

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,  
HELD A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT  
NEW ALBANY CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Council Members: Mrs. Collier, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Dr. Knable and Mr. Applegate, President. Mr. Caesar was not present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms. Stein, Mr. Gibson, Police Chief Bailey and Mrs. Glotzbach.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**President Applegate** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

**Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2022, Mrs. Collier second, all voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Caesar who was not present.**

**COMMUNICATIONS – COUNCIL:**

**Dr. Knable** stated that at the last meeting he indicated his intention to have a vote tonight to invite members of the planning and zoning commission to come forward at a subsequent meeting to discuss the concerns about the Bohannon Lane area development. He strongly encouraged the council members to go to the area and talk and visit with the folks there. He said that it is his intention now to do that vote at the next meeting because he would like for the folks that are from the Bohannon Lane area that are here tonight to have the opportunity to speak to this body before the council votes on that. He stated that given the structure of our agenda, we wouldn't be able to do that any other way without some sort of exception. He said that rather than carving out an exception, he would rather have them speak tonight and they are welcome to come to the next meeting and speak to that as well. He stated that he doesn't feel that it needs to be a formal agenda item for the council to bring that up during council communications for a vote. He said, again, that he would rather hear from them before having such a vote and he doesn't think that it hurts to have more time to go down and visit the site. He stated that he took the opportunity to do that last week with Mr. Weddle as well as Mr. Reid and look things over. He said that trees have already felled and there has already been a lot of earth moved around. He then stated that it is his understanding that the previous council approved the development within the area that was then found to be unacceptable by that current developer, so that approval basically expired. He said that a new calendar year convened and new zoning regulations went into effect that might have negated the need for it to come back before this body. He stated that having said that, members of the community were told in a meeting by the president of planning and zoning that they would have a chance to come before the council before any final approval would be made. He said that they have not had that opportunity and work has already begun. He also said that what he thinks they have is a failure to communicate, so he is trying to communicate better and make sure that everyone is on the same page. He stated that later

tonight the council will be hearing from members of that neighborhood, and then at the next meeting, we will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not we feel that it would be appropriate for members from the governing bodies come forward to explain their side of that. He said that they can tell us exactly what happened to put us in this situation where earth is being moved and trees are coming down and water retention is being changed, but they did not have the opportunity to come before us to speak to that.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he reviewed the Army Corp of Engineers Falling Run study and there are a couple of things that are in there that really stand out to him. He said that he would just read them exactly from the Army Corp of Engineers as follows: After the completion of the local flood protection project of 1954, flooding issues have been of local drainage in nature. After decades of deployment and urbanization, the aging storm water management systems are inadequate to handle the current flooding threats posed by interior streams such as Falling Run Creek, which passes through downtown New Albany towards the Ohio River. Increased storm water runoff and eroding stream channels bogged down with debris have made even smaller rain events troublesome in areas of the city. He stated that they also went on to say that detention basins that were proposed by the New Albany Storm Water Master Plan would not be effective for the problem areas in this study or may not be economical. He said that he just wanted to get that out there because it is very concerning to him. He stated that with the comprehensive plan that we have, it seems like we do a lot of changes in zoning and approve a lot of variances. He said that it is a concern considering the Falling Run watershed is most of the city. He then asked what the status is on premium pay from ARP for city employees and if that is still a consideration?

**Mr. Gibson** replied yes, absolutely.

**Mr. Turner** stated that he heard that we lost a police officer last week and we are currently at 65 police officers right now and that includes new hires that are not trained yet, so we have 61 cops on the street. He asked if there is a problem with retention right now or is there a comp issue or morale issue in the department that is causing our officers to leave?

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that there is an employment issue. He said that unless you have been in a cave, you realize that there is an employment issue in this country right now, so it is difficult to recruit and hire proper staff. He stated that you can't hire people that don't meet the minimum standards. He added that other people have left their law enforcement careers because of the situation in the world. He said that he thinks it will be a short-lived situation.

**Mr. Turner** asked about the ones that are leaving for other agencies.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that is a personal choice on their part.

**Mrs. McLaughlin** stated that she would like to commend the New Albany Police Department for traffic calming and reducing speeding. She said that she has seen police officers all over the city and she has noticed a lot that it keeps people at the speed limits which they have reduced. She told Police Chief Bailey that she really appreciates what they are doing especially with being understaffed the way they are.

