council that more Public Service time would be needed for clean-up after DORA times. Council considered restaurant hours of operation and evening events. Council and staff discussed recyclable or compostable cups. Council asked whether refilling cups at different establishments was allowed.

Director Joly encouraged council to continue thinking about these items. Staff needed the most input on boundaries and hours of operation. Staff would continue to work on the signage, cups, sanitation plan, and public safety plan. If Rose Run Park was included in the DORA boundaries, a code change regarding open containers would be required

Virtual Public Meetings – Council and staff discussed the July 1, 2021 end date of the virtual meeting rules under state law. They further discussed whether that was or would be extended to the December 31 under pending legislation. Council would have to further discuss what virtual access would look like.

**POLL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE.

**POLL FOR COUNCIL COMMENT:**

IDEA Committee Suggestion: Mayor Spalding recalled the IDEA Committee recommendation for renaming Planters Grove. Based on research, he suggested Mr. Granville Woods. Mr. Woods as born in Columbus, Ohio on April 23, 1856. He died with over 60 patents to his name. He was an apprentice to various railroads and blacksmiths. He was a self-taught learner and avid reader. He was in the National Inventors Hall of Fame. He was credited with engineering feats, including the rollercoaster. He was seven feet tall.

Council discussed soliciting more suggestions for renaming Planters Grove, including from Planters Grove residents. Mayor Spalding stated he would work with Clerk Mason and Chief Communications Officer McAfee to come up with a plan.

Council Member Brisk stated council would need some guidance from staff on how to approach the other issues from the IDEA Committee - so council could have a meaningful discussion and vote on

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was applicant- and site-specific. Staff was recommending this as it would be very specific to the site and request only for that person, and the PC could condition their approval on anything they deemed appropriate.

*Clerk's note: Council Member Briscoe notified council that she had to leave meeting.*

Director Chrysler told council that staff followed up with the Central College Road property notifying her of the code process. Once complete, the owner would have to go through the application process. The code enforcement matter remained pending until this was resolved.

- E. City Attorney: Law Director Banchefsky confirmed that a board or commission member had to be an elector of the city unless otherwise provided by council. Council could appoint a student to the Sustainability Advisory Board if it chose to.

Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) update: Director Joly reviewed the attached PowerPoint slides with council. She went over three proposed district areas with council and solicited feedback.

Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly replied staff would look into whether there was a limitation regarding proximity to a school, particularly since the city leased the amphitheater site from the school district.

Council Member Fellows asked and Director Joly replied that the city would want easy to understand boundaries as signage would demarcate the DORA boundaries. The bigger the DORA, the more harder it was to clearly communicate to users.

Chief Jones stated that he spoke to the City of Dublin and they did not indicate any significant public safety issues with their DORA. He could call other jurisdictions. New Albany had relatively few issues with its liquor permits.

Council Member Shull asked and Director Joly responded that the DORA area had to be contiguous. The process to expand or reduce a DORA was the same as the one to establish it. Council Member Kist asked and Director Joly answered staff would further research, but she believed temporary event liquor license permits – like Taste of New Albany and Oktoberfest - could be applied to existing DORAs.

Director Joly reviewed the requirements for the municipality to establish a DORA. DORAs had to be reviewed and renewed every five years. A DORA could be changed at any time using the same process. Sidewalks could be included. The city would create the application for a liquor license owner to participate in the DORA. Law Director Banchefsky described the multiple-week process once a business applied to the city for a DORA permit.

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**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:**

- A. Mayor: Mayor Spalding reported attending the Memorial Day ceremony at Maplewood Cemetery. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and New Albany Highschool marching band participated in honoring those who lost their lives in defense of our nation.

Mayor Spalding participated in the Honor Ride in New Albany. Organizers were happy to be back in New Albany. Around 400 riders signed up for the 20-, 40-, or 60-mile ride.

