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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the 2017 annual report of the City of Dublin's Division of Planning. This report recognizes the division's accomplishments, as well as acknowledges the excellent development that occurred in the past 12 months.

The Planning Division is charged with managing the day-to-day zoning and subdivision process, long range planning projects, as well as enforcement of various property maintenance and zoning codes and landscape requirements. We provide support to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Architectural Review Board and the Administrative Review Team. And we provide support to City Council on development casework, planning projects and other related assignments.

The work of the division touches all parts of the City. From the crafting of planning policies to negotiating development projects and the inspection of landscaping on commercial properties, the work of the staff has a major influence on the built environment, character and quality of life enjoyed by Dublin's residents and business community.

Working with other City departments, Planning provides support and partners on a variety of projects. It's been an exciting year and 2018 offers much to look forward to.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Planning Division operates with a tiered organizational structure comprised of four integrated work groups: Administration, Current Planning, Long Range Planning, and Code Enforcement. The division works as a single team, but each group focuses and dedicates resources to address specific areas of responsibility in support of the overall mission of the division.

ADMINISTRATION

The administration directs the day-to-day operation of the division, including programmatic, budget, human resources, and related tasks, as well as providing support to the Development Director.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

This team manages the Community Plan, undertakes special area plans, code updates, and various other planning projects. These projects are often undertaken in response to goals established by City Council.



CURRENT PLANNING

This team guides the zoning, subdivision, and annexation process – which includes staffing the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Architectural Review Board, and the Administrative Review Team, as well as presenting cases to City Council. The team also manages code updates.