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that he will pass that along.

**Mrs. Collier** stated that she has a comment in regards to the group that is present for the Bohannon Lane area. She said that from her understanding, the council did follow all of

the proper procedures and she is very sympathetic to those people because that area borders her district so she drives through there daily. She stated that she wanted to ask Ms. Stein to verify whether or not that should have come back under the council's jurisdiction.

**Ms. Stein** stated that a variance does not come back before the council.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he would like to hear from the person, who was evidently in a position of authority, that did tell them that it would come back to council and why that was told to them.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that he just wanted everyone to think about the people of Ukraine and others that are suffering in the world and just how lucky we are to have opportunities and to live in a free country.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – MAYOR:**

**Mr. Gibson** stated that Mayor Gahan wanted everyone to know that we have an official derby event coming up called FamFest. He said that it is on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and will be right behind us in the parking lot from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. He stated that they will be putting more information out about it but it is an official derby event on our side of the river, so they would like to see it be successful and asked that everyone help them push that out there.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS OR CITY OFFICIALS:**

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that pertaining to a discussion that they had at the last council meeting, they have established a traffic concern telephone number to allow people to call and express their concerns pertaining to traffic issues. He said that telephone number is 812-948-5305. He also said that he thought Mr. Aebersold had a really good idea with regards to the small form that the members of the council could hand out to people and maybe include that telephone number. He stated that he really does feel that it is important that they get this information firsthand and although he does appreciate the information that the members relay to them, sometimes they find that something was not included that someone that has firsthand knowledge will later include. He asked that the council encourage people to use the telephone number. He said that it will be answered by a real person during business hours and after hours, it will be a recorded line where they can leave information such as their name, telephone number, the location of the concern and what the specific concern is. He stated that they are going to document every call that they get, contact the individual and if they don't respond it doesn't really matter because they will still respond to the concern to analyze it. He said that if they determine that it is a problem, they will assign staff to either monitor, manage or put out the traffic boards so that they can get an audit of what is actually going on in the area. He stated that after they handle the concern of the individual that called, they will communicate back to them. He said that is more or less how they handle things already but this cleans it up and makes it fairly easy. He also said they will add the telephone number to the website so that it will be publicly known.

**Mr. Turner** stated that is great start going forward but asked about the 30 or so streets that Mr. Blair and he have identified over the last two years?

**Police Chief Bailey** stated that they have the lists and they are starting to systematically work through those.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that safety and traffic will meet and go over that process and decide on whatever materials they want the council to have.

**REPORTS – COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL:**

**One Southern Indiana Update**

**Mrs. Wendy Dant-Chesser** stated that she wanted to say thank you for allowing them to partner with the City of New Albany on their economic development mission. She said that one of the best things that they can do is represent their communities to companies that tour the area to see what their best fits are and the City of New Albany has been a great partner in allowing them to do that. She stated that they not only help on new projects that may be looking at the area, but more importantly helping those companies that are already here grow and expand. She said that is the mission that they do with their economic development work. She presented the council with print outs of their presentation. Said presentation is on file in the city clerk's office. She went to page two that showed the population growth in surrounding counties in Southern Indiana according to the 2010 to 2020 census numbers. She stated that the chart showed that Floyd County grew by almost 8% (7.92%) during that time. She said that you can see where Louisville MSA grew 6.9%, the state of Indiana grew 4.7% and the United State grew 7.4%, so Floyd County's growth average was higher than the national growth average.

**Mr. Matt Hall, Executive VP of Economic Development,** stated that the next page shows that we had a record year in 2021 and tied our best year ever with 14 project announcements and exceeded our capital investment record that we set back in 2016. He said that four of those 14 project announcements were attraction projects so those were companies coming to our region for the very first time. He stated that 10 of those project announcements were expansions of our existing businesses, which is where they focus a lot of their energy because they see the best results from helping existing businesses grow and add jobs here. He added that every time a business grows here that is a victory in retention. He stated that the next page breaks down those project announcements by type which were 57% manufacturing, 22% manufacturing/distribution, 14% service and 7% warehouse/distribution. He said that the next page talks specifically about New Albany projects and there was a total of five. He said those created 328 new jobs and added annual payroll of \$22,765,413.00. He stated that the average hourly wage, excluding benefits, was \$33.37 and 327 Hoosiers (Indiana residents) retained those jobs. He said that the new capital investment totaled \$78,374,034.00. He stated that the next page shows who those specific projects were and the page after that shows specifically who the expansion projects were. He moved on to the next page and said that it was a timeline of announcements and there was a record number of projects announced in 2021 and the following page talks about those jobs from those projects. He said that there was a total of 2,111 jobs and 1,240 were from the new companies coming in and 871 were from the expansion of existing companies. He stated that the payroll number is on the next page and is the number that he gets the most excited about. He said that \$110.6M added annually to our payroll and \$59,291,024.00 was from the new companies and \$51,350,998.00 was from the expansion of the existing companies. He stated that the next page is that capital investment number which is \$562.8M and \$37,210,000.00 came from the new companies and \$525,578,278.00 came from the expansion of existing companies. He said that investment number is the largest that they have ever had and the largest project that they had was the Sazerac expansion into Clark County which is a \$408M project so that is the biggest chunk of that number that you see. He moved on to the next page which talked about wages and \$25.20 was the average wage of all of those 14 projects, so the five in New Albany that had the \$33.37 wage are higher than all of our

projects for the year. He said that on the left-hand side of the page you see 2020 average wages which were \$21.98 for Clark County, \$22.17 for Floyd County and \$19.29 for Scott County, so we are exceeding the average county wage which is just what we want to do. He stated that on the right-hand side of the page is the down side to that which are the livable wages based on household size. He said that for a single adult it is \$13.61, but for a single adult with one child it is \$27.51 so we aren't quite making that wage of a single adult with one child. He stated that we are pushing our wages up but we are not pushing them up far enough. He said that the next page is accumulative numbers since their organization has been in existence in 2006 and you will see that they announced their 200th project in 2021 and they are now at 201 projects announced. He stated that 17,828 new jobs were created from those projects, \$731,057,673.00 in added annual payroll and \$2,179,970,119.00 in new capital investment from those 200 projects. He said that they are very proud of those numbers.

**Dr. Knable** thanked Mr. Hall for bringing this data before the council. He then asked if they track salary increases for existing jobs as well?

**Mr. Hall** replied that their organization doesn't but there are people who do.

**Dr. Knable** stated, if possible, it would be great to see that and compare that data to inflation as it continues to kind of rampage.

**Mr. Hall** stated that the average number that he told them actually has gone up every year.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he suspects it has not jumped 7% this year.

**Mr. Hall** replied no.

**Mrs. Dant-Chesser** stated that number is almost over a year in arrears and they just got the 2020 average numbers in the first week of January 2022 so there is also that lag in time. She said that they may have talked to them about this back when General Mills closed, but they didn't see that impact immediately in the county average wage number. She stated that Sazerac came here eight months later, so they saw only a little more than a blip in that average wage.

**Dr. Knable** stated that he kind of got caught on his heels like a lot of us did because we had such a long period of really no inflation and he has failed to ask people that come before the council what their plan would be if there was inflation with regards to salary matching. He said that is something that he is going to add to his list of questions when we have people that are wanting to move into the area.

**Mrs. Dant-Chesser** stated that we have inflation issues, we have supply chain issues and the different products that have been affected by the supply chain. She said that it is all across the board. She then moved on to the next page in the presentation and said that they had a board of directors retreat in March of last year and they adopted four strategic initiatives. She stated that the 2021-22 Plan of Work includes emerging as a leader in public policy, diversity, equity and inclusion, small business education and lending and collaboration for regional prosperity. She said that the next page includes a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program within One Southern Indiana that is probably 60 years overdue. She stated that Ms. Shannon Paddymo is the new manager of DE&I and she is a networking fool. She said that she comes with her own network and is going to help our local businesses on both fronts. She stated that it could be a minority owned business that's looking for more business-to-business connections or maybe a majority owned

