



**New Albany Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Implementation Panel
October 10, 2024 Minutes**

The IDEA Implementation Panel met for the panel’s regularly scheduled session at the New Albany Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio and was called to order by Panel Chair Dr. Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

Those answering roll call:

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| Panel Chair Brianna Johnson | Present |
| Panel Vice-Chair Connor Berry | Present |
| Panel Member Marie Alvarado | Present |
| Panel Member Taru Saigal | Present |
| Panel Member Courtney Nixon | Present |
| Panel Member Alex Bilchak | Present |
| Panel Member Antonio Pestana | Absent |
| Council Member Marlene Brisk | Absent |
| Council Member Andrea Wiltrout | Present |

Staff members present: Adrienne Joly, Director of Administrative Services
Abbey Brooks, Community Program Administrator
Chelsea Nichols, Planner II
Alonna Skinner, Community Program Specialist

Dr. Johnson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the September 12, 2024 IDEA Panel meeting minutes. Seeing none, Panel Member Alvarado moved to approve the meeting minutes from the September 12, 2024 IDEA Implementation Panel meeting. Seconded by Panel Member Saigal and the IDEA Implementation Panel voted with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the meeting minutes.

Dr. Johnson asked if there were any visitors requesting to speak on items not on tonight’s agenda. Seeing no visitors, the hearing of visitors for items not on the agenda was closed.

Business:

NA101 Recap

Community Program Administrator Brooks gave a recap of NA101, a year in review, and lead the discussion:

- February Super Supper: 250 attendees, 20 soups, 11 languages, \$750 to food pantry
- April Service Center Tour: Great activities, low attendance
- August Business Park Tours: Three full tours, 75 registered participants
- October Amphitheater Tour: 20 participants, survey out to community

Community Connectors Update

Community Program Specialist Skinner provided an update and lead the discussion:

- Started recruitment in Summer
- September: Held open house & application period opened
- 42 interest forms submitted (32 in City limits)
- Six applications received as of October 10 (all different neighborhoods)
- Feedback regarding what PII will be on website

- No address to be listed. Only picture, name and neighborhood. Application to be updated.
- Legal counsel recommendations
- November meeting to review applications
- The board members reviewed the application form
- Ideas were shared on alternative meeting places other than the home. Such as the library and Brickhouse Blues.
- In January the Panel will ne to resume discussion on what the welcome gift will be for the Connectors to give to new neighbors.

Diwali Planning Update

Community Program Administrator Brooks gave an update and led the discussion:

- Saturday, October 26 – 4-7 p.m. at the Hinson Amphitheater
 - Time is listed incorrectly in various places. Staff to fix this issue.
- 19 residents in focus group
- Dance performances in various styles, from different regions of India
- Youth fashion parade (intermediate school and younger)
- Children’s Diya painting and Rangoli making
- Dancing
- Fireworks
- 7 Vendors, 6 Food Trucks
- \$9,500 in donations from Amgen, Axium, GCAC & Kumon
- Volunteer requests coming soon
- Proclamation to be given by the Mayor
 - Council Member Wiltout and Council Member Brisk to speak as well. Mention the IDEA Panel.
- Promotion of the event will be important
- Join us onstage at 4 p.m.
 - Perhaps the groups could be called to the stage at the end right before the dancing.

2025 Planning

Director of Administrative Services Joly led the discussion:

- What should the 2025 focus be?
- Other than what we have done these past two years, is there anything else you want the panel to achieve?
- Event Attendance in 2024:
 - EmpowHer, March event, 130 attendees (sold out)
 - Juneteenth, June event, 1,600 attendees
 - Diwali, October event, 1,100 attendees in 2023
 - NA 101, events held in Feb, April, August and October – 350 attendees total
- 2025:
 - People want to connect with each other
 - Community Connectors: people might voice ideas of what they want for NA 101
 - Souper Supper: Have different departments make soups
 - NA 101: Souper Supper, Business Part Tours, and budget for 3rd event
 - Partner with PD & PTFD on Special Olympics Events
 - Sensory Bags/Inclusive Events
 - Panel Discussion/Roundtable
 - Focus on Accessibility
 - NA Heroes:

- Outdoor
- BBQ/Cookout
- Don't overlap with Chamber's event that recognizes community members
- Partner with other events
- Community Spotlight; spread throughout City and at community concerts/videos
- Posthumous

Director of Administrative Services Joly stated staff will work on drafting a work plan and bring it back to the Panel for review and approval.

Next month's agenda will include the following items:

- Diwali Recap
- Community Connectors application review
- 2025 Work Plan

Other Business:

Attendance of Members Rule Update

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

Adjournment:

Dr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Panel Member Saigal. All panel members were in favor.