



**New Albany Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Implementation Panel  
November 13, 2025 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 Berry at 7:03 p.m. Those answering roll call:

Panel Chair Connor Berry	Present
Panel Vice-Chair Brianna Johnson	Present
Panel Secretary 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	Present
Council Member Andrea Wiltrout	Absent

Staff members present: Chelsea Nichols, Planner II

**Action of Minutes:**

Panel Chair Berry asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the October 9, 2025 IDEA Panel meeting minutes. Seeing none, Panel Member Bilchak moved to approve the meeting minutes from the October 9, 2025, 2025 IDEA Implementation Panel meeting. Seconded by Panel Member Alvarado and the IDEA Implementation Panel voted with 6 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions to approve the meeting minutes.

**Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight’s Agenda:** Panel Chair Berry asked if there were any visitors requesting to speak on items not on tonight’s agenda. Seeing none, Panel Chair Berry closed the hearing of visitors.

**Business:**

***Diwali Recap***

- 1,900 attendees (1,100 attendees in 2023 and 1,500 attendees in 2024)
- \$10,100 income (four sponsors and vendor fees)
- Net event cost = \$23,561.54
- Event was covered by NBC4 on 10/18 and 10/19

***Community Connectors Update***

- 15 Connectors in 13 neighborhoods, reaching 1,531 households

***Updated 2025 Annual Review***

- 2025 Annual Review document updated to include info and pictures that were not previously updated
- Will be updated to include information regarding the award presented to the city for the Train Near Magdeburg event

***Reminders:***

- No December IDEA Implementation Panel Meeting
- RSVP for Volunteer Appreciation Event; Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Pictures of IDEA members to be taken on November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** Panel Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:01 p.m. All panel members were in favor.