business looking for opportunities to partner with minority owned businesses. She said that the next page talks about the growth that they intend on with the small business education and lending. She stated that she will say thanks to the council and the city again for their support in helping the small businesses during the Covid crisis with the emergency loan programs that were managed. She said because of that, they saw \$1.015M that were donated and dedicated to small businesses and they made 125 loans through those programs in 2020 and only one of the businesses closed. She then stated that they have partnered with the Indiana Small Business Development Center and have hired a shared employee, Mr. Michael Fulkerson, who is a New Albany resident. She said that he has been on the entrepreneur side of business, specifically in the food and beverage industry, and is creating an educational boot camp for small businesses that are not bankable. She stated these are businesses that the bank may say that they are not ready for their type of lending and will send them to us and we can help them with some microloans to get them started. She moved on to the next page and said that Southern Indiana is READI. She stated that they have talked for the last six and a half years about the idea of regional collaboration and what they can do with some of the state incentives that are asking regions to work together. She said that the five counties of Clark, Floyd, Jefferson, Scott and Washington supported an application for the state Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative Program (READI). She stated that the state allocated \$500M into that program through the federal ARP funds and those funds were allocated this last budget session. She said that 17 regions applied for up to \$50M and she is pleased to say that we are one of the regions that did get the \$50M award. She stated that means there are projects where those dollars will be leveraged that will increase economic growth and population enhancement and talent attraction, which is the number one purpose of that program. She said that those dollars will all be committed by 2024 and expended by 2026. She stated that Our Southern Indiana RDA is partnering with River Hills and she anticipates that will be a long-term relationship with those organizations administering those funds for the good of those five counties and the residents in them. She moved on to the final page and said that the READI funds would leverage from those 18 projects approximately \$1B in public and private investments over the next several years, and you can see some of the numbers that would be generated from the projects that were included in the plan. She stated that one of the things that she is most excited about is where we have come from and where we are going.

**Dr. Knable** asked if she could expand a little on who makes up River Hills EDD? He also asked if she could speak to public comment past, present and future with regards to how those funds might be committed?

**Mrs. Dant-Chesser** stated that he may have met Mr. Corey Cochran from River Hills which is a five-county entity but is not the same exact footprint as our RDA. She said that the five counties in River Hills is Clark, Floyd, Washington, Scott and Harrison so Harrison is the one that is not part of RDA. She stated that she can't speak to exactly who makes up that board but she does know that a lot of local governments including county and city governments make appointments to that board. She then said that the one thing that the state asked them to do was to put into our plans how those dollars would be spent. She said the RDA issued a Call for Projects on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the submissions had to be sent in by July 20<sup>th</sup>. She stated that folks had five weeks to put their plans in place and those plans were submitted to the state on September 30<sup>th</sup>. She said that all of it is available on the Our Southern Indiana RDA website, [oursoinrda.org](http://oursoinrda.org). She stated that the City of New Albany put forth a project and Mr. Staten was the contact on the South Monon Trail. She said that the project would basically acquire the former rail line from downtown New Albany, through parts of Floyd County and Clark County into the town of Borden, through Washington County and almost to Bedford. She said it is a 68-mile

project and if you think about what draws people to live in a place with quality of place enhancements, that is exactly the type of project that they would like to see there.

**Mr. Blair** stated that he is very appreciative of what 1si did with the RDA because when Indiana came out with this plan, this region was in such disarray that a regional board could not be put together in order to even submit proposals, so we lost out on significant dollars on the very first round of this. He said that the 1si staff jumped in and coordinated the region and got us in a great position to receive this and as you see, we received the maximum amount. He stated that he really appreciates their efforts in doing this. He said that even if New Albany doesn't get part of this READI grant, it will still benefit us because it is regional so there will still be people in this community that will benefit from it.

**Mr. Aebersold** asked when they start discussing this, are there people that we can send up there to explain more or are they going to look at everything on paper and decide?

**Mrs. Dant-Chesser** stated that she believes that they will send RDA a contract and that will stipulate all of the details on how those dollars will be expended. She said that they have heard from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation that they are going to support what the region has said it will support. She then stated that they have appreciated the support from the City of New Albany to One Southern Indiana and they would like to ask for the city's financial support again.

**APPROVAL OF CF-1 FORMS:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**READING**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):**

**Mr. Scott Reid, 2416 Green Valley Road,** stated that 60% of his property is around the Elder/Bohannon project in an L shape so he really wants to talk about some comments that have been made about zoning. He said that they basically went through four different meetings and it was a tough fight and it wasn't an easy one to move forward. He stated that no elevation was ever presented in the zoning meeting and at every zoning meeting, there were different folks. He said that only two people from meeting one to meeting four remained the same and that was Jimmy and the president; everyone else had changed. He said that it was a tough fight and at the end of it the president said that they would have three opportunities to go through city council to get to the subject of elevation. He added that nobody saw what they were going to do by his property which sits up on a hill. He stated that they found out that it is 11 ft. cut down for 40 ft. He said that he wanted to know about barriers to his property because he was told by zoning that he would be able to come to the council and ask that question. He asked why it was posted if it didn't have to come to the council? He stated that the old project with Thieneman was townhouses and he was going to do tanks, and this is a water basin. He said that he is not even going to get into traffic. He stated that there are some differences from this project and the Thieneman project. He asked how an appointed official can decide a project that the council should decide? He said that the council members are elected to represent the people and make decisions and whatever you decide, that should be what happens. He stated that they should, at least as the public, be able to come and talk about their grievances. He said that it is already flattened and whatever is going to

