



## Community Services Advisory Commission

January 13, 2015

Minutes

### Commission Members:

**Present:** Christine Gawronski, Marilyn Baker, Ann Bohman, Stephanie Hall, Kelli Lynn, Derek Graham, Mindy Carr

**Absent:** Mel Ehrlich, Warren Fishman

### Staff Members Present:

Michelle Crandall, Asst. City Manager  
Fred Hahn, Director of Parks & Open Space  
Matt Earman, Director of Recreation Services

### Guests:

None

### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Christine Gawronski established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### II. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None present.

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014

Copies of the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes had been distributed by email to CSAC members for review. Ms. Bohman did not believe there was adequate time provided for review and moved to postpone approval of the meeting minutes until the February 10 meeting date, seconded by Ms. Baker. All in favor, the motion was approved.

### IV. Review Recommendation Memo on Dog Park – Fred Hahn

Mr. Hahn had prepared a proposed memo to City Council summarizing the CSAC recommendation on the Dog Park (attached). Ms. Gawronski thanked Mr. Hahn for doing a good job summarizing their recommendation. Mr. Hahn stated that if the memo is approved by CSAC, he will submit it for the January 26 City Council meeting. Ms. Gawronski asked if a CSAC member should attend the City Council meeting to present it. Mr. Hahn responded it is their preference but it could be late in the meeting and he would be present to address any issues. Ms. Hall moved that CSAC prefers Mr. Hahn to move forward with submitting the CSAC recommendation memo to City Council, seconded by Ms. Lynn. All in favor, the motion was approved. Mr. Hahn confirmed that the shade element will be included in the P&OS proposed 2016 Operating Budget as the main request for enhancements to the existing dog park.

### V. Update on CSAC Projects (subcommittee reports)

#### Fishing Education

Ms. Bohman had emailed a draft to CSAC members of the Fishing subcommittee report summarizing their final recommendations, and it was distributed for review at the meeting (attached). Ms. Bohman asked if Mr. Hahn's division would be handling the work load involved with the tasks described. Mr. Hahn agreed that the P&OS staff would oversee implementing the tasks and coordinate with the Community Relations team with regard to the web site element. An overview of the issues included:

- Web map – Create a map on the City’s web site to show all 67 City-owned ponds and highlight the ponds located in the public parks and provide directions. If more information is needed on the parks that are not highlighted, perhaps the web could direct an email to CSAC members for more information. Mr. Hahn stated that some of the community park ponds could be featured in the narrative and the map could show all, as well as more information being provided about any pond when associated with an event. Ms. Gawronski noted that the pond in her neighborhood is scheduled to have a dock constructed and requested to host a fishing event when that occurs. The web content should also include a listing and pictures of fish that are stocked in the ponds and fishing etiquette.
- On-site additions - In addition to the web site information, Ms. Bohman also requested that certain ponds (those featured) could have a plastic tube on site to dispose of fishing line and hooks, as well as a plaque with pictures of the stocked fish and guidelines on fishing etiquette.
- Fishing on the Scioto River – Ms. Carr suggested the addition of public fishing access points and respecting the private property should be added to the web content. Mr. Hahn agreed this could be shown on the map.
- Fishing Etiquette – summarize on the web and on the plaque at the ponds. Ms. Carr added that perhaps information could even be included about storm water to meet Dublin’s storm water education (NPDES Permit) requirements.
- Web links – a few links are included for additional information on fishing.
- Instagram – Ms. Lynn suggested that social media outlets could be used to promote fishing including the existing Instagram group started by a local middle school student, a Facebook page, etc., targeting all age groups and experience levels (referenced Dublin Moms in the Know and Kick). Also highlight Dublin’s recreation camps that include a fishing element. Highlight recreation camps that include a fishing element. Mr. Earman noted that the City is starting a new program this spring partnering with Olentangy Paddle (kayak/canoe company) that will be designing about seven different types of trips on the Scioto River this year.

Ms. Bohman asked about the next step to finalizing the Fishing topic. Mr. Hahn agreed that staff will coordinate the web page, signage, etc. Once the P&OS division gets a mock-up of the plaque, Mr. Hahn will bring it back to CSAC for review. In terms of the overall recommendation, Mr. Hahn recommended reporting back to Council, and Ms. Crandall stated it requires minimal work and funding and could be provided as an Information Only item to City Council.

In response to a question from Ms. Lynn, Ms. Crandall will follow-up with Ms. Puskarcik about any fishing promotion or activity in the City.

#### Scioto River Trail:

No current update at this time.

#### Geocaching:

Ms. Carr is currently contacting geocache owners to gather information about who is interested in being included in a Dublin geocache program and hopes to finalize the list by April.

#### Pianos:

Ms. Gawronski stated that the subcommittee had found two pianos that were ready for pick-up prior to the holidays. Mr. Brian Ashford (Facilities) put Ms. Gawronski in contact with someone from the City who stated the piano owners needed to complete a new vendor form in order for the City to cut a check for the \$60 and \$75 payments. Both owners refused to complete the form. The subcommittee then decided to wait until after the holidays and also may consider just suggesting to piano owners that perhaps they could make more money on their tax write-off by donating the piano to the City. Both Jerome High School and St. Brigid school are both ready to paint one once acquired. Ms. Crandall was

not aware of the vendor form issue and stated she would check into it. Ms. Gawronski said she would forward the email trail to Ms. Crandall to investigate the need for the vendor form.

