



**Community Services Advisory Commission**  
**February 9, 2016**  
**Minutes**

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

Staff Members Present: Michelle Crandall, Asst. City Manager  
Tami Moore, Recorder

Guests: Mayor Greg Peterson

**I. Call to Order**

Ms. Gawronski established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

None present.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015 and December 8, 2015.**

Ms. Gawronski asked if there were any changes to the November meeting minutes. There being no changes, a motion was made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Hall to approve the meeting minutes. The November 10, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

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**IV. Project Ideas & Project Updates**

Ms. Crandall distributed a memo that was submitted to Council last year which includes a summary of what this commission has been working on; along with the progress or completion of each item.

Ms. Gawronski asked the group if anyone had any new ideas for the upcoming year.

Ms. Baker brought up the idea of park amenities that accommodate grownups. She said Cincinnati, Boston and Los Angeles have parks with more features for grownups to use in the parks. Dublin is in a wonderful position with the new development upcoming to add some features for grown-up and for children in the same park. Some examples would be an obstacle course, rope obstacle, climbing wall and oversized musical instruments. Ms. Baker said that she would be willing to help do some more research on this topic.

Ms. Crandall replied that this is a great idea. She said that a couple of the elements mentioned by Ms. Baker we do have at Amberleigh Park. There are some musical instruments in that park, but not a lot. We are working on an 'aging in place' strategic plan and how we can create a community for all ages. We do plan to

take that plan to Council in the fall, so we can provide the opportunity for feedback from this group before we present that to Council.

Ms. Baker also added that these features could be included in parks along with areas for kids to play, so that the parents could enjoy the parks, but at the same time be close enough to watch their children.

Ms. Gawronski commented that some of these ideas would be great to put in place in the Bridge Street Development. The group concurred.

Mr. Fishman asked if staff was going to get some more pianos placed this year. He also asked if there would be shelter for them.

Ms. Crandall replied that we currently have one of the pianos from last year that is already painted. We also have two pianos in storage and we need to make arrangements to get them to the schools to be painted. Our parks seem to be the best place to put them because we already have some shelter in the parks. The one we placed in Historic Dublin last year was destroyed at the end of the season due to weather.

Mr. Fishman commented that he would like to see one placed back in Historic Dublin with some type of shelter over it. He didn't think the pianos would get as much usage in some of the parks.

Ms. Gawronski commented that she received commitments from Bailey Elementary and Daniel Wright Elementary schools to paint them. We need to coordinate getting them delivered.

Mr. Fishman said there a lot of pianos available online that people want to get rid of. He also commented that the Bridge Street development would be a great area to put a piano. We need ideas that encourage people to gather in areas. Also, there is a lot of perimeter area around the development area that could be bicycle accessible to the Bridge Street corridor. We should develop signage and bike path extensions that provide opportunity to encourage people to come into the developed areas.

Ms. Crandall said staff is working on some plans for way-finding for Bridge Street and other surrounding areas and how we can add bike infrastructures to that list.

Ms. Gawronski said that Ms. Baker's idea was a great one. She asked if anyone would like to work on this with Ms. Baker to let her know.

Ms. Crandall commented that there should be a formal request to Council to work on this idea. Ms. Crandall did not see an issue with this project, but it should be submitted.

Ms. Baker asked Ms. Crandall if this commission should do a summary of what the group has worked on for the year. Ms. Crandall said that Council does read the meeting minutes, but if the commission would like to put together a year-end report for Council and let them know what has been done, that would be appreciated.

Ms. Hall wanted to bring back up the idea of composting. It was discussed last year, but we didn't really move forward with it. The group concurred that they would like to add composting to the list of items to work on and to include residential composting and public composting.

### Bicycle Friendly Community

Ms. Gawronski asked Ms. Crandall if there were any updates on the bicycle friendly community application.

Ms. Crandall replied that the City is finishing the application now. We will provide updates to the commission on the progress.

### Geocaching

Ms. Gawronski asked Ms. Carr for an update on geocaching.

Ms. Carr said this project probably needs to be revisited to determine if we still want to try to use existing caches or start using City caches. The issue with existing caches is that they keep going away. When Ms. Carr would visit some of the caches they were gone or in some of the areas we wanted to highlight the caches were in different areas, so they didn't really highlight the park areas we wanted to. Ms. Carr asked if anyone was interested in helping her with this idea.

Ms. Gawronski asked Ms. Crandall what the commission would need to do if we would like to request City resources for the maintenance and upkeep of this project.

Ms. Crandall said to add it to their update memo to Council and include specifics of what you are requesting from staff for this project.

Ms. Carr also replied that maybe we could have a volunteer program put in place similar to the Blue Bird Box Program. We could work with Christine and determine local residents that may be interested.

Ms. Crandall also suggested having GIS do an educational piece on geocaching to get people interested in this program.

Ms. Carr said she would do some more research and work on this topic.

### Little Free Libraries

Ms. Carr said the girl scouts have completed seven libraries (an example was displayed at the meeting) and they are ready to go once we determine which parks they will be placed in.

Ms. Crandall said staff would like to reach out to the homeowner's associations (HOA) to see which ones are interested in having them in their neighborhood parks.

Ms. Gawronski commented that her HOA would be interested in having one, possibly on Brandonway Drive on the bikepath.

Mr. Ehrlich asked who would be checking the boxes for the type of reading materials placed back in them.

Ms. Carr replied that if the HOA's are interested in having one in their neighborhood park that we would like for them to adopt the box and be responsible for monitoring the materials placed in them.

Ms. Hall said she would speak to her HOA about having one in Llewellyn and Mr. Fishman said he would also talk to the Muirfield Civic Association.

Ms. Gawronski commented that some need to be placed on the east side of the river.

Ms. Carr also suggested having them in some of the community parks. If there are families at Avery Park while their child is at soccer practice, it would be nice for them to be able to borrow a book from the Free Little Library. Maybe we could delegate this to some of the park ambassadors for the larger parks.

#### Civil Discourse

Mr. Ehrlich updated the group that the first meeting was on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The topic was state and public benefit programs and defined benefits versus defined contributions and there were 15 that people showed up. The plan is to form a committee to discuss topics. We would like to do the next session on body cameras on police officers, but will need to talk to the police chief regarding this topic. We have people that are very interested in the Civil Discourse.

Ms. Gawronski said this would be a great topic to highlight in the Dublin magazine. Ms. Crandall thought this was a good idea and said she would pass this along.

Ms. Gawronski asked if there were any other new topics or updates on current topics. There were none. Ms. Gawronski also asked Ms. Crandall if there were any topics that staff or Council would like this commission to review.

Ms. Crandall said she mentioned earlier that staff is working on an 'aging in place' strategic plan. We may want to bring it back to the group for review before we present it to Council. Ms. Crandall explained that 'aging in place' is the concept that people want to stay in their homes for their entire life, so the City is looking at planning and City services related to that. We are looking at housing, infrastructure, how we plan our community into the future, wellness, recreation, programming, social services and especially transportation. We have an internal working group, but we haven't reached out to any agencies yet. Our next step is the get their perspectives along with having some focus groups with boomers, traditionalist and individuals that are caring for older adults.

Ms. Crandall said the City is working with the Dublin Arts Council and has formed a Cultural District Steering Committee. They will look at forming cultural district boundaries and a strategic plan in reviewing our cultural art asset and planning for the future. This may be something that the committee may want to bring it to this group for input once they have a draft complete.

Ms. Gawronski asked if there was any update on the water quality presentation this commission received a few months ago from Engineering. Ms. Crandall will follow-up with Barb Cox in the Engineering Division.

Mayor Greg Peterson thanked the commission for their service on this commission. He said that Council greatly appreciates all the work that the commission members do.

Ms. Baker asked if Council had any projects for this commission to work on.

Mayor Peterson said that Councilman John Reiner was planning on attending this meeting with him, but Mr. Reiner is out of the country. Mayor Peterson said there are going to be a few vacancies on this commission and once they have been filled, Council will come back to another meeting. He encouraged members from this

commission to attend a Council meeting every few months and update Council on what the projects are and the progress that has been met. Anyone can attend a Council meeting and take five minutes to provide an update or get feedback. Council would really appreciate hearing from this commission. If there is a project this commission would like to have done, bring it to a Council meeting. We are very responsive and we can provide direction and endorsement for support.

Ms. Gawronski thanked Mayor Peterson for attending and providing this input to the commission.

**V. Next Meeting – March 8, 2016**

The next meeting of CSAC will be held on March 8, 2016.

**VII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hall. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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