



**New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board
November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on November 12, 2025 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call: Those answering roll call:

Mr. Schumacher	present
Mr. Barnes	present
Ms. Gallo	present
Ms. Scott	present
Mr. Kocian	present
Ms. Kopelman	present
Ms. Lopez	present
Council Member Kist	present
Student Representative Griffith	absent

Staff members present: Planner II, Chelsea Nichols

III. Action of Minutes:

Mr. Schumacher moved to approve the October 8, 2025 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Scott and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the minutes.

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:

One item to discuss under Other Business; meeting room location for 2026.

V. Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda: NONE

VI. Business:

i. Pocket Prairies – Presentation by Mad Scientist Associates LLC

- Cody Wright with Mad Scientist Associated LLC provided an update to the Board.

ii. Curbside Food Waste Pick-up Program Update

- To date, there are 47 registered households. There are about 268 homes in Windsor and the budget for the program includes 150 eligible participants. So, there is still room for interested folks to sign up.
- Each week there is about 70% participation rate.
- On Thursday, November 20th there will be a promo video released. It features one of the participating families.
- In just the first 7 weeks, almost one ton of food waste and compostables have been diverted from the landfill.

iii. Invasive Trade-In Program Update

- 13 approved applications in 2025.
- \$4,802.13 spent



iv. Sustainability Webpage

- New Sustainability webpage on the city's website

v. Seasonal Recycling Reminder

- Election Yard Sign Collection ending on Wednesday, November 19th
- Pumpkin Collection is currently taking place and will run through December 8th
- Holiday Light Collection will run from Friday, November 21st – February 2nd

Mr. Schumacher moved to recommend that city staff explore options for a second yard sign collection in the spring and include other yard signs, not just political signs. Seconded by Ms. Gallo and the Sustainability Advisory Board voted with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstention to approve the motion.

vi. Quarterly Sustainability Stakeholder Meetings

- Kick-off meeting was held Friday, November 14th
- Meeting brought together organizations and individuals who are actively engaged in advancing sustainability within our community:
 - City of New Albany (staff and city council rep), SAB, NAPLS, Plain Township, the Camber, the Community Foundation, NACO
 - Will invite Healthy New Albany to next meeting.
- Purpose:
 - Share sustainability initiatives and goals from each participating entity, identify opportunities for collaboration, and work together towards shared outcomes.

vii. Waste Diversion

- The Board reviewed historic and current (2025) waste diversion numbers,
- The Board would like city staff to explore “Pay As you Throw” options for residential trash collection.

viii. Rumpke MRF Tour for 2026

- In place of the February 11, 2026 meeting the Board will take a tour of the new Rumpke MRF facility.

ix. Volunteers needed for Saturday, Dec 6th Indoor Farmers Market

- Charles Schumacher and Laura Gallo volunteered to work at this event and are interested in promoting recycling at the SAB table.

x. Reminders:

- RSVP for Volunteer Appreciation Event; Tuesday, December 9th
- Pictures to be taken of Board members on November 18th
- No December SAB Meeting

VII. Other Business: Meeting room location for 2026

VIII. Poll Members for Comment: NONE

IX. Adjournment: Having no further business, Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m. Without objection, the November 12, 2025 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.