

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA,
HELD A COUNCIL WORK SESSION IN THE THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY
ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 AT 6:30
P.M.**

The meeting of the **New Albany City Council** was called to order by Mr. McLaughlin at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Members, Mr. Caesar, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Nash, Mr. Blair, Mr. Aebersold, Mr. Barksdale and Dr. Knable and President McLaughlin. Mr. Coffey was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorch and Mrs. Glotzbach

Shaunna Graf introduced herself and stated that she was present to give the annual update on the Ohio River Greenway Project. She explained that they should have received an email from her a few weeks ago that had the annual report attached to it and tonight they will be discussing the project status updates, upcoming events and ways in which they can help. She introduced the council to the Greenway Project Commission Members and explained that it was chartered with the goal of connecting the three communities. She explained that the greenway is about creating experiences and the mission is to provide opportunities to preserve and enhance the natural and historic seven miles of riverfront that includes New Albany, Clarksville and Jeffersonville. She gave some background information on the impact greenway projects have had in other communities and updated the council on the status of the project. She discussed funding for the project through donors, grants and partnerships and what those monies would be used for. She went over the responsibilities and duties of the commission and explained that they are a government entity and all serve as volunteers. She handed out a brochure that outlined the beginning, ending point, borders, areas that are under construction and areas that are completed on the greenway, said brochure is on file with the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Caesar asked if the whole area down to the George Rogers Clark home site is going to be completed

Ms. Graf replied yes. She explained that when they looked at bids for the 18th Street to Silver Creek segment the price was more expensive than New Albany thought it was. She stated that while they think the money is there they won't really know until the contractor comes back with the bids.

Mr. Phipps asked if the junkyard will be removed.

Ms. Graf replied no because there is no money to do it. She discussed Louisville's plans for the hundred mile loop and stated that New Albany could potentially be connected to that via the K&I connections once the New Albany section is complete.

Dr. Knable asked what Water Street is going to look like when it is done compared to now.

Ms. Graf stated that it will be very similar and the planners have the drawings if he would like to look at them.

Dr. Knable asked if that roadway would be closed to vehicles.

Ms. Graf replied no.

Mr. Aebersold asked what the purple line on the map is.

Ms. Graf explained that it is a Clarksville trail that connects up to the greenway. She stated that if they go to Clarksville's website they can see some of the plans that they have for that area if they have the money to get it done. She invited them to reach out to her if they had any questions and stated that if they would like to take a tour of the greenway she would be happy to facilitate that.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Pat McLaughlin, President

Vicki Glotzbach, City Clerk