



Community Services Advisory Commission

May 12, 2015

Minutes

Commission Members: **Present:** Marilyn Baker, Ann Bohman, Warren Fishman, Mel Ehrlich, Derek Graham, Jason McGarvey, Mindy Carr, Christine Gawronski

Absent: Stephanie Hall, Kelli Lynn

Staff Members Present: Michelle Crandall, Asst. City Manager
Matt Earman, Director of Parks & Recreation
Tami Moore, Recorder

Guests: None

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Marilyn Baker established a quorum with six of ten members present and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Carr and Ms. Gawronski arrived shortly thereafter.

II. Administer Oath of Office

Because the meeting was a bit late getting started, Vice Mayor Rick Gerber administered the Oath of Office to new member Jason McGarvey prior to the meeting start. At this point in the agenda, CSAC members welcomed Mr. McGarvey and introduced themselves providing a brief history of living in Dublin and any service on City boards and commissions. Staff introduced themselves as well.

III. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

CSAC members discussed their interests in serving as either Chair or Vice-Chair of CSAC. Mr. Graham then nominated Ms. Gawronski to serve as Chair, seconded by Ms. Carr. All in favor, Ms. Gawronski will serve the 2015-2016 term as Chair.

Ms. Gawronski nominated Ms. Bohman to serve as Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Carr. All in favor, Ms. Bohman will serve the 2015-2016 term as Vice-Chair.

IV. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None present.

Other:

Dock Installed at Brandon:

Ms. Gawronski announced that the City has installed the dock on the pond in Brandon. She and her neighbors are very excited, and they will be organizing a fishing event. Ms. Gawronski suggested perhaps naming the dock after Fred Hahn, Dublin Parks & Open Space Director, who is retiring in July after 30 years of service at the City of Dublin. Ms. Crandall said that while the City has never named anything after an employee and there are no adopted policies addressing this, the City does provide opportunities to purchase a tree/plaque at a standard cost, or varying costs for a bench that could be placed in a City park.

Corazon:

Ms. Gawronski asked about a rumor that the City of Dublin is purchasing Corazon to use for recreation center space. Ms. Earman agreed that it is a normal course of action for the City to assess opportunities such as this that arise, but there has been no formal determination to purchase that property at this time.

Bridge Street District Park Elements:

Ms. Gawronski noted that when attending the recent HOA semi-annual meeting there was discussion about a dog park and a climbing wall being part of the Bridge Street District and asked if CSAC would have input on it. She noted that since CSAC has done research on these topics it may save time for staff and City Council. Mr. Earman said the City is soliciting input on the design concepts for all the park areas to be incorporated into the design process. However, it really is still in the brainstorming phase of what elements should be included, and there is an area on the City's web site where citizens can provide input to help determine those elements.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2015

Ms. Gawronski asked if there were any comments or revisions to the meeting minutes. There being none, Ms. Bohman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Fishman. All in favor, the minutes were approved.

VI. Items of Interest Memo for City Council

Ms. Crandall had drafted a memo outlining the topics CSAC suggested for Items of Interest to be considered by City Council. Ms. Crandall stated that she will present the memo to City Council at the May 18 meeting unless CSAC prefers to do so. Topics discussed included:

- Pending Assignments: Carryover of Geocaching in City Parks and Bicycle Friendly Community issues to include bicycle rental and partnering opportunities with bicycle shops or CoGo. River Trails/Access should be added back to pending assignments, especially to explore wayfinding.
- Obstacle Course: This topic was suggested to be added as a long-term project, and Ms. Crandall explained that the City has an Obstacle Course programmed in the CIP budget this year, but it has been pushed to 2016 for design. That project could be brought to CSAC for input at that time.
- Little Free Library: CSAC members currently expressing interest in serving on this subcommittee included Ms. Carr, Ms. Gawronski and Mr. McGarvey. If approved, planning could start this summer to prepare the project for next steps this fall. Discussion focused on groups to assist with the project (design, build, book collection, maintaining) to include the City's Volunteer Services staff since it will be a volunteer-based project, Michael Blackwell from the Dublin Library, girl scouts and/or boy scouts. This CSAC project would focus on locating these Little Free Libraries in a few City parks and then monitor the popularity to expand it to others. Books for the project would be donated from various sources. The need for a consistent logo was also discussed (utilizing the City's branding standards), and perhaps promoting a student contest for the design. A budget for this project will need to be established for approval. CSAC could explore partnering with local hardware stores for expertise or lumber donation. Ms. Bohman noted that the Dublin Schools librarians are also interested in a similar program to locate these at schools as well as 23 local apartment complexes.
- Civil Discourse: Mr. Ehrlich met with Mr. Earman and three DCRC staff and discussed the format and potential topics. If approved, the program will start with the DCRC seniors group that has between 700 – 800 members, but it would also be open to everyone. Topics will be non-controversial and approved by staff. Ms. Crandall noted there is an internal staff working group established to address one of City Council's goals to develop a strategic plan for "Aging in Place". She suggested this could perhaps be a topic for this program with the City bringing in an expert to lead the topic with the group providing input.

VII. Update on CSAC Projects (subcommittee reports)

Fishing Education:

Ms. Bohman provided an update on the "Fishing with a Firefighter" event she attended that was hosted by Washington Township to observe the event and make connections. She suggested this is the type of event the City could assist with in regard to promoting local fishing events on the City's web site. She also noted that the first Saturday and Sunday in May of each year a fishing license is not required so everyone can experience fishing.

Pianos for Outdoor Public Access/Playing:

Ms. Gawronski stated that she has arranged for the remaining two of four pianos to be picked up this week. Unfortunately the two elementary schools slated to paint them have backed out. Ideas for painting them, storing them or placing them out unpainted were discussed. CSAC members will check with the girl scouts and DCRC seniors group to see if there is an interest. A location to paint them is needed. Other associated issues discussed included:

- Goal is to get the pianos located by Memorial Day weekend.
- Reconsider adding the Mezzo location for a piano this summer. Ms. Crandall will look into what is programmed for this space. Suggestion to revise the four locations to Coffman Park Pavilion, Scioto Park, Starbucks/Jenni's and Mezzo (eliminating Kaltenbach Park). Other potential future locations were discussed as well (Bogey Inn, Sunny Street Café on Avery Rd, Rusty Bucket, etc.).
- Add signage welcoming people play the pianos. (ex: "You're Welcome to Play – Come Enjoy Me Today")
- Screw the pianos shut to keep them from being vandalized.
- Need for benches if not included with the pianos. Suggested using a basic chair if that is all that is available.

Indoor Activities:

Ms. Bohman provided an update from Columbus Parent Magazine which featured the City of Hilliard having 16 businesses geared toward indoor family activities. She noted three of them including Tinker, Little Skipper's Café and a Toy Lending Library (for special needs children). The goal is for Dublin to someday have these types of facilities and be featured. Mr. Fishman noted there are many activity businesses located in the Dublin Village Center.

VII. Next Meeting – May 12 , 2015

The next CSAC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Other:

- The new CSAC Member Contact list was circulated for updates.
- Ms. Gawronski announced that on Friday, November 13, she is bringing a film to the Abbey Theater that is produced by a fellow alumnus of hers. The film is a documentary about the producer's sister with Down Syndrome and focuses on how he created a night for her to be a Hollywood diva. Ms. Gawronski will work with Mr. Graham who is the Chair of the Board of the Down Syndrome Association and can also provide contact information for the Miracle League.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

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