



Mayor's Update to City Council January 10, 2017

Strategic Plan - 2017

Consistent with the requirements of the Bexley Charter, 2017 is the year I will be facilitating the review of the City's strategic plan and providing an updated plan for adoption by Council. I will be working closely with Council Strategic Chair Feibel through the process, which will also involve multiple public workshops and forums designed to help draw out new ideas and seek feedback on the City's strategic positioning. I plan to have a rough schedule for the plan update process by the end of January.

Post Office Meeting

I met recently with the Columbus Postmaster General, several USPS customer service reps, and the new manager of the 43209 post office. Also at the meeting was the administrator of the "Fix the 43209 Post Office" Facebook page. We reviewed numerous service complaints over the 2 years since I last met with the Postmaster General. The Postmaster reviewed steps he's taken to improve service, and reiterated the need for residents to contact USPS when they have issues. Per their stats, the 43209 post office is similar to other post offices in the region in terms of volume of complaints. It is possible our residents are not lodging complaints centrally, or also possible our residents are more vocal than other areas that are having similar issues. Info on how to contact USPS with issues is at www.bexley.org/post.

New Boards Begin this Month

The ARB and BZAP retreat was held in December, and board members discussed board process, culture, and mission statements. The first ARB meeting is this Thursday, the 12th, and the first BZAP meeting is in two weeks, on January 26th.

Goals for 2017

Since council members are reviewing their goals for their committees, I want to cover some of my goals for 2017:

- Strategic Plan refresh begun and completed by end of year
- Livingston Corridor:
 - o Solidify plans with CIC for assemblage project
 - o Begin a working group with Columbus to progress on joint streetscape/improvements plan
- Safety Initiatives:
 - o Deploy FLIR in PD cruisers
 - o Complete Phase II of alley light expansion
 - o Research body camera feasibility for Bexley PD
 - o Make meaningful progress on Livingston corridor initiatives as a way to increase safety environment in Bexley

- Parks and public spaces:
 - o North Community Garden – finalize design and begin development
 - o Schneider Park Expansion – continue expansion of park with the following goals:
 - Complete construction of athletic fields
 - Complete design and begin construction on north trail completion and Main Street connection
 - Dog Park – create preliminary design and seek funding
 - o Begin Commonwealth Park master plan process
 - o Plan and commence parks garage relocation
- Environmental:
 - o Research and potentially create e-SID for Bexley
 - o Renewable Energy – complete solar project
 - o Complete Zero Waste planning process and begin implementation
- Community and Social Health Initiatives:
 - o Diversity/Social Health – work with institutional partners to launch community programming around diversity and social health issues in Bexley
 - o CHAT – work to support the objectives of the Bexley CHAT

Coming Up

January 12, 3:30 pm:

SW Bexley Master Plan Steering Committee

January 12, 6:00 pm:

Bexley Architectural Review Board Meeting

January 14, 9:00 am:

Coffee with the Mayor and Council Prez. @ The BEagle

January 16:

City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 17, 5:30 pm:

Bexley Board of Health Meeting

January 18, 4:00 pm:

Bexley Tree Commission Meeting

January 24, 6:00 pm:

City Council Meeting

January 25, 6:30 pm:

SW Bexley Master Plan Public Workshop

February 10-11:

Bexley City Council Retreat

February 21, 6:30 pm:

State of the Community Address at Drexel Theatre