- B. Clerk of Council: Clerk Mason requested and received council's permission to go off the city clock to perform with The Amazing Giants at the Independence Day parade.
- C. Finance Director: Finance Director Bethany Staats reported that the city's 2021 budget was up on the city's website and council received a copy via email. Certification requirement changes resulted in some delays. She reminded council that new federal funds were coming down and the city was awaiting guidance on what to do. The city was signed up and everything was in place.
- D. City Manager: Backyard chickens – staff report: Development Director Jennifer Chrysler reminded council about the Central College Road resident's comments at a council meeting due to a code enforcement issue at her property. At council's direction, staff made the following recommendations.

The subject property was located in an R-1 zoning district. Not much land in the city was zoned R-1. Those properties were mostly located along rural corridors, not in neighborhoods. Staff was recommending amending the R-1 zoning district to add the feeding, grazing, or sheltering of poultry as a conditional use. Director Chrysler noted that conditional use applications had to go through Planning Commission (PC) for public hearing, which process involved neighbor notification for homes within 200 feet. This would provide residents the opportunity to publicly comment on a request. The PC would review each request based on its own merits and site-specific constraints. The PC could add conditions and restrictions as appropriate.

Staff recommended using the term "poultry" as it was consistent with the Agricultural District's terminology. The term including chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese. Staff would write the code amendment and present it to the PC at their next meeting. It would subsequently come to council.

Council Member Briscoe asked if other animals, like potbelly pigs, would be considered for conditional use. Director Chrysler replied that staff researched livestock animal definitions. They narrowed the recommendation to poultry because it was defined in Agricultural District's terminology, whereas official definitions for other types of livestock were too broad for R-1 residential districts.

Council Member Brisk asked and Law Director Banchefsky responded that conditional use approval tracked with the landowner, not the land. Director Chrysler added that conditional use

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selections based on vendor's qualifications and experience with municipal playground equipment. The process was still competitive, but not based solely on price.

Council Member Kist agreed that, based on the supply chain and the timeliness of the projects, it was important to give staff this flexibility. Council Member Fellows asked if the existing equipment could be donated rather than scrapped. Director Joly replied that some pieces were not in a good enough condition to save. Staff would look into whether some items could be donated and repurposed.

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

Council Member Shull moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Kist seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve Resolution R-28-2021.

**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. Grants and Non-Profit Funding: No report.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

- A. Council Representative to MORPC: No report.
- B. Council Representative to Joint Parks and Recreation: No report.
- C. Council Representative to New Albany Plain Local Schools: Council Member Kist attended a special meeting where the board determined students would not be required to wear masks for the remainder of the school year. Some expressed concerns about the impact quarantining could have on attendance and teaching staff until school let out.
- D. Council Representative to Plain Township: No report.

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**RESOLUTION R-27-2021**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND RELATED TO THE HARLEM ROAD LEISURE TRAIL PROJECT.

Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker explained that the city investigated having power and utility lines buried at Harlem Road. AT&T stated they could not provide information and notified the city there would be a cost involved to creating an estimate. The estimate came to \$114,524 for 500 feet of work, substantially more than the city anticipated or had approved for the project. Staff did not recommend going forward. The initial AT&T invoice just to provide the estimate was \$5,323. The city worked with an AT&T external affairs representative to dispute and reduce the cost of this invoice. AT&T acknowledged problems with this process. The invoice was reduced to \$3,539.51. Going forward, the city would work directly with AT&T external affairs to avoid this situation.

Council Member Kist asked and Deputy Public Service Director Mike Barker replied that AT&T's construction cost did not include burying conduit, which work the city would have done. Council Member Fellows asked and Deputy Director Barker confirmed that AT&T required that it work on its lines, so the city could not hire a third-party contractor.

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

Council Member Fellows moved to adopt the resolution. Council Member Brisk seconded and council voted with six yes votes to approve Resolution R- 27-2021.

**RESOLUTION R-28-2021**

Mayor Spalding read by title A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS TO BID, AWARD AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS RELATED TO DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS AT PLANTERS GROVE, LAMBTON AND NORTH OF WOODS PARKS AND TO WAIVE FORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Director Joly referred to the city's Parks Framework Plan. The city currently had ownership and maintenance responsibilities for six parks and playgrounds, with two more coming under city ownership by 2024. There was already a plan in place to upgrade the first two parks. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) would update three parks, hopefully by next spring. Services would include playground design, removal of existing equipment, supply of new equipment, installation, site furnishings, surfacing, and other related work. The selected vendor would be required to provide at least three design proposals, allowing the city to evaluate different equipment lines.

The city expected that, once equipment was selected, the RFQ process would allow for faster delivery and installation. Responses to the RFQ would be evaluated by a team of staff members and scored based on evaluation criteria in the RFQ. The process would allow for a transparent and competitive



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Director Joly reminded council about the sustainability component and recommendations in the Engage New Albany strategic plan, including the creation of an advisory board. This ordinance would create the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) to assist the city in defining and achieving its sustainability goals, to empower the community to live in a way that ensures a high quality of life for current and future generations. She reviewed the listed powers and duties. Some items still to be determined included the number of members, any required qualifications, and the length of each term.

Council and staff discussed potential qualifications. It was decided that no specific requirements were needed, but passion and interest in sustainability were desired.

Council and staff discussed advertising the openings on the board and the number of members. Clerk Mason reported that, based on past experience, it would not be difficult to find seven qualified applicants. Council agreed that the council liaison would not be a voting member. Typical city board terms were 3 years, staggered.

Council Member Brisk suggested board-specific applications for this board. Council discussed taking applications, considering current applicants, and looking at members of other boards for the SAB. Council Member Fellows asked if council wanted to interview. Council Member Shull suggested the council liaison could lead the interview. Mayor Spalding thought that appropriate if council received enough applications.

Council Member Briscoe suggested asking the New Albany Schools to appoint a high school student interested in the environment who was a resident of New Albany for the SAB. Council discussed the charter requirements for board and commission members and whether the student could be a voting member. Council discussed the possibility of the appointee being a science teacher. Staff stated they had sufficient feedback to proceed with the next draft.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the June 15, 2021 regular council meeting.

### **ORDINANCE O-20-2021.**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT A RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION OF 0.462 ACRES ON HARRISON ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MBJ HOLDINGS, LLC.

Development Director Jennifer Chrysler told council this legislation dedicated a 30-foot strip of right-of-way along Harrison Road. The city also obtained a 15 feet streetscaping and utility easement. Three lots were combined to form a single site. This project was in the engineering phase and development would include four-rail horse fence and leisure trail to be installed by the developer within the new right-of-way.

Mayor Spalding set the ordinance for second reading at the June 15, 2021 regular council meeting.

### **READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF RESOLUTIONS:**



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easy action of just changing the street sign because it had a history of racism. From her perspective, New Albany was on a journey of lifelong learning, in a collective way. Putting the marker in and renaming the neighborhood – cities that had done this and were continuing to progress and doing more and more – she was seeing New Albany on that trajectory. New Albany had to do some education and awareness around what this meant for the city, and neighbors, and working that out through education and learning collectively. It was exciting to see New Albany have this conversation. Dialog was where the change was.

Council Member Kist appreciated the IDEA Committee and leadership for the rubric and recommendations. He asked if the IDEA Committee would be working on recommendations (2) and (3). How did those move forward? Council Member Brisk replied that the IDEA Committee was asking council to consider all three recommendations and find ways to act. Council had discretion on how to do those things. The additional recommendations - community events – that was all a work in progress.

Kimberly Lee-Minor (in person) stated she was present to support the IDEA Committee recommendations, and to say how proud she was to be a member and of the work the committee was doing. Working with her neighbors under the leadership was incredible. She looked forward to what the next steps would be as we took this journey together.

LaVerne Fudge-Williamson (tele-present) gave a big thank you to Council Member Brisk for her dedication to council, to the committee, to the concerns of the committee. She was full of energy, receptive to ideas. She thanked leadership for giving all of the IDEA Committee the opportunity to be a part, to work, to strive to make New Albany even better than it was today, and for the opportunity to meet people they may not have met had it not been for the IDEA Committee. She thanked Dr. White and Ms. Carrigan. She loved the work the IDEA Committee was doing. She looked forward to helping as much as she could now and in the future.

CEMETERY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION:**

NONE.

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

NONE.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE O-19-2021**

Mayor Spalding read by title AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE CHAPTER 137 “SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD” OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, OHIO’S CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY.

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subdivision name and the community awareness that caused it to be changed. (2) In keeping with the community pillar of Lifelong Learning, increase community awareness and educational opportunities around diversity, equity and inclusion: partner with the school district for school-age outreach, draft message of intolerance of racism that could be displayed, shared and promoted, specifically communicate and work with businesses on expectations and ways they could support diversity, equity, and inclusion within the community. (3) Create a vendor review process to ensure vendors reflected and were responsive to the city's commitment to diversity equity, and inclusion: include more robust inclusion criteria, include specific goals when building out process, such as – we will see X% of female-owned vendors and we will see X% of minority business enterprise.

Dr White reviewed the additional recommendations. A sample of the ideas included diversifying vendors at Farmer's Market, hosting community focus groups or cookouts – similar to prior city "road shows," partnering with existing entities for lunch and learn opportunities, and IDEA Committee Members showing up at upcoming celebrations to set up a booth welcoming the public and encouraging them to find out more.

Mayor Spalding thanked Dr. White and Ms. Carrigan. Council would talk more about the recommendations and come up with a plan moving forward. Council Member Brisk thanked the leaders and committee members for their passion. She was grateful that committee members wanted to go out and represent the IDEA Committee. City staff was already working on getting a booth at the Farmers Market and other events.

Council Member Fellows asked and Mayor Spalding replied that the IDEA Committee had a robust conversation around renaming the streets. They considered the number of households involved, nearly 300, and the long list each household would have to complete to update their address - akin to moving. The committee recommended the historical marker explaining what happened and leaving the street names in place. The city could rename the neighborhood for a prominent historical figure who could also be described on the historical marker.

Council Member Fellows asked the process for renaming Planters Grove. Mayor Spalding understood council had discretion on this item. The developer was committed to updating the signs. Council Member Brisk recounted the IDEA Committee's lengthy discussion of the street and neighborhood names. Council Member Briscoe supported the recommendation. Council Member Shull commended leadership and the IDEA Committee. He wanted to get the Planters Grove residents, some of whom he had talked to, involved in the renaming process. The more involved, the better the awareness.

Dr. White stated that, while she and Courtnee had done a lot of organizing and planning, it was the IDEA Committee that brought these ideas to the surface and deserved credit. One reason they wanted to rename Planters Grove only was because they didn't want to sweep the matter under the rug. They wanted people to see that this was something that happened, and we would hopefully not repeat the issues of the past. Ms. Carrigan stated it wasn't about convenience or how it impacted an individual. It was about a city putting in the work in to make sure that anyone who move into the community – there was a place for them. Lifelong learning was important. Instead of doing the performative and

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opening. Sheetz could request an extension, if needed. The BZA approved event window signage up to 90 days.

The BZA approved a request to widen a residential driveway on Hampstead Square North, because the driveway would align with the existing garage, several neighbors had similar driveways, and it did not detract from the front yard greenspace.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION: No meeting.

INCLUSION DIVERSITY & EQUITY ACTION COMMITTEE:

*Clerk's note: this presentation and discussion occurred first in the committee reports.*

Council Member Brisk introduced members of the IDEA Committee: Abe Jacobs – City Representative and Kimberly Lee-Minor – New Albany Community Foundation Representative, who were present in person. Other members of the IDEA Committee were attending via Zoom.