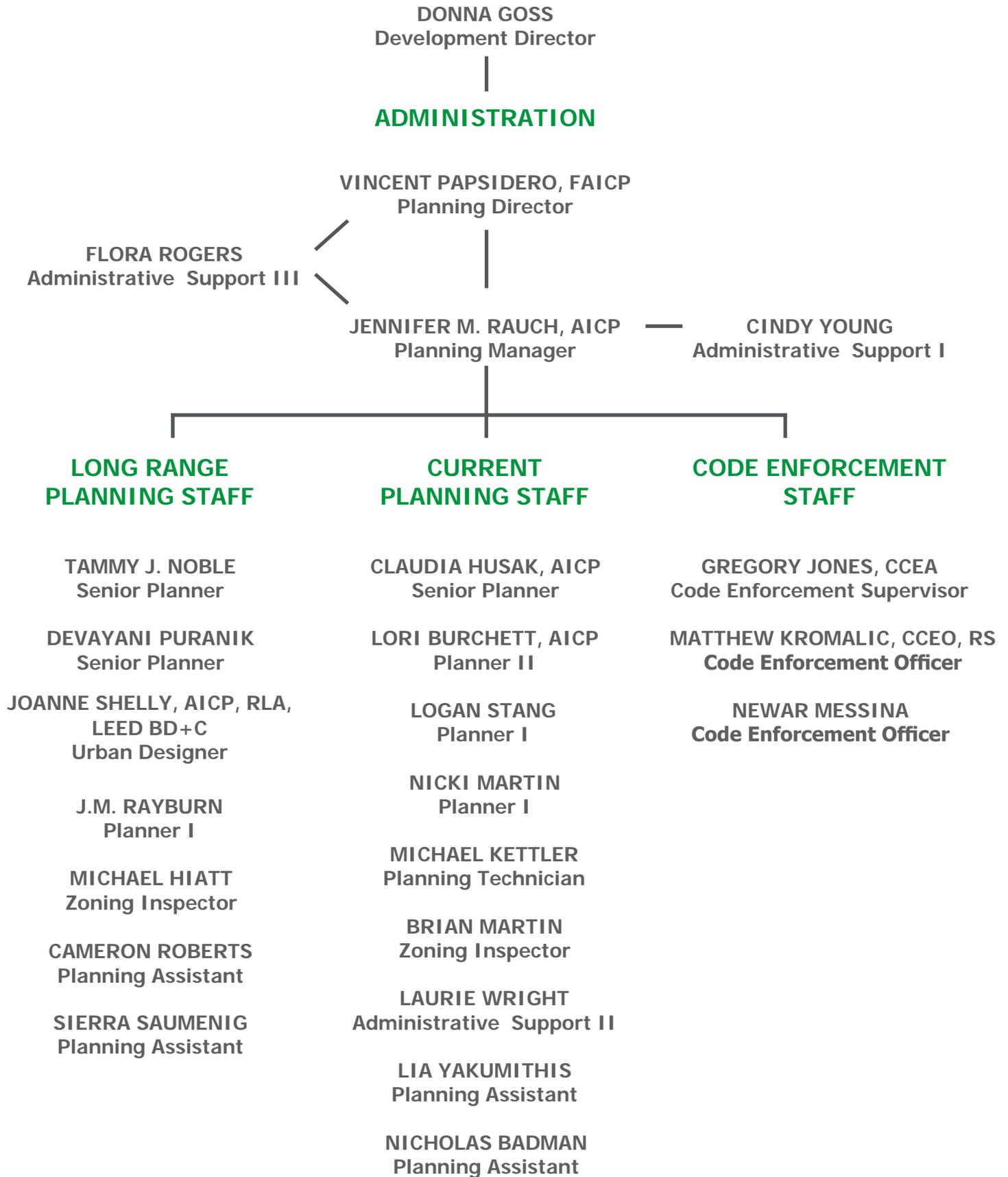


CODE ENFORCEMENT

This team enforces city code including zoning, property maintenance, parking enforcement, and other enforcement efforts. Working with property owners, the team seeks to resolve enforcement issues.



REPORTING STRUCTURE



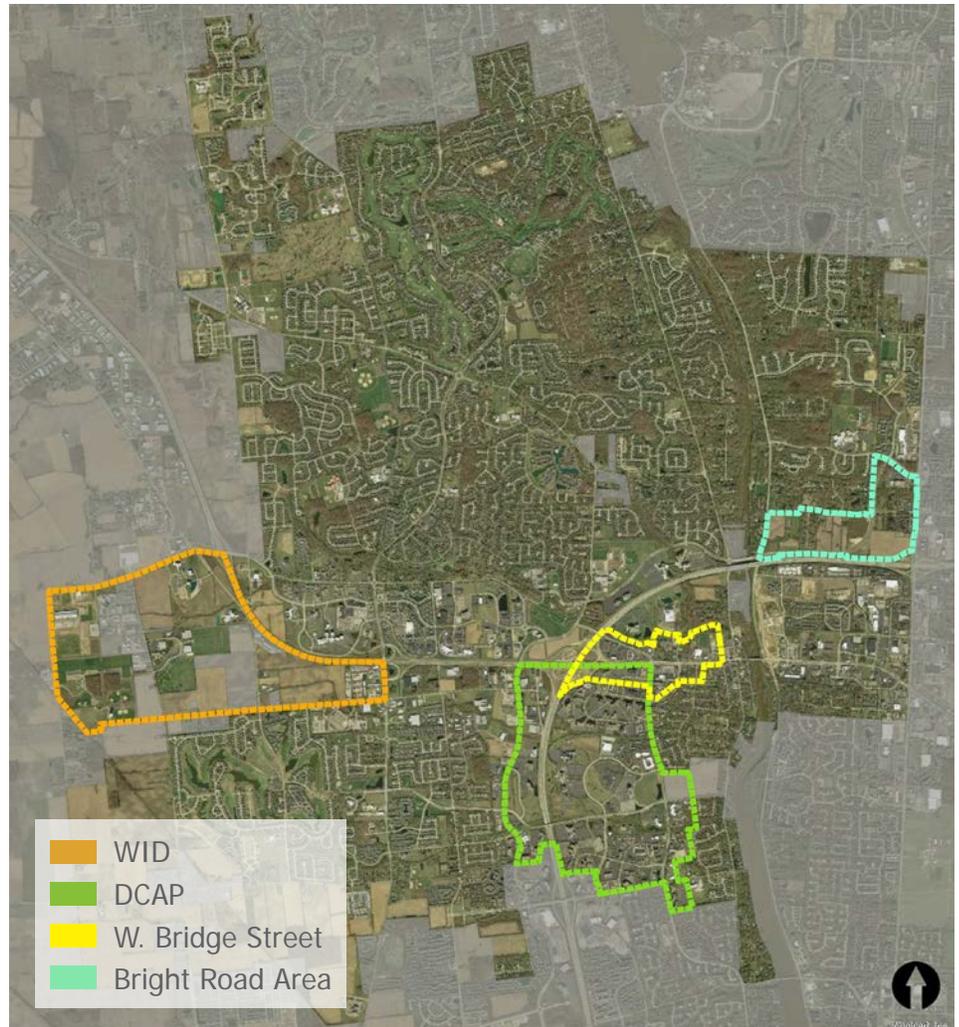
LONG RANGE PLANNING

Long range planning is the process of capturing a vision of a community and memorializing that vision in a plan— a plan that focuses on compatible land use patterns, infrastructure needs, economic stability, and inviting gathering spaces. The result of long range planning is a place that generations of families call home.

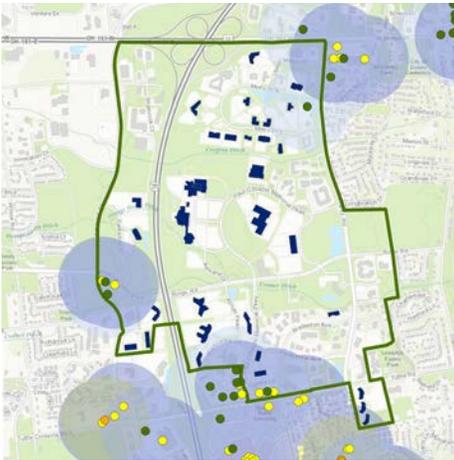
Great cities do not occur by happenstance. They are planned, designed and built from a series of methodical choices. The City of Dublin has always been a community that embraces this philosophy and has prospered as a result. The Long Range Planning team ensures that its projects are responsive to community needs, consistently updated and utilized to create the built environment that residents, business owners and community leaders expect. The team ensures that the process is transparent and provides a variety of engagement opportunities to ensure community consensus. For that involvement, the community is thanked for active and engaged participation.

CURRENT PROJECTS

In 2017, Long Range Planning commenced the next phases of several planning projects, including the Dublin Corporate Area Plan (DCAP), a city-wide Mobility Study, Downtown Dublin Parking Management Study, and West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan.



Map of Long Range Planning Projects



Dublin Corporate Area Plan

The Dublin Corporate Area Plan originated as the Legacy Office Competitive Study (Phase 1) that focused on identifying issues that contribute to high vacancy rates within Dublin’s legacy office parks, such as Metro Place and the Frantz Road corridor. According to national studies, today’s employees expect to be able to walk to lunch, fitness centers, and other services from their workplaces during the work day. The challenge for older office parks is to find the space for such uses, as well as the facilities that support walking, biking, and transit connectivity. Parking ratios have also shifted as today’s businesses use a much higher employee per square foot ratio than in the past.

Phase Two of the plan focuses on solutions to resolve these issues to the benefit of employees and residents, as well as encourage reinvestment. With a collaborative effort between Planning, Economic Development and our consultants, POD Design, Sidestreet Planning, and DDA Advisors, the Dublin Corporate Area Plan will focus on trends that have a positive impact on aging suburban office

campuses, serving as a model for other communities with aging office product, while benefiting adjacent neighborhoods.



Mobility Study

The Mobility Study is intended to provide this increasingly diverse community access to a range of transportation options in convenient and safe locations throughout Dublin. The study differs from a transportation study in the sense that it connects more people to more places but does so in a manner that enhances quality of life, creating convenient and inviting options for a variety of users. It supports economic development, promotes equitable access to mobility, improves access to, supports aging in place and safe routes to schools and gathering places, and preserves the environment. Phase One successfully engaged stakeholders and presented recommendations to City Council. Phase Two implements a strategy for designing and building a circulator system that is accessible throughout the Dublin community and provides a variety of transportation modes. Phase Two will also include the adoption of a Complete Streets policy.



Downtown Dublin Parking Management Study

The development of the Bridge Street District corridor has created a robust set of parking assets (public and private) that require coordinated management, but also raised parking concerns from local business owners, visitors, and residents. Ensuring availability across all parking options, when demand is high, is essential to meaningfully improving the parking experience. This study was initiated with the assistance of national parking and mobility planning experts at Nelson/ Nygaard to propose strategies to manage parking conditions in a more active commercial and retail environment.

Phase One was completed in 2017 and provided a “performance-based” approach to public parking in Dublin, and a toolbox of management strategies, practices, and policies that define and further specific management objectives for Dublin’s diverse parking activities and needs. Phase Two begins in January 2018 and focuses on implementation strategies for each of the parking options in Phase One.



West Bridge Street Corridor Framework Plan

The plan addresses a section of the West Bridge Street corridor, extending from the newly improved I-270/US 33 interchange to Historic Dublin. With the expansion of the interchange, this corridor is expected to experience increased development pressure. The plan continued in 2017 and builds upon the Bridge Street District Vision Plan.

The plan established a consensus-based development vision for the planning area that ensures public and private investments are consistent with the community's vision. It includes conceptual streetscape plans for the West Bridge Street right-of-way to ensure the corridor transforms to a walkable public space. The plan provides land use recommendations, density requirements and design standards that focus on how vehicular and pedestrian traffic move safely and efficiently through this corridor. This is particularly important because the corridor transitions quickly from an interstate to a local street within a short distance. The plan is currently on hold to allow for

further analysis of the Post Road/ SR 161/Frantz Road intersection.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Two major projects were completed by Long Range Planning in 2017.

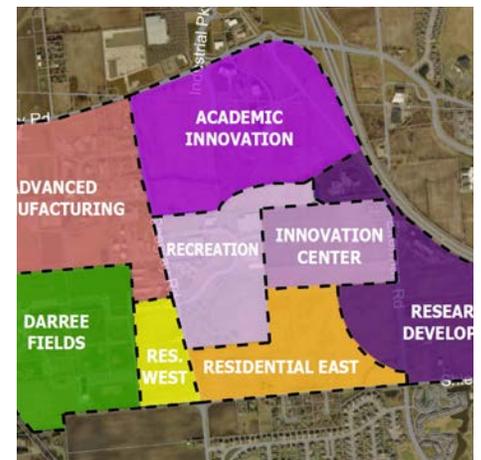


Historic and Cultural Assessment

As part of an update to the Historic Dublin Design Guidelines in 2015, staff and the Architectural Review Board highlighted the need to update the existing Ohio Historic Inventory data and to provide additional information and analysis regarding historic and cultural assets within the City. With the assistance of Hardlines Design Company, the team conducted a Historic and Cultural Assessment of these resources throughout the city and its planning area.

The assessment provided an inventory and general assessment of buildings, landscape features, and archaeological sites within the city's planning area, the development of a set of preservation standards and strategies appropriate to Dublin, and a series of recommendations.

Among those recommendations were consideration of additional properties in Appendix G (Community Plan), expanding the boundaries of the Historic District, restoration of the Indian Run Cemetery, developing public outreach materials, financing mechanisms and incentives for infrastructure updates in Historic Dublin, and updating the review process for minor projects in the Historic District. City Council accepted the assessment at its September 25, 2017 meeting.



West Innovation District

The western edge of Dublin has been an economic priority for the city for several decades and is an area poised for significant change. The district contains 1,100 acres between Avery Road, Houchard Road, Shier Rings Road, and SR 161/Post Road. The district is targeted for office, research, laboratory and clean manufacturing uses. In particular, the district is home to the Dublin campus of Ohio University, which is intended to grow to over two million square feet of development. Just as Dublin has grown and changed significantly over the last few decades, technology and the way



business is conducted has also evolved.

The West Innovation District Special Area Plan was adopted as part of the Community Plan in 2017. The plan includes updated land use recommendations, identifies infrastructure needs and includes design standards, open space requirements and implementation strategies to guide future development. It was adopted in conjunction with the Dublin Framework (Ohio University Master Plan) and will ensure continued partnerships with the city's academic and business communities.

REGIONAL COOPERATION

Long Range Planning staff has also been involved in planning processes and application reviews for communities within the Central Ohio region. Staff has worked with the cities of Columbus, Hilliard, and Marysville, Jerome Township, and Delaware County to monitor and participate in pending development applications that may impact or complement initiatives of the City of Dublin. Additionally, Planning has participated as support staff to the Logan, Union, and Champaign Regional Planning Commission and represents Dublin on the Delaware Regional Planning Commission in an effort to enhance Dublin's affiliations among the Central Ohio region and to support efforts related to regional planning.

CURRENT PLANNING

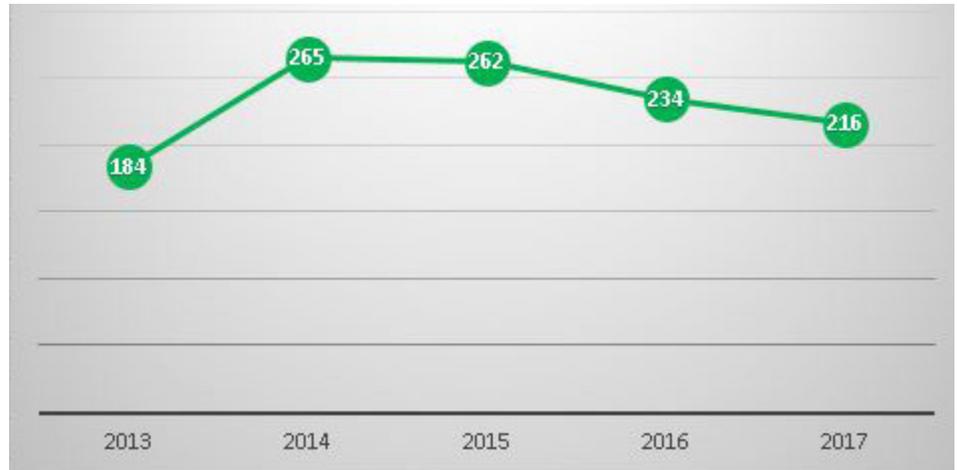
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The PZC and ARB are advisory to City Council when reviewing legislation, but are the final authority on administrative agenda items, such as development plans. Board and commission members are appointed by Council for three- or four-year terms. Planning staff works as a liaison to these bodies to facilitate initial staff negotiations with applicants, review applications and prepare recommendations to the final reviewing body. Current Planning also coordinates and conducts necessary training for the boards and commission.

Total Agenda Items



PROCESS CHANGES

The Current Planning Team participated in a Kaizen event to refine the application intake and review process to efficiently streamline review time frames for development applications and the internal processing of application materials. Next, the team implemented a series of agreed upon process improvements. Updated application forms and a standardized submission and intake process were implemented, which has been positively received by applicants. The implementation of the completeness check, weekly application review meeting and subsequent communication has increased efficiency and accuracy for staff review.

Definitive review deadlines for applications and improved communication with the Case Manager has been a benefit for review staff and applicants. Additionally, a bi-weekly General Staff Review meeting has been established to allow staff across various divisions to jointly review multiple applications in a collaborative, regularly scheduled meeting.

Current Planning will continue to refine the application review process and implement changes needed to ensure the city is providing customer service to its internal and external customers.

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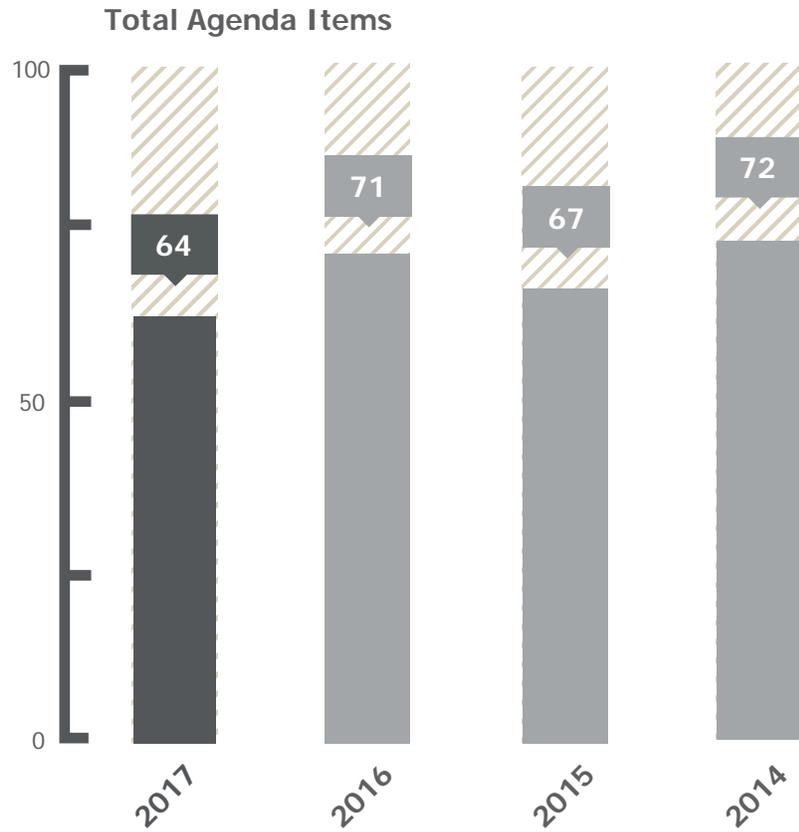
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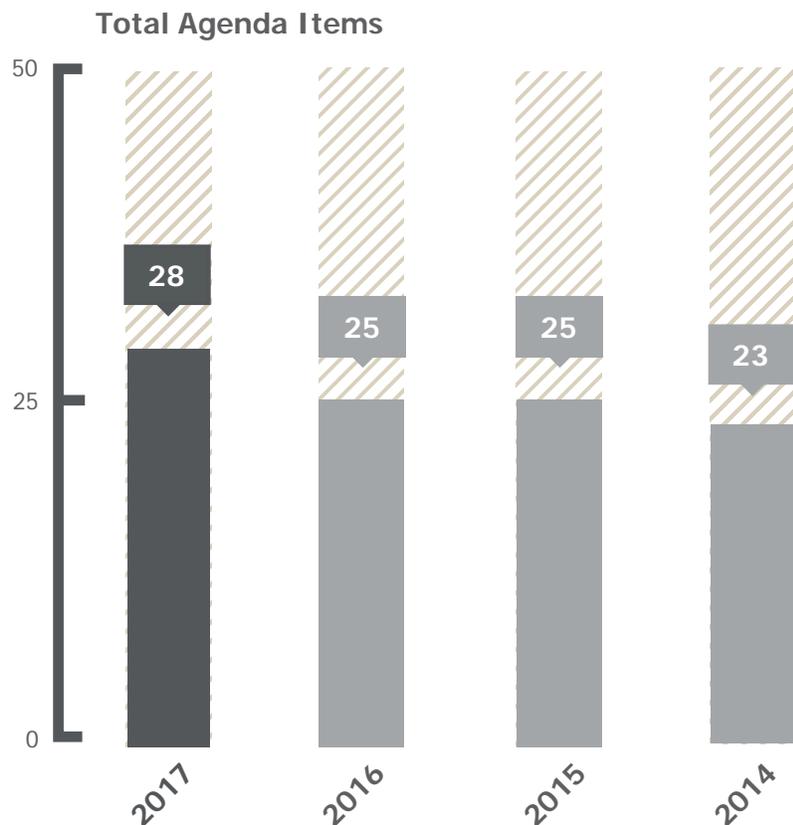
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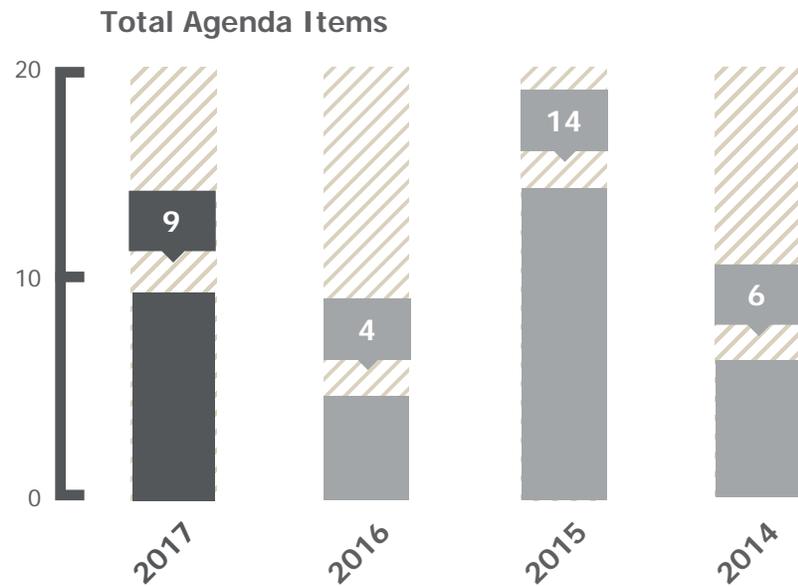
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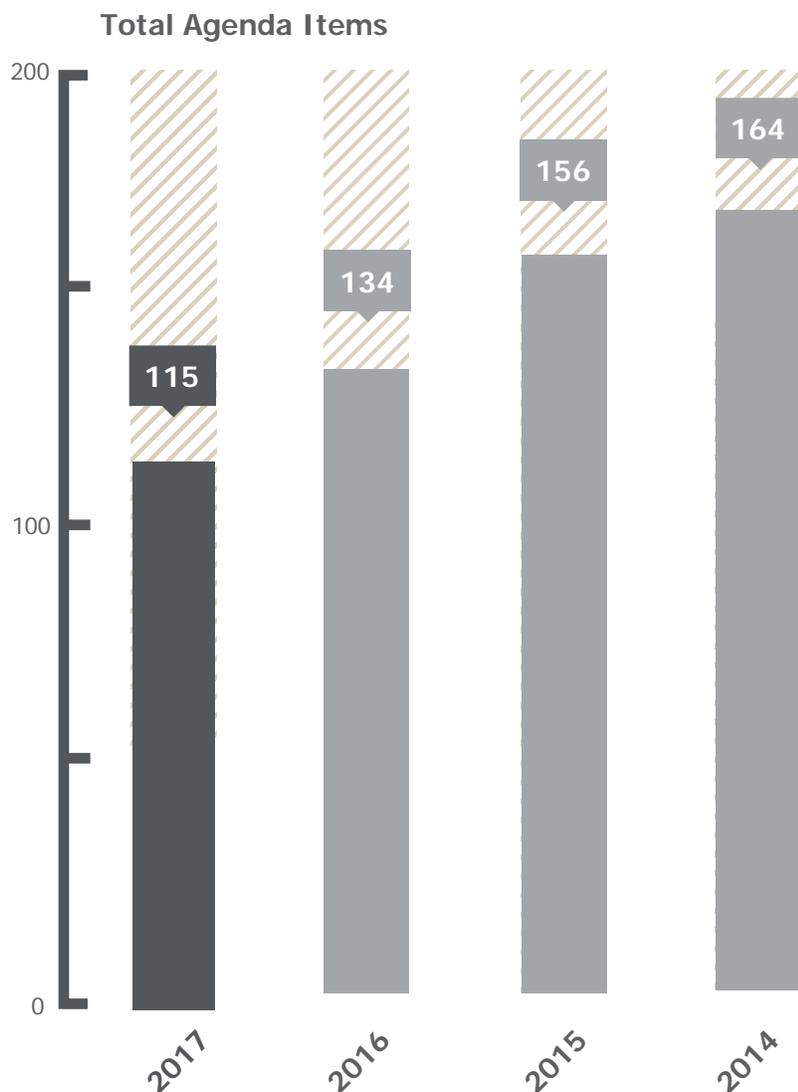
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MAJOR CASES



Library and Parking Garage

City Council approved the construction of a 41,000-square-foot facility for the Dublin Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and a 548-space public parking garage located within the Historic District. The approved multi-story library incorporates a contemporary building design, which is complemented by the incorporation of a signature transition element at the southeastern corner of the site, blending the modern library design with the more traditional design aesthetic typical of the Historic District, while recognizing the history of the site. The adjacent four-story garage complements the contemporary aesthetic of the library, and includes a green screen along the lower level to soften the building, along with an internal book drop-off and a bike hub. Construction begins in January 2018.



Historic District Rezoning

Staff initiated a major update to the Bridge Street District Code with a prioritized task to amend the requirements that govern the Historic Dublin core in response to recent development pressure. Amendments were approved by City Council in November 2017, which included the creation of a new Historic District South District and new zoning code regulations. The approved regulation changes included use limitations to reduce impacts on nearby residences, revisions to the building type standards, overall height reductions, and reducing maximum building footprint and lot coverage standards. The amendments were based on input from public meetings with residents, business owners and Historic District stakeholders.



Autumn Rose Woods PUD

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and approved a final development plan for a Planned Unit Development on the east side of Hyland-Croy Road, north of Tullymore Drive. This subdivision is a conservation-designed residential community, consisting of 73 single-family lots and approximately 21 acres of preserved open space on the 47-acre site. City Council approved an annexation request and rezoning application to facilitate this development. Nearly half of the site is dedicated open space with a large wooded area reflective of the established rural character of the vicinity. Traditional four-sided architectural design of the homes utilizes exterior natural materials, such as wood and stone in a natural earth tone palette. Design elements include chimneys, shutters, and front porches.

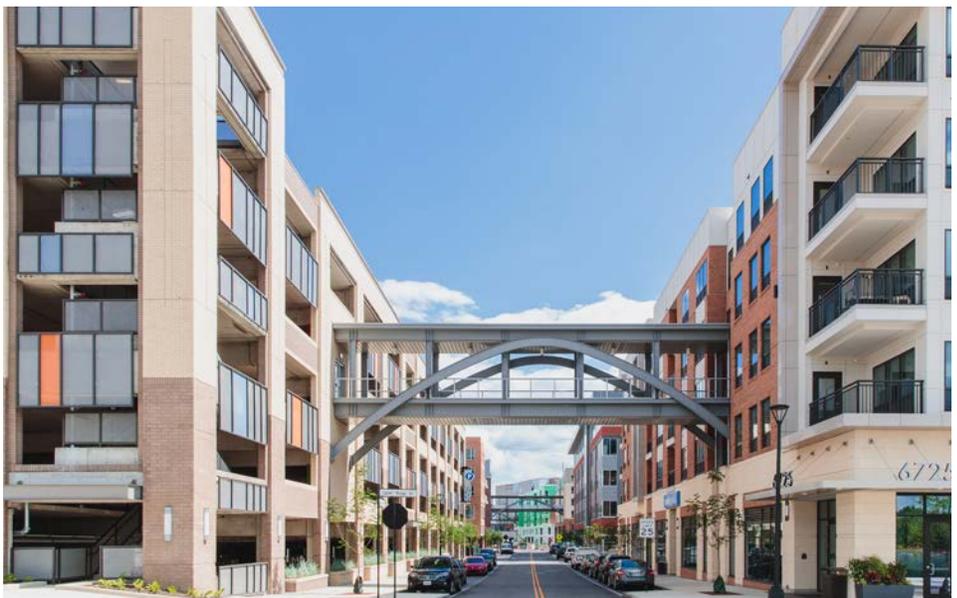
Bridge Street District Development

Throughout 2017, the city continued to experience progress within the Bridge Street District, with construction activity happening within the Bridge Park development on the east and west sides of the Scioto River, adjacent to Metro Place at Frantz Road and SR 161, and the Tuller Flats residential project.

Multiple patios and site improvements were approved for individual tenant spaces within the Bridge Park development on the east side, which will add vitality to the streetscape by providing an interesting, walkable setting. City Council approved a Basic Plan for Block D located southeast of the intersection of Riverside Drive and John Shields Parkway that includes three new buildings containing 233 residential dwelling units, approximately 7,600 square feet of retail uses, and a parking structure.

Located along the west bank of the Scioto River, the construction of Bridge Park West neared completion in 2017. It will include a mix of commercial uses along N. High Street and multiple family development along N. Riverview Street.

Tuller Flats saw the completion of a series of multiple family buildings and open space along Tuller Road and John Shields Parkway. Other projects within the BSD included a 5-story, 150-room hotel on Upper Metro Place, a 12,000-square-foot salon and spa along Village Parkway, and a proposal for a neighborhood hospital fronting West Dublin-Granville Road.



Bridge Park by Robb McCormick Photography