go in there, there will be trees lost and it is a tragedy. He stated that this is a watershed next to a flood plain and we already have water problems so even though Mr. Copperwaite says that not one inch of a drop of water will fall someplace else, they need to present it to the council and let you decide if it is correct. He said that we already have the Summit up on the hill and we had to spend \$1M to get things up there for a Taco Bell and a hotel. He stated that we had to reroute water down the Summit and behind the Salvation Army for that water. He said that we are begging and borrowing to put water someplace and it shouldn't be just decided without the council. He stated that he hopes the council will look at this and maybe at some point, he can tell the council what he thinks he deserves as a property owner that he didn't get during zoning. He said that it is all about the builder and all about the developer. He told the council to make them tell you what the elevation is, make them tell you about the basin and make them tell you about the traffic.

**Mr. Bruce Weddle, 208 S. Bohannon Lane**, stated that the Falling Run watershed, he feels, is being ignored. He said that the bombshell tonight, in his opinion, is the Army Corp of Engineers report that Mr. Turner brought up and he thinks everyone should dig into it. He said that the board of zoning has replaced member after member and Mrs. Booker, who had been on there for years, was told just a couple of hours before the meeting that her services were no longer needed. He stated that he was standing outside the door and a gentleman walked up to him and asked him to help him because he was a new member of the board of zoning and didn't know where to go. He said that he told him to report to Mr. Riggs, who is the president, and he will get him all lined out. He then asked the gentleman if he planned on voting at the meeting that night and the gentleman said he sure was. He asked the gentleman if he knew anything about this project and he said not really. He stated that his point of contention is that members were replaced and the new members weren't brought up to speed on what the needs were and didn't hear it. He then said that he had to laugh because when it was put up for a vote, the two new people there were kind of looking around for guidance from Mr. Riggs on how to vote. He said that he laughed because it was funny but it really isn't funny. He stated that Mr. Riggs told everyone at the end to calm down because we were going to get more chances to come before the board. He said that Mr. Riggs said that he was going to recommend for this to be approved but that it would go before the board and they would be able to state their opinions. He said that every single time that they asked pertinent questions about the water, he said that not one drop of water will leave this project onto anyone else's property. He stated that they couldn't get answers on the water retention ditches and they didn't want to spend any money, so they were going to do unlined and you know what happens to unlined retention ditches. He said that they keep caving in and weeds and things grow up and all the water is going to go out on Daisy Lane into the center of the street straight down to the bridge and dump into Falling Run Creek, which they have a horrible problem with now. He stated that when he bought his property, he was not anywhere near a flood zone and then about 10-12 years ago, he got a letter from the Corp of Engineers that said due to building, etc., they were going to enhance their flood zone area. He said that he looked at it and thought, wow, that is getting closer but it is nothing to worry about. He then started noticing that the creek starting to flood and he came down and tried to talk to the appropriate people and they would just say it was a rare occurrence, etc., but it was getting him pretty excited. He stated that in six more years he received another letter from the Corp of Engineers that said they were enhancing their flood zone again and he started getting really worried because the zone was now going to be right on him. He said that it wasn't a short time after that, he was in the flood zone. He said that he is fortunate enough to have his property paid off but there are a lot of people that are not that fortunate, and if you own a mortgage, you have to buy flood insurance and it is really expensive. He also said that flood insurance doesn't cover hardly anything. He then asked whose fault this is and who keeps approving all of the



projects in the Falling Run watershed? He stated that you know as well as he does who keeps approving these projects. He then said that he didn't feel that they got a fair shake at the board of zoning, but he knew that they would get a fair shake at the city council and they didn't get that. He stated that about a month after the project was approved, he was down at Mr. Wood's office and he wants to publicly state on the record that there is a problem with that office.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that they don't allow comments about specific people.

