



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board
October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on October 9, 2024 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call

Those answering roll call:

Mr. Schumacher	present
Mr. Barnes	present
Ms. Gallo	present
Mr. Conway	present
Mr. Filiatraut	present
Ms. Kellerman	present
Ms. Scott	absent
Council Member Fellows	present
Student Representative Hall	present

Having six voting members present, the board had a quorum.

Staff members present: Director of Administrative Services, Adrienne Joly; Public Services Manager Angela Hobart; Planner II, Chelsea Nichols

III. Action of Minutes:

Mr. Schumacher asked for any additions or corrections to the September 11, 2024 Sustainability Advisory Board meeting minutes.

Mr. Filiatraut noted the typo on page two that states \$25.000 when it should state \$25,000.

Ms. Gallo moved to approve the September 11, 2024 minutes with the correction noted. Seconded by Mr. Conway and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the minutes.

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

Planner II Nichols introduced the new Student Representative Board Member, Rio Hall. Public Services Manager Hobart was also introduced. Along with Council Member Fellows, who was in attendance on behalf of Council Member Kist.

V. Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda

Mr. Schumacher asked whether there were any visitors present who wished to address the board for an item not on tonight's agenda.

Joe Laszlo, 6813 Summersweet Dr, was present to speak to the board. Mr. Laszlo's statement is attached as Exhibit A.

Seeing no further visitors, Mr. Schumacher closed the hearing of visitors.

VI. Business:

i. OPRA Workshop Recap

Planner II Nichols shared information regarding the Sustainability portion of the OPRA Workshop:

- SWACO presented to the attendees about recycling at community events.
- SWACO also encouraged attendees to use water filling stations at community events and briefly touch on food waste collection at events.
- Thanks to the guidance and support of the board, these are all things New Albany has already implemented at community events.
- Staff is thankful to the board and looks forward to expanding these programs in 2025.

ii. Waterways Project

Planner II Nichols invited the board to attend the Community Backyards Workshop on November 4th. Staff is to send out the formal invite to board members so that they can register.

- Mr. Schumacher encouraged the board members to also register for the Franklin Soil and Water newsletter.

Planner II Nichols shared the map staff put together showing the intersections of streams and parcels within the city.

- Mr. Schumacher explained that the intent of this research is to figure out where the city can access properties in terms of invasive species, regulations with fertilizer, and how the areas are governed. This can be used to potentially launch an awareness campaigns and build awareness around stream health.
- Director of Administrative Services Joly stated staff can work to identify stream corridor protection zones.
- Council Member Fellows asked what type of things are put into place at the time of the development process. Director of Administrative Services Joly explained that there are different levels. Some areas required Federal permitting and some require conservations easements.
- Mr. Filiatraut stated MORPC hosts an annual clean up day and perhaps next year the city could partner with them on that and this project could time well with that next fall.
- The board concluded that city staff should first focus on Rose Run.

Director of Administrative Services Joly stated that staff will work on putting together a process and timeline and bring it back to the board.

iii. Village Center Food Waste Survey

Planner II Nichols provided an update on the survey. City staff has sent the survey to all of the restaurants within New Albany Village Center. Staff will also send out a reminder to the restaurants to complete the survey.



iv. *Pocket Prairies*

Planner II Nichols provided an update on the potential pocket prairies project:

- City staff has engaged with Mad Scientists Associates to obtain a rough estimate for the project.
- City staff has requested \$35,000 towards the project as part of the 2025 SAB budget.

v. *Review Operational Items for 2025 Work Plan*

Planner II Nichols and Director of Administrative Services Joly lead a discussion regarding 2025 Planning.

The board reviewed and ranked their 2024 priorities in order of importance for 2025. Staff is to bring a proposed 2025 work plan to the board at the November meeting.

Mr. Filiatraut expressed interested on reviving the work done on the Solar Panels.

VII. Other Business:

i. *Attendance of Members Rule Update*

Director of Administrative Services Joly lead a discussion on the updates made to C.O. 159.02(d).

VIII. Poll Members for Comment: NONE

IX. Adjournment

Having no further business, Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. Without objection, the October 9, 2024 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Chelsea Nichols, Planner II