Bicycle Friendly Community:

Ms. Hall reported that the subcommittee is currently reviewing the data provided about other communities with the designation (and requested that others provide information if desired) and will put together some ideas for distribution in advance of the February meeting.

Climbing Opportunities:

No current update at this time.

Indoor Educational Activities:

Ms. Bohman stated that the subcommittee is still reviewing the Earthworks plan and was also informed about another facility in Dayton called Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and will add it to their list of places to visit to see what they have to offer.

Ms. Gawronski suggested that with the various subcommittees reviewing several projects, perhaps each could email an update to the members for review prior to the CSAC meeting. CSAC members agreed.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Ms. Crandall informed CSAC about a project the City is exploring and may bring to CSAC for input. The City met with some individuals from a non-profit organization called CivicHacks) who work with open data hackathons, and the City is looking into working with them on two types of events: one would be an actual hackathon where the City opens up some community data and map layers and allows them to use it to spend a few days to develop a City App. The other element would be working with a company located at the City's Dublin Entrepreneurial Center who develops computer games. They would work with the City's data to develop a civic education game.

**VII. Next Meeting – February 10, 2014**

The next CSAC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Council Chambers

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Lynn. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tamra S. Moore, Administrative Specialist

**To:** Members of Dublin City Council  
**From:** Community Service Advisory Commission  
**Date:** December 23, 2014  
**Initiated By:** Fred Hahn, Director Parks and Open Space  
**Re:** Dog Park Additions/Modifications

## Background

In the spring of 2014 members of the Community Service Advisory Commission (CSAC) conducted interviews of patrons of Dublin's dog park located at Darree Fields to solicit ideas and wants of this particular user group. The interviews were mainly centered on opinions regarding suggested improvements to the existing dog park.

Some common themes were derived including the expansion of the park into the adjacent woodlot, additional trees, providing a waste disposal/dispenser station, boulders, additional seating with shade, a hose or dog wash and a water feature.

These suggestions have been analyzed and plans are in the making to implement most of the improvements. The summary of these plans are as follows:

1. In 2015 a waste disposal/dispenser will be installed
2. In 2015 'boulders' will be placed
3. In 2015 the idea of a hose/dog wash area will be analyzed and if the existing infrastructure allows for a ready inclusion, then it will be implemented
4. Propose for inclusion into the 2016 budget process for a shade structure with additional seating.

Suggestions not being pursued are the expansion into the adjacent woodlot (vernal pools immediately adjacent to the existing fence line) and a water feature (plumbing complications, expense and mud).

CSAC Also discussed the need, or lack of, additional dog parks, especially within the Bridge Street District. The discussions concluded with the recommendation that if development within the Bridge Street District results in more demand for a dog park or dog areas, than the developer should be the party that is responsible for providing this amenity. It is recognized that any additional City developed dog parks, especially in areas of the City that currently are developed, is more than likely to cause issues with those who currently reside in the immediate areas. Proper pre-development planning is essential to minimize negative impact of dog parks to the surrounds.

CSAC also concluded that the existing dog park, especially with the planned improvements, is meeting the majority of the current demands and thus CSAC is not recommending an additional City developed dog park.

ATTENTION: Fred Hahn-could you please provide the information \*\*? Thanks

## D R A F T

(10-17-14)

Create a link from the City of Dublin and  
Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) sites to search for:  
FISHING

- *Fishing ponds in the City of Dublin: All ponds are city owned*

\*\*Map showing where the fishing ponds in Dublin's public parks are located.

- *What fish are in the ponds:*Dublin ponds have good natural selection & reproduction  
New ponds are stocked and then sit a year for natural reproduction before restocking.
- The ponds are stocked with:
  - **blue gill, channel catfish, striped bass, white perch, and carpe.**
  - There is no "catch and release" rule in the City of Dublin.

\*\*• *Pictures of the fish stocked in Dublin ponds:*

- **blue gill**
- **channel catfish**
- **striped bass**
- **white perch**
- **carpe**

- *Fishing on the Scioto River*

- The fishing area under the 270 Bridge is now paved.
- A fishing license is required for those over 16 years old.
- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is responsible for this waterway.

- *Fishing etiquette:*

## FISHING ETIQUETTE

*Fishing is a wonderful privilege*

Remember the "golden rule"- treat others the way you want to be treated even when fishing!

Leave an area better than when you arrived.

Never leave trash behind

***TreadLightly*** where ever you go in nature

Never use live bait fish that do not normally reside in the waters where you are fishing.

Keep no more fish than needed for consumption and legally allowed.

Never keep more fish than you can use

Use proper release methods for fish - quickly and carefully

Respect the space of other anglers when fishing.

Do your best to keep noise to a minimum, so you can experience the tranquility found outdoors.

Minimizing your impact on the outdoors and our water resources to help build a positive angling community.

Thank you

- *Fishing Links:*

[FINTALK.COM](http://FINTALK.COM)

We LOVE to fish, and we wanted to create a place on the internet to further our love for the sport. We wanted to do something we love so we decided to create a website that would feature as much fishing information as possible. We wanted to make a spot for fishermen that was not only a forum, or not only had fishing reports, but a place that had all that and also had tides, weather, and other knowledge or advice we could give to fishermen that would help them to be better more informed fishermen themselves. The old saying goes like this - 10% of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish, well Fintalk.com is here to help you be in that top 10%. Good Luck Fellow Anglers and tight lines!

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*INTRAGRAM link-showing fish caught by Dublin residents*