

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A WORK SESSION IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE
CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015, AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by President Pat McLaughlin at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Coffey, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Benedetti, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Baird, Mr. Gonder, Mr. Zurschmiede and Mr. McLaughlin.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Lorch, Mike Hall, David Duggins, Linda Moeller, Police Chief Bailey, John Rosenbarger and Vicki Glotzbach

Mr. Caesar introduced Kent Lanum to the council and invited him to speak.

Mr. Lanum stated that he is the CEO of the Paul Ogle Foundation and they are starting their 34th year. He said that they are the fourth largest private foundation in the region. He explained that they started out with \$17M and have given out \$80M and have \$72M left. He said that part of what they do is that they try to provide the funds to improve life in Indiana and this is one project that they decided to take a look at. He said that they have hired Dan Jones who is head of 21st Century Parks and that group built what is known as the Parklands of Floyds Fork in eastern Jefferson County Kentucky which is one of the largest urban parks under construction in the country today. He said that they raised over \$120M in endowments. He said that they contacted the Greenway Commission and signed an agreement with them from a private perspective to take a look at this project and to gather data and detail from the community. He then said that the master plan was last done in 2002 and a lot has changed since then so they have brought in two actual design firms. He said that one is Jim Walters with Bravura and the other is Rundell Ernstberger Associates and he brought them together to help gather detail. He added that they have had public sessions and meetings with special interest groups and even created a website named Greenway2040.org. He said that a big thing with their organization is how to keep it sustainable and right now they are going to come up with these decisions with the Greenway Commission and the cities. He explained that this is a great opportunity now to see this project succeed and moving forward he wanted to make sure that everyone knows what is going on and said everyone will be invited to more meetings. He added that they will probably be spending \$500,000.00 between now and June for getting these two projects looked at.

Mrs. Benedetti thanked Mr. Lanum for his time and due diligence especially with the whole teams to make this a regional thing.

Mr. Lanum stated that what his board liked the most about the project was getting one end to work with the other end. He added that this has never been done before and getting the agreement going between New Albany, Clarksville and Jeffersonville was exciting for them. He also added that the Regional Cities Initiative is going before the state legislature now and the Secretary of Commerce likes our area a lot and investing a lot here in bridges.

Mrs. Benedetti asked how many cities we are being competitive against.

Mr. Lanum stated that he thinks they are expecting about 14 applications. He also stated that you are talking about a \$1B per region.

Mr. Gonder asked how many regions there are.

Mr. Lanum replied eight. He said that what they are looking to do is about \$200M from the state, \$200M from local cities, \$100M from private philanthropy and \$500M from

banking interest and entities within the state. He added that they are funding One Southern Indiana to help manage the process and they are searching for some folks to help gather data and talk with each of the cities.

Mr. Caesar stated that one of the important parts is that we get together as a region so this can be presented regionally to make a much larger impact.

Mr. Lanum stated that is why he thinks that the Greenway is such a natural tie for that because if you combine the populations of Clarksville, New Albany and Jeffersonville then it is the 4th largest city in the state by that very nature.

Mrs. Benedetti asked who controls the money once it is allocated.

Mr. Lanum stated that there is a diagram that actually show what kind of structures there are and we are going to have conversations with the community at some point to see if they want it to be public or private. He added that they are trying to be as transparent as possible so that no one will feel like they didn't have an opportunity to have a say in it.

Mrs. Baird asked if there are any plans already to improve the Greenway.

Ms. Graf stated that they do not have any at the master planning level.

Mrs. Benedetti asked what the council's role should be to help.

Mr. Lanum replied that the council can listen and let him bring information to them. He said that eventually the council will have a voice in how they want to see it go.

Mr. Coffey stated that sustaining the project is a real key issue.

Mr. Lanum stated that they have discussed it and feel that about 3%-4% of the total project needs to be set aside each year for maintaining. He then thanked that council for having him.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk