



# MEETING MINUTES

## Chief's Advisory Committee Thursday, July 31, 2025

The Thursday, July 31, 2025 Chief's Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was called to order by Chair Maynard at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 5555 Perimeter Drive. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Dwayne Maynard (Chair), Kimberly Hollie (Vice Chair), Emmet Apolinario, Ron Barnes, Luke Powell, Lisa Baer, Alex O'Ryan, Chitra Goyal, Guarev Goel (arrived at 6:00 p.m.).

Committee Members Absent: Zhen Xing

Staff Present: Chief Páez, Deputy Chief (DC) Nick Tabernik, Police Sergeant Joshua Kirby, Jennifer Rauch, Mitch Ament, Mara Hunter

### Welcome to New Member

Chair Maynard invited new CAC member, Chitra Goyal, to share a little about herself.

CP Goyal stated that she attended the Citizens Police Academy and was impressed with the work of the City. She became interested in becoming involved. Her husband passed away five years ago; she has two children and 8 grandchildren.

Chair Maynard introduced himself and shared a little about himself. Per Chair Maynard's invitation, other committee members introduced and shared information about themselves.

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chair Maynard asked for additions or corrections to the June 11, 2025 minutes of the Chief's Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair Maynard requested correction of the month in paragraph 2 of page 2 from August to July.

CP Barnes moved, Vice Chair Hollie seconded approval of the minutes as corrected.

Vote: CP Baer, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP Apolinario, yes; CP O'Ryan, yes; Vice Chair Hollie, yes; CP Goyal, yes; CP Chair Maynard, yes.

[Motion carried 8-0.]

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Paez welcomed City Planning Director Jennifer Rauch, who will be sharing information on the projection of continued community development, and how that fits into the City's collective responsibility for community safety. It is their responsibility as a Police Department to pay attention to safety concerns, but it is not a job they do without the partnership of the community. Ms. Rauch will share about coming development and how that informs the Police plans for ensuring public safety well into the future.

- **Community Development: Bridge Street and Metro Center**

Director of Community Planning and Development, Jennifer Rauch, stated that the last time she spoke to the committee was approximately a year ago when she spoke concerning the Envision Dublin Community Plan update. She presented slides on the existing Bridge Street development and the anticipated Metro Center redevelopment. These changing development patterns impact residents, business owners and visitors. Both developments are a shift from Dublin's typical suburban development that is low density, low intensity with a standard 8 hours of daily usage. With the Bridge Street development and the Metro Center re-development, there is the potential for 24/7 activity. People both live, work and interact in these development areas. In these more urban type of higher density developments, there is more vertical development, more building stories, parking structures, and a high pedestrian activity area. Bridge Street development is a true mix of uses. Currently, Metro Center contains aging office development, but there are opportunities to redevelop it, making it a mixed-use hub.

### Bridge Street:

The Bridge Street District (BSD) is not just Bridge Park or the Historic District. The District encompasses two square miles of the City or 6% of Dublin. I-270 is the northern boundary; The Historic District along SR161 from the interchange to Sawmill Road South is the southern boundary. Sawmill Road north is the eastern boundary. It includes the Historic District and the Scioto River. City Council's goal was to remain competitive and look for opportunities to make a vibrant, walkable area with different land uses and housing types that would attract young professionals and senior citizens, who no longer want to maintain single-family homes, allowing them to age in place. The Bridge Street District vision plan was established by Council in 2010; the Bridge Street Code was formed in 2012-2013 establishing rules/regulations for the framework of the desired development. We created a special Bridge Street District, which defined the different uses and development and design standards for that area. The City made public improvements to facilitate this development. Most significant was that Riverside Drive was moved to the east to leave room for Riverside Crossing Park. In addition, the Riverside Roundabout, Pedestrian Bridge and additional streets, such as Longshore Street, Bridge Park Avenue and John Shields Parkway, were constructed. The character development in the area has completely changed. Crawford Hoying is the primary developer of Bridge Park.

CP Baer inquired if a maximum development has been designated for the area in terms of controlling the traffic patterns and population. This is a very dense area within two square miles.

Ms. Rauch stated that when the Vision Plan and Bridge Street Code were established, several traffic, utility and fiscal studies were conducted to ensure that, should the vision develop to full capacity, it could be supported. The Bridge Street District is very different from traditional Dublin, which has single streets or cul de sacs and less connectivity than BSD. Its level of connectivity is what makes BSD successful. For development to occur in BSD, parking and open space must be provided.

Developing in this District is a challenging puzzle for developers and staff alike. However, Council's goal was that the BSD be confined to its designated area; it could not creep out into other areas. There are distinct boundaries to the District.

CP Barnes stated that at a recent Council meeting, they approved additional development within the District. Is that to the north?

Ms. Rauch stated that she believes that it is Block Y of the Bridge Street area. There was a development agreement approved by Council for the redevelopment of the retention pond area adjacent to the Shoppes of River Ridge. Crawford Hoying is looking at the redevelopment of that corner of the site only.

CP Barnes stated that he assumed it was the vacant lot to the north near an existing veterinarian practice. He believes a hotel is planned.

Ms. Rauch responded that is another project on the opposite side. It is a vacant site on Riverside Drive in front of The Grand. The project is being developed by Indus in conjunction with Daimler. That development agreement will be heard by City Council on August 11. The project includes a hotel, a parking structure, two residential buildings and an office building. Longshore Street will be extended north to Tuller Parkway to enable the same type of urban development to the north.

Chair Maynard stated that the meeting materials indicate 728 residential units. Is that complete for the entire development, or is there the potential for additional apartments and condominiums in the area?

Ms. Rauch stated that there would be opportunities for additional residential units. The Block J development in Bridge Park was just approved. The COTA park and ride is currently located on the southwest corner of that parcel. An office building is planned at the corner of Bridge Park Avenue and Dale Drive, a residential building on the eastern edge, and a second residential building where the current COTA park and ride is located. There will be an additional parking garage in that development, as well.

CP Barnes stated that he did not realize the Bridge Street District extends all the way to Sawmill Road. What percentage of the 2010 Bridge Street Vision plan would she say has already been built?

Ms. Rauch stated that most of it is happening along the east side of the river, although there are some one-off projects, such as Tuller Flats or Towns on the Parkway. Development is happening at a steady pace. Bridge Park, in particular – the most adjacent development along Riverside Drive – happened so quickly. The Bridge Park development was very different because it had a single developer; whereas in Metro Place, there are 30+ property owners we are working with.

#### Metro Center:

Ms. Rauch stated that Metro Center is located off I-270 just past the Frantz Road/US 33 interchange. Along the Metro Center loop, there is a large amount of large, suburban office development. It has been there quite a few years, referred to as legacy development. There is opportunity to infuse other types of development, such as residential and retail. The development of Bridge Street and Bridge Park has seen a lot of success with new office, while in other areas, that is not being experienced. People who are interested in returning to work post-pandemic prefer to be in areas where there is a variety of uses. They want the experience of a "place." In Metro Center, there is an opportunity for similar revitalization. Within the last two years, that has become a Council goal. After a year-long visioning process with a consultant, they have developed a vision. The redevelopment and new development will be located around a large open space area. The Bridge Street development is

centered around a street grid; Metro Center is focused on interactions with an open space. The key component of the revitalization remains supporting existing office. That will be complemented with other uses and amenities and services. A walkable environment and other modes of transportation will be another focus within the Metro Center. Creating a sense of place will be important. Existing large surface parking will be re-purposed or infilled. Housing will be added within the Metro Center District. There will be a central open space area with the potential for a civic building overlooking the water. [She showed a diagram of the vision.] Meaningful conversations were had with existing business owners within Metro Center as to what they would want to see happen as part of a revitalization.

CP O'Ryan inquired if a goal is to have Metro Center connected to Historic Dublin or if they are seen as separate districts entirely.

Ms. Rauch stated that a connection to the larger network and Historic Dublin is a key component. There is the potential for a crossing over I-270, so another vehicular connection could occur to the west. The question is where it would connect. It cannot connect to Corbins Mill, as it would be dumping a large amount of traffic into a residential subdivision. We have engaged the residents of the residential communities adjacent to Frantz Road. We want to ensure the revitalization of Metro Center fits well with those neighborhoods. We have met with Police and had conversations with Sergeant Kirby and the Business District Unit team. There are structured garage issues with visibility, noise and signage. Patrolling Metro Center, which will have a large open space, will be very different from patrolling the Bridge Street District, which has gridded streets. We not only want to create a great development but one that is also safe, valued and continues to advance the success of Dublin.

CP Barnes inquired what is Dublin's view of employment, including the work from home aspect. It looks like many of the office buildings are vacant or half full. Additionally, AI is anticipated to impact employment. How do those factors play into the re-development of Metro Center?

Ms. Rauch responded that we have seen those factors at play. There are vacancies within this district, but for those who do work there, there is not a lot of draw to come into the office, if there is a choice. We are trying to create a new environment that makes it more engaging and interesting to come back in the office.

Chair Maynard inquired what housing types are being considered in the new development. Is there any senior housing?

Ms. Rauch stated that Metro Center will have a variety of housing for people who work in Metro Center, young professionals and seniors. Rentals provide a proving group as to whether the residential would be successful in that area; it later leads to owner-occupied housing. With Metro Center, the goal is to provide a variety of owner versus rental housing.

CP Goel inquired if the City is collaborating with other entities on the residential question, such as Dublin Schools.

Ms. Rauch responded affirmatively. Dublin staff and administration met with the School Board and reviewed the plan to get their input. Any potential impacts to the school district must be understood. In the Bridge Park development, which contains 1,000 residential units, there are 15 school-age children. In larger, urban developments, there are not that many school-age children. However, the schools are reaping the benefits from property taxes from those residential units and development.

CP Powell inquired if the Business Unit District anticipates it to be easy to navigate the greater area or if they were envisioning a Police outpost within Metro Center.

Police Sergeant (Sgt.) Kirby stated that his upcoming presentation would cover that in more detail. When it comes to connectivity, additional roads can be both beneficial and more difficult for Police to navigate. The potential for different crime patterns may change in the area when the environment changes. Currently, Metro Center has a lot of hotels, hotel lots and businesses. Depending on the time of day, it may be good to have some areas sectioned off, so there are only a couple of ways in and out. However, when the uses change, Police might appreciate that connectivity.

Chief Paez stated that Police will leverage traditional police tactics, various teams and technology that gives them better upfront awareness. Chief Paez thanked Ms. Rauch for her presentation. The Police Department (PD) is very fortunate to have Ms. Rauch and her team, who are helping Dublin develop with intentionality. They appreciate their partnership and willingness to participate in conversations about safety.

- **Business District Unit**

Police Sergeant (Sgt.) Joshua Kirby presented an overview of the Business District Unit (BDU), including what they are doing and envision doing in the future. He is privileged to supervise the BDU. He noted that he has been with Dublin PD for 5 years; before that, he was a police officer in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He reviewed the Dublin PD's 2025 goals. Their mission statement for the BDU aligns with those goals in a different way. They use innovative policing strategies tailored to the unique challenges of the environment, address issues of community concern and priorities, and enhance safety. The biggest difference is in how they accomplish the PD's goals and the environment in which they are accomplished. The City recognized that the environment of Police District 6 is very different from the rest of the City of Dublin. It warranted a team that could focus directly on that environment. The area of District 6 includes the Historic Dublin and Bridge Park. Bridge Park attracts a lot of visitors and foot traffic to the area. On the west side of the river is the Library parking garage. They partner with the hotels in ensuring safety in their hotel lots, as well. Along with their focuses on crime prevention, traffic safety and incident response is event safety. There are many events held in the Bridge Park area, some with street closures and additional safety concerns. We partner with Crawford Hoying, the developer of Bridge Park, who owns most of the buildings and is responsible for holding most of the events. We advise them in planning event safety. They look at events differently than Police. Developers think about how to bring people together for the event; PD thinks about public safety. We spend a lot of time on relationship building, event safety and traffic safety. They looked at call volumes and call times and defined a schedule that would be most efficient. Currently, they work four 10-hour shifts, 2 pm-midnight, Wed-Thursday; 4 pm-2 am Fri-Sat. The BDU does not count as patrol staffing. They are in addition to. There is still always a district officer assigned to that area who will provide coverage 24/7, regardless of whether the BDU is present.

CP Barnes inquired if they have a permanent station post within Bridge Park or if they are mobile only.

Sgt. Kirby stated that there is no City-owned property in that area out of which to function. They have partnerships with the community, however. For instance, Brickhouse Blue has two different buildings with office rental spaces, shared spaces and conference rooms. They have allowed us

access to those locations. He and his team can use those spaces to conduct administrative work, thereby remaining within the district. It is imperative to be present and able to respond quickly. Crawford Hoying has envisioned a physical location for police within the area. At this point, it is only talk, but they appear to be amenable to providing a spot for the BDU. They do have a substation at Washington Township Station 92, which is on Riverside Drive/Hard Road. It is a 3-5 minute drive; officers can work out of there. Right now, the BDU consists of himself, Officer Jared Doney and Officer Josh Weber. All three share a BDU email address. Businesses have an avenue through which they can reach the BDU. Council has adopted the goal of incorporating technology into the Police Department.

### **Public Safety Technology**

Sgt. Kirby stated that technology is a force multiplier, providing additional tools to make them more effective. The technology that they currently use includes flock cameras, a license plate reading technology that integrates with law enforcement databases. This technology allows them to address potential crimes proactively or retroactively, if it has occurred, as an investigative tool. They also have a new technology, a patrol robot, who roams the Library parking garage. The robot has 360-degree camera coverage; it has security lights, various sounds it can produce, as well as some automated communication pieces. They are able to use some remote monitoring. Using AI and camera coverage, it is able to identify certain people. It can be programmed to identify certain factors in its camera view and send alerts to a team that monitors alerts 24/7. The remote team can send the robot to deliver one of its pre-programmed messages. It allows them to use police officers to address issues at the garage only if needed. One additional technology is the "Drone as a First Responder" program. The PD has four drones stationed throughout the City that can be deployed via the internet connectivity to respond quickly in real time. The drones are utilized in emergency calls to give the officers more eyes on for safety and security purposes.

CP Apolinario inquired if there will be a robot in Riverside Crossing Park, as well, and if the robots are weather-proof.

Sgt. Kirby responded that the intent is that PD will have a second robot that will patrol Riverside Crossing Park, traverse The Link Bridge to the west side of the bridge and back again. The robots are weather-proof to an extent. Rain is not an issue, but their wheels would not be effective in ice and snow and would likely be parked for safety reason.

CP Barnes inquired if they have had to deploy the drones yet, and if so, has the use provided what was expected.

Chief Paez stated that they have been officially used the last two weeks. They have had 21 deployments within that timeframe for a variety of incidents. The drones were able to provide helpful visual information to officers enabling them to coordinate with on-ground units in a way that was more affective. In another incident, a drone located a missing individual, which provided information to the officers guiding them to the individual. The drones are not intended for surveillance but to enable greater safety.

CP Apolinario inquired if drones would be used during the Dublin Irish Festival.

DC Tabernik responded that a drone will be used that will be tethered. It is a drone that has been used for 7-8 years; it is not one of the four Drones as First Responders.

CP Goel inquired if there is a way that residents can be made aware that drones they might see flying within their neighborhood is a Dublin PD drone, not someone flying an unauthorized drone. Chief Paez responded that there is no way to notify residents of that other than the PD's typical methods of notifying neighborhoods of other police incidents, such as Twitter or NextDoor. The drones are strategically placed, and we anticipate within 90 seconds, a drone can be over any incident in Dublin.

Sgt. Kirby stated that they have partnerships and a vision to look ahead. Our vision is that the BDU will be a part of the City's development process. Being involved early could help them to mitigate or completely avoid some problems they see occurring within the Bridge Park area. The Metro Center redevelopment is unique, as well, so we will see different issues and successes. Their unit will think long-term rather than reactively. As other areas develop, the BDU will likely expand to cover those areas, as well.

Chair Maynard inquired if the BDU has any responsibility in the Costco/Ohio University area. Sgt. Kirby responded that at this time, it does not. However, the West Innovation District potential development in that area would warrant the expansion of the BDU. Currently, however, the unit's responsibility is only for District 6 (Bridge Park and Historic Dublin) within the City.

Chief Paez clarified that a patrol district model exists for the City, so that area of town is covered by an assigned patrol officer. The BDU is focused only on the one specific area.

CP Baer inquired if as part of their forward thinking for the Metro Center area, would it be an expansion of the existing BDU or the creation of an additional BDU. Sgt. Kirby responded that it would be the expansion of what the BDU is doing. The BDU does serve a patrol function, taking calls for service and responding to calls. The BDU has the flexibility for the unit to change depending on the needs of the specific area.

Chief Paez thanked Sgt. Kirby for leaning into the responsibilities of the BDU and for the connectivity they are building with Crawford Hoying and the Bridge Park community. They stay aware of the trends of visitors and seasonal activities that they will be called upon to address.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Maynard requested nominations for the Chair position.

Mr. Ament stated that if there is more than one nomination, he would pass out paper "ballots" on which members would write their choice; he would then collect and count the number of votes received for each nominee.

CP Baer nominated CP Kimberly Hollie for the Chair position.  
CP Barnes seconded the nomination.

CP Hollie nominated CP Apolinario for the Vice Chair position.  
CP Baer seconded the motion.

CP Barnes moved that the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair be closed.  
CP Baer seconded the motion.

Vote for Chair: CP O’Ryan, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP Goel, yes; CP Baer, yes; CP Goyal, yes; CP Apolinario, yes; CP Hollie, yes; CP Maynard, yes.  
Motion carried 9-0.

Vote for Vice Chair: CP Goyal, yes; CP Baer, yes; CP Goel, yes; CP Powell, yes; CP Barnes, yes; CP O’Ryan, yes; CP Apolonario, yes; CP Hollie, yes; CP Maynard, yes.  
Motion carried 9-0.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

- **Update on Crime Trends and Police Activity**

Chief Paez stated that PD is still seeing a trend in the reduction in the number of Part 1 violent crimes from previous years. They are also seeing a downward trend continue in overall theft offenses and theft from vehicle reports and breaking and entering offenses, compared to the midway point of 2024. The two categories in which they are tracking an increase are in motor vehicle theft and attempted theft reports across the community. We have had 38 reports at the midway point in 2025 compared to 24 reports at this point last year. However, in 2023, there were 41 reports. We are engaging in strategies and tactics to identify where those are occurring and lessen the likelihood of having vehicles as attempted or stolen. The other category of increase is in the burglary category. We have had 13 reports by midway 2025 compared to 9 midway 2024. Our traffic enforcement activity continues to be an area of focus in the community. We had over 6,000 traffic stops in the community the first half of the year. “Slow Down Dublin” continues to be an area of focus. We have had over 1,300 speeding citations this year from the traffic stops.

- **Safety Planning for the Dublin Irish Festival**

DC Tabernik stated that Dublin kicked off its Irish Festival earlier today with the 5K in Historic Dublin. He had the good fortune to do an interview today with ABC6 to talk about our security measures and some of the enhanced safety measures and partnerships in planning involved for the DIF event. The festival is the City’s “Super Bowl” level event. It is our largest event. It has some parallels to the Memorial Tournament in scope and scale. Planning occurs all year for a safe and enjoyable event for the City. The Police have high visibility for the entire event. That high visibility makes people feel safe and be safe. Dublin PD has a great partnership with Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. We have bomb technicians and bomb dogs onsite the entire time. They conduct sweeps and are able to handle any suspicious items. With the tethered drone, Dublin PD will have aerial footage of the entire festival, in addition to the Drones as First Responders that will be available as well. We will have 30-40 officers in addition to regular patrol staff on festival grounds; that is in addition to the patrol staff for rest of the City. On a patrol level, we have made efforts to enhance and increase our staffing and proactive patrols at the City’s hotels. Our intent is to prevent and deter thefts from happening in the hotel lots.

CP Barnes inquired the projected attendance per day.

DC Tabernik responded that the City is expecting 75,000 attendees this weekend.

- **Citizens Police Academy**

Chief Paez stated that applications for the Citizens Police Academy are open now. Members of the public are asked to apply by August 10. We have had a number of graduates from the Citizens Police Academy who have served on the Chief's Advisory Committee.

- **Upcoming Event – National Night Out**

For Police Departments across the U.S., national night out will occur on Tuesday, August 5. We will have a cookout at the Dublin Justice Center on Tuesday, August 5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Committee members are invited to attend. Last year, 200 officers and their family members participated.

- **September 11 Meeting Date**

Mr. Ament stated that a joint advisory committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Currently, CAC has a regular meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 11. He inquired if the committee had any concerns about meeting twice in the same week or if they would prefer to cancel their 9-11-25 meeting date. Following discussion, committee consensus was to cancel the 09-11-25 meeting. The next regular CAC meeting dates will be August 14 and October 9 with the joint advisory committee meeting in September. Chair Maynard encouraged members to attend, weigh in on the discussion topics and perhaps influence the way the City approaches the issues. It is an opportunity to hear our collective voices heard.

CP Barnes inquired if there is a finalized agenda for that meeting.

Mr. Ament indicated that the agenda is in the process of being finalized and will be forwarded to all advisory committee members before the September meeting date.

CP Barnes recommended that the chairs of all the advisory committees work with staff on the agenda for the joint meeting to ensure topics of interest to the committees are reflected.

Mr. Ament indicated he would share that feedback.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Chair Hollie thanked committee members for giving her the opportunity to serve as Chair. She will lean heavily into the experience of Chair Maynard and others.

Vice Chair Apolinario also thanked members for the opportunity. He looks forward to serving as Vice Chair.

Chair Hollie inquired what role Dublin Police would play in corroborating with ICE, if they were pursuing a case within the City.

Chief Paez stated that in his time with the department, Dublin PD has not had an occasion to collaborate directly with ICE. The only occasions in which he remembers interaction were occasions where Dublin PD had held an individual on a criminal charge and a detainer was placed due to their immigration status. However, that exchange was facilitated by the county facility without requiring Dublin PD engagement. There are occasions where Dublin does partner with a federal agency, such as the FBI, but in his time, he does not recall an occasion where an operation has occurred within the community. He would anticipate that any law enforcement-related agencies, however, would reach out to Dublin PD, if it is the local jurisdiction involved, as Dublin PD is more familiar with the layout of the community. That has been his experience with any federal agency and what he would anticipate in the future.

CP Apolinario noted that it is sad that in other communities, there have been people detained because of their heritage, although they actually were U.S. citizens. He takes his passport everywhere he goes so that he can show that he is a U.S. citizen.

CP Powell congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair on their new roles. He is looking forward to serving with them the next year.

CP Baer thanked the Dublin PD for protecting Dublin citizens during the upcoming IrishFest. She appreciates all the planning that is being done. She is looking forward to a successful, safe and incident-free weekend.

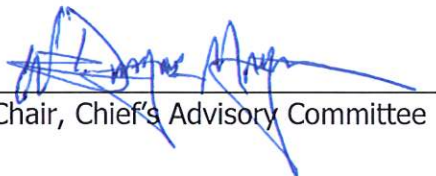
CP Maynard thanked the Dublin PD administrative staff for coming out on the eve of the Dublin Irish Festival to update the committee on their plans. He believes that reflects well on the importance of this committee to the PD. He thanked the committee for selecting him to be their chair since its inception. He will continue to share his institutional knowledge with the Committee. He looks forward to continuing meaningful service on the committee in a different role.

Chair Hollie thanked CP Maynard for his leadership and mentorship and his thoughtful commentary on the committee. As the only committee member who remains since the committee's inception, she will be leaning into his wealth of knowledge. He will continue to be called upon to provide guidance and share his institutional knowledge.

CP Goyal stated that she is looking forward to serving with fellow committee members as she begins her service on the committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



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Chair, Chief's Advisory Committee



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