Council Member Brisk acknowledged the full IDEA Committee: Ben Collins – Plain Township, Nicole Dempsey – New Albany Joint Parks District, Vida Farwana – City Representative, LaVerne Fudge-Williamson – City Representative, Ofra Eliav-Greenshtein – City Representative, Mohit Gupta – City Representative, Paul Neumoff – New Albany Schools Representative, Dr. Nwando Olayiwola – Healthy New Albany Representative, Shoba Painter – City Representative, Anita Patel – City Representative, Benjamin Reid – CML New Albany Branch Representative, Tiana Samuels – City Representative, Renee Shumate – New Albany Chamber of Commerce Representative, and Jennie Wilson – McCoy Board Representative.

Council Member Brisk introduced Dr. Lisa White and Courtnee Carrigan, both consultants to the city supporting the IDEA Committee. Council Member Brisk reviewed how the Planters Grove development and street name signs came to the city's attention. The IDEA Committee and staff reviewed the historical significance of the street names in New Albany and their possible ties to slave plantations, and what actions the city could take that would be meaningful and impactful. Dr. White and Ms. Carrigan present the attached PowerPoint slides.

Dr. White thanked the members of the committee for their work, efforts, and ideas. Dr. White described the breakout groups and reviewed the process of arriving at the recommendations in the presentation. Ms. Carrigan praised the IDEA Committee, city staff, and the collective conversations. Ms. Carrigan reviewed the process that was used to rank the recommendations.

Three main recommendations came out of the IDEA sub-committee and were presented to the whole committee. (1) In direct response to the street signs newspaper article, convening a community conversation to discuss the issue, share the results of the street name analysis, and receive community input - immediate actions that could be taken included: change the name of Planters Grove Subdivision, and create a historical marker for Planters Grove to explain the origination of the

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He thanked the members of the IDEA Committee who had opened up the conversation and brought issues to the forefront.

Dwayne Stradford, 5020 Straits Link, shared his concern – now that the city was coming out of the pandemic and more things were opening up – there had been some parking concerns in the downtown/Market Square area. The amphitheater was nearly complete, BrewDog was coming. He was raising the alarm on mobility in and out of New Albany and parking around Market Square. He didn't know if there would be more of an effort to put in parking garages, road widening – Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany-Condit Road. It seemed there was a great opportunity to – there were infrastructure dollars coming along – with everything coming up in town – he was really concerned about where the city would be in the next 6 months to a year when all the new things came into play. He wanted Council to consider that and hear what the city had going on to address it.

Mayor Spalding recalled the city's efforts to bring in more restaurants and retail to the Village Center. When parking pressures resulted, consultants reminded city staff that that was a good problem to have. A city wanted density - but also not have difficulty reaching destinations. There were many plans in place and the city learned some lessons about staging construction to reduce and clarify traffic patterns. There would be construction projects in 2021. City staff worked with planners and engineers to alleviate the pre-pandemic traffic patterns, and there was now a fairly comprehensive Parking Plan. The first stage of the plan increased parking behind Village Hall. Then the city would look at the parking behind the Heit Center which had resulted from years of different projects.

Mr. Stradford asked, now that the Duke & Duchess had moved from the Dublin-Granville Road location, what the plan was for that property. He knew the commercial space behind it was up for rent. There was a warehouse/barn next to it. Mayor Spalding responded that the Duke & Duchess and old New Albany Police Station were being looked at for future development – retail and small business opportunities. The building that was part of the old mill – he believed it had been acquired by a developer, but he was unaware of any plans. Staff indicated there was not yet a plan. Mayor Spalding stated the structure was still sound and standing in a flood plain. The overall area was being called the Rose Run 2 Corridor. There were a lot of development plans coming on line there, including a Veterans Memorial. The city was looking at finding ways to fund these plans.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION: No meeting.

PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD: No meeting.

ACHITECHTURAL REVIEW BOARD: No meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Council Member Brisk reported that Council Member Durik attended on her behalf as she was out of town. The BZA heard three requests from Sheetz. They approved a request for temporary signage variances as the size difference was only a few inches. The BZA approved a countdown to opening sign which could remain up 14 days after the countdown was complete. The BZA approved leaving up a "Now Hiring" sign for up to three months following the




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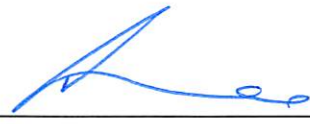
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### ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Council Member Briscoe moved and Mayor Spalding seconded to adjourn the June 1, 2021 regular council meeting at 8:59 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer H. Mason, Clerk of Council

  
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~~Sloan Spalding, Mayor~~  
Colleen H. Briscoe  
Council Pres. Pro Tem

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# IDEA COMMITTEE UPDATE

*Courtnee Carrigan and Dr. Lisa White*

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## ≡ NEW ALBANY IDEA COMMITTEE'S MISSION

- The IDEA Committee, with the input of New Albany residents, will develop a set of recommendations for our city with the goal of creating a more welcoming and inclusive community.
- We wish to encourage a diverse citizenship and to inspire participation by including everyone in community activities and leadership roles within New Albany.



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# THE PROCESS

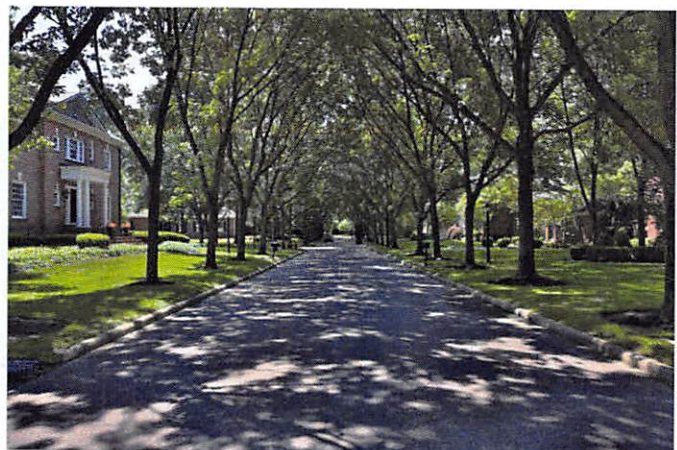
*Courtnee Carrigan and Dr. Lisa White*

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## ≡ NEW ALBANY STREET NAMES

Social media posts alerted the city that street names in the Planters Grove neighborhood are associated with southern plantations.

- Evaluation of 258 city street names.
- City staff presented findings to the IDEA Committee.
- Discussion of findings at April IDEA meeting.
- A sub-committee was formed to review the outcome of the discussion and develop recommendations to bring back to the full IDEA Committee.
- The sub-committee used a rubric tool to evaluate all of the ideas and came up with three recommendations.
- The recommendations were presented and endorsed by the IDEA Committee in May.



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## Rubric Recommendations - Ranked

	RECOMMENDATIONS	TOTAL	RESPS	AVG	RANK
8	Community pillar is Lifelong Learner. Use that as an opportunity to develop community educational opportunities, perhaps by partnering with the school district.	24	6	4.00	1
7	Moving forward, New Albany will build a process to review all vendors (i.e., Chris example that the Planning Team has already started to do this).	24	6	4.00	2
5	Use this incident as an opportunity to send a message of intolerance of racism to all companies on future practices supporting DE&I within the community.	23	6	3.83	3
1	Transparently update community on efforts and recommendations using as many communication tools as possible (i.e., city website, community meetings, etc.).	22	6	3.67	4
9	Change the development name of Planter's Grove, not the street signs.	16	6	2.67	5
4	Create a historical marker. We don't want to erase history but learn from it and use as a tool to educate and move forward.	16	6	2.67	6
3	The street names need to be changed.	10	6	1.67	7
2	Contact and send letter to everyone impacted. All residents should know what the city shared regarding the research and categories of street signs. (1) Ask residents for opinions on what they think; (2) Share recommendations on what may be feasible to the community, based on IDEA Committee	8	6	1.33	8
6	If New Albany chooses to change the street signs, the community can hold a fundraising event to educate and raise money toward the street sign change costs. (1) Support the residents and recognize them at a City Council Meeting if they choose to support the street sign changes	7	6	1.17	9
10	Include an additional street sign, as in the Australian example.	4	6	0.67	10

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# RECOMMENDATIONS

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## ≡ PURPOSE

### Recommendation #1

The IDEA Committee recommends, in direct response to the street signs newspaper article, convening a community conversation to discuss the issue, share the results of the street name analysis and receive community input. Immediate actions that can be taken include:

- Change the name of the Planters Grove subdivision.
- Create a historical marker for Planters Grove to explain the origination of the subdivision name and the community awareness that caused it to be changed.



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## ≡ PURPOSE

### Recommendation #2

In keeping with the community pillar of Lifelong Learning, increase community awareness and educational opportunities around diversity, equity and inclusion:

- Partner with the school district for school-age outreach.
- Draft message of intolerance or racism community-wide that can be displayed, shared and promoted.
- Specifically communicate and work with businesses on expectations and ways they can support diversity, equity and inclusion within the community.



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## ≡ PURPOSE

### Recommendation #3

Create vendor review process to ensure vendors reflect and are responsive to our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion:

- Include more robust inclusion criteria.
- Include specific goals when building out process, such as:
  - We will see X% of female-owned vendors.
  - We will see X% of minority business enterprise vendors.



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## ≡ ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Diversify the vendors at Farmer's Market
- Host community focus groups or cookouts
- Partner with existing entities for lunch and learn opportunities
- IDEA Committee Members to be represented at upcoming celebrations



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# Q&A

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## DORA

## RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS

- Specific boundaries, including street addresses
- The number, spacing and type of signage designating the area
- The hours of operation for the area
- The number of personnel needed to ensure public safety in the area
- A sanitation plan that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the area.
- The number of personnel need to execute the sanitation plan.
- A requirement that beer and intoxicating liquor be served solely in plastic bottles or other plastic containers in the area.



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## DORA

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Boundaries
- Hours of Operation
- Design of DORA signage and plastic cups
- City staff support
  - Sanitation Plan Implementation
  - Public Safety



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### Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area

#### INFORMATION & OPTIONS



## DORA

ORC (Section 4301.82) permits municipalities, which legally permit bar and restaurant patrons to walk outside and potentially into other retail establishments within the boundaries of the DORA with an alcoholic beverage that has been served by a liquor-permit holding establishment within that boundary.

This is only permitted during days/times/events designated by New Albany in the legislation creating the DORA.

- To create a DORA, the city manager would submit an application to City Council that contains the following information:
  - A map of survey of the proposed area in sufficient detail to identify the boundaries of the area, which shall not exceed 150 contiguous acres for a community under 35,000 people.
  - A general statement of the nature and types of establishments that will be located within the proposed DORA.
  - A statement that the proposed DORA will encompass not fewer than four qualified permit holders.
  - Evidence that the uses of land within the proposed DORA are in accordance with the master rezoning plan or map of the municipal corporation.
- Proposed requirements for the purpose of ensuring public health and safety within the proposed DORA.





DORA Option 1

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DORA Option 2

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DORA Option 3

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DORA

### HOURS OF OPERATION OPTIONS

- Ongoing DORA
  - All week, all hours
- Partial DORA
  - For example, Thursday – Sunday from 2:00-Midnight
  - One night a month (Third Thursday or First Friday)
- Events only
- Exclusions?
  - Beggar's Night
  - Specific school events



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## DORA

### INPUT ON OTHER ITEMS

- Design of DORA signage
- Plastic cups
- City staff support
  - Sanitation Plan Implementations
  - Public Safety



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## DORA

### ONGOING CONSIDERATIONS

- A city may expand and exiting DORA if it remains under the maximum size permitted by law.
- A city may dissolve all or part of an existing DORA
- A legislative authority must review its DORA every 5 years as long as it is in operation
  - Requires an ordinance or resolution either approving the DORAs continuing operation or dissolving it.
  - Legislative Authority must give public notice of the proposed action.
- Review of city code regarding open containers in parks if Rose Run is included in the DORAs boundaries.



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