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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Council Clerk Krystal Gonchar
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: ***Constituent Update - May Report***
Date: 06/07/2021

General Update - Events and Actions of May 2021:

- Collaborated with Councilmember Angelou to draft Air Quality Awareness Week resolution.
- Continued research and discussions on housing issues in Central Ohio, including meetings with Executive Director of Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio and meeting Columbus City Councilmember Shayla Favor and staff on Housing for All initiatives.
- Tracked progress of other communities' Resolutions in support of expanding Amtrak and passenger rail in Central Ohio.
- Attended City of Gahanna Development Summit hosted by Mayor at The Peak at Edison
- Attended Arbor Day event/ribbon-cutting of Arboretum at Creekside Island
- Received and reviewed the Columbus Metro Region Report on New Americans; forwarded to Council

Constituent Hours

I'll be returning to in-person Constituent Hours; park location TBD June 21 at 4:30 p.m.

You may sign up for periodic email updates here: <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1: Source of Income Protection

Action:

On-going research into options for fair housing legislation. See general updates, above.

Status:

Pending. Next step is to meet with Homeport representatives.

#2 Disc golf course project

Constituent interested in pitching disc golf course in Gahanna, discussed briefly in person and received an email.

Action:

Responded to constituent suggesting dates to further discuss, will loop in Parks & Rec.

Status:

Pending.

#3 New Business Ribbon Cuttings/Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce

Received email from Chamber of Commerce inviting council members to new business ribbon cuttings.

Action:

Responded.

Response:

Will attend the June 8 event.

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#4 Unsolicited Advertisements/Litter

On-going emails from constituent regarding manner in which “The Bag” is being deposited on the ground in west-side neighborhoods..

Action:

Responded via email.

Response:

Awaiting legislation from Mayor’s office, anticipated June 14, 2021.

#5 Return to In-Person Council Meetings

Received an email from constituent asking when Council will return to in-person meetings.

Action:

Councilwoman McGregor responded to query.

Response:

N/A

#6 Damage/nuisance created by items on curb

Received email from Constituent regarding destruction of property left at curb, creating nuisance/danger.

Action:

Responded to constituent and forwarded to Chief Spence; advised constituent to create police report via non-emergency contact to GPD if event recurs.

Response:

N/A

#7 Request for Information on Resolution Condemning Hate Speech, Intimidation and Affirming Equality

Received request from constituent for copy of proposed Resolution and minutes/meeting discussion on resolution.

Action:

Will provide to constituent.

Response:

N/A

#8 Expansion of CORA

Constituent interested in expanding the boundaries of the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.

Action:

Requested process information from Clerk on legislative steps to move forward; recommended that constituent determine whether other neighboring restaurants would be interested in participating.

Response:

Will follow up with Director of Safety/Police Chief and other members of Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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