



ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE | MAY 2024

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- **Summer Interns:** We welcomed MORPC Intern Peyton Jackson on May 15 and are welcoming back 2023 intern Nik Robinson starting May 30 to assist the Mayor's Office and Development Department this summer. Peyton will be focused on planning and development, while Nik will zero-in on communications and the City's use of social media. Welcome Peyton and Nik!
- **LinkUs - East/West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):** Participating in biweekly Bexley-specific meetings with COTA and consultants Kimley-Horn. At the City's request, COTA has commissioned a comprehensive parking study for Main Street to help inform final decision making (the Bexley corridor is currently planned for mixed traffic). On May 22, the COTA Board green-lighted the proposed 0.5% sales tax levy being placed on the November ballot. Public outreach, including a Bexly hosted workshop, is planned for later this summer: linkuscolumbus.com
- **Bexley Mural Fest:** Initial call for artists was met with 58 artist applications. The Planning Committee narrowed the group to 10 finalists who have been invited to submit concepts for two example walls on Main Street. The community is invited to help the Planning Committee select final muralists at their June 7 meeting (3:30 pm at City Hall). June ARB and BZAP presentations are planned: bexley.org/muralfest

DEVELOPMENT

- **2200 E Main:** With BZAP's building-specific conditions met, Continental has submitted building and demolition plans which are currently under review. In the coming weeks, expect increased site activity including City of Columbus firefighters training (no live burns), non-profits removing old appliances and fixtures for reuse, and ultimately the arrival of large equipment for building demolition. A construction fence surrounding the site is also coming soon. Continental representatives hosted a neighbor meeting on May 14 to help answer demolition related questions for those living nearby. Other updates will be shared on the City's website and in the Bexley Blast: bexley.org/2200-main
- **Meet Your Street:** Hosted Livingston Avenue and Main Street meetings in May (the Cassady Avenue meeting was in April). Attendance was generally low for Livingston and Cassady but the Main Street meeting was well attended, with discussion focused on general development, LinkUs, parking and Mural Fest. Next set of meetings coming in August (dates TBD): bexley.org/meetyourstreet
- **Land Use Commission:** Soliciting proposals for market studies specific to supply and demand for various end uses. Supporting working groups as they prepare information for the Boards and Commission Member Retreat on June 21: bexley.org/landuse

COMMUNICATIONS

- **One Bexley:** Assisting the One Bexley Steering Committee with initial outreach tool development, including a promotional video featuring various community members.
- **Police Department Webpage Refresh:** Working on a refresh to the Bexley Police Department webpages to help attract new recruits, streamline police requests and increase transparency. Also collaborating with Records Clerk Yvette Nguyen on developing a public facing record request archive and other process improvements.
- **Bexley Bloomers:** Volunteer attraction campaign launched; Visit new landing page at: bexleybloomers.org