**Mr. Weddle** stated that it has been all of the residents' experience that you go down there and asked Mr. Wood when they are going before the city council and he smiles and says "when I know, you will know". He said that it never went before anything so they started contacting city council and was told that they haven't heard anything yet but they will check into it. He stated that different members started checking into it but nothing was coming out of that office. He feels that Mr. Wood knew exactly what was going on and he thinks that he should have told them. He added that if there have been rules and regulations changed, they should have been told. He stated that he is not a sore loser but just wants a fair shot and when the determination is made, he will make the best of it and go on. He then said that the board of zoning requires there to be a sign posted of the meeting, notifying anyone in that area of the time and the place of the meeting which gives people the opportunity to go to the meeting and speak. He stated that there was never one sign posted on the Daisy Lane property where the entrance is and the exit is. He said that he is not an attorney but he feels that should make it null and void. He said that work trucks were parking in his asphalt driveway and he had to ask them to stop so they wouldn't tear up his driveway. He stated that now they are coming down S. Bohannon Lane, which is very narrow, and parking trucks and trailers in the middle of the street and some homeowners can't get out of their driveways. He added that sometimes when you are out, you can't get back into your home. He stated that if you call about it, Mr. Larry Summers' name comes up and that is who you are supposed to speak with. He said that he thinks this needs to come before the city council because they were promised that it would and someone needs to tell them the elevation, what the water runoff is and what the plan is for this water. He also said that he would be very interested in knowing what the perc test really said. He stated that there needs to be someone in charge and overseeing when things go wrong so that they can call them. He said that they have called the mayor's office and the only name that comes up is Mr. Larry Summers, and he usually can't be found so they have to leave messages for him. He then asked where is the correct list with the correct phone numbers for the city council members? He said that he has the highest respect for Mr. Bob Caesar and he is a friend but every number that he has for him is a non-working number. He also said that he is going to jab Mr. Caesar about it, but he would like to have a number to call his city councilman.

**Mr. Applegate** stated that the website can be checked to verify the numbers.

**Mrs. Rosalind Metzmeier, 118 N. Bohannon Lane**, passed out some pictures that she wanted the council to review. She stated that everything Mr. Reid and Mr. Weddle said is the truth. She said she has owned her home for 52 years and when they built the allergy building, she called downtown and asked why they aren't putting in the plastic things like they have at CVS and like they did at Dr. Nassim's building. She was told that it is because it is two separate lots but they were going to have a retention basin. She stated that they have a nice beautiful retention basin that backs up to Trinity Run but the ditch around her 1959 home has more water in it whenever it rains than their retention basin does. She said that it drains off to that Trinity Run creek. She challenged everyone to pull into that parking lot one day when it is raining. She stated that she has called the

storm water people and she has called the engineer that built this for that building in 2016. She said that there are all of these 100-year floods that keep happening and Mr. Brandon Sailings gave her his number and told her to call him when this happens. She stated that we usually have the most rain on Saturday nights or Sunday mornings or holidays. She said that she is not going to call him on a Sunday to tell him that it has been raining and ask him to ride over to look at it. She stated that her other big gripe is about trees and she showed a newspaper article from October, 2018 that said the tree inventory was completed. She said on September 30, 2022 there was an article about New Albany planting 250 more trees and our mayor said that this was important and they are going to do it in phases. She stated that she is sure that they have cut down over 1,000 up there but they were assured at the zoning meeting that they were going to leave as many mature trees as possible. She said that she bets they haven't left a dozen and that's not right. She stated that they did the comprehensive plan and there were rules about what was supposed to be built there and it was supposed to be smaller homes or single-family homes. She said that they had no objections from the beginning for something like Trinity Run and then they got stuck with a three-story, 84-unit apartment building. She stated that doesn't fit their neighborhood. She said that the comprehensive plan says that infill and development need to be compatible with its surroundings. She added that from the 32 neighbors, they have two homes that have a second story. She stated that development just doesn't fit in and she wonders why they can't follow these things. She said that she feels all they are doing is wasting their money and their time and she doesn't understand why they got stuck with this. She stated that they got stuck with Cross Creek on the other side and the neighbors got an attorney and tried to fight but the old chicken farm was turned into that. She added that it was not built as low-income; it was built as nice apartments. She said for them to look around at their neighborhoods and hope that this doesn't happen to them.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Jason Applegate, President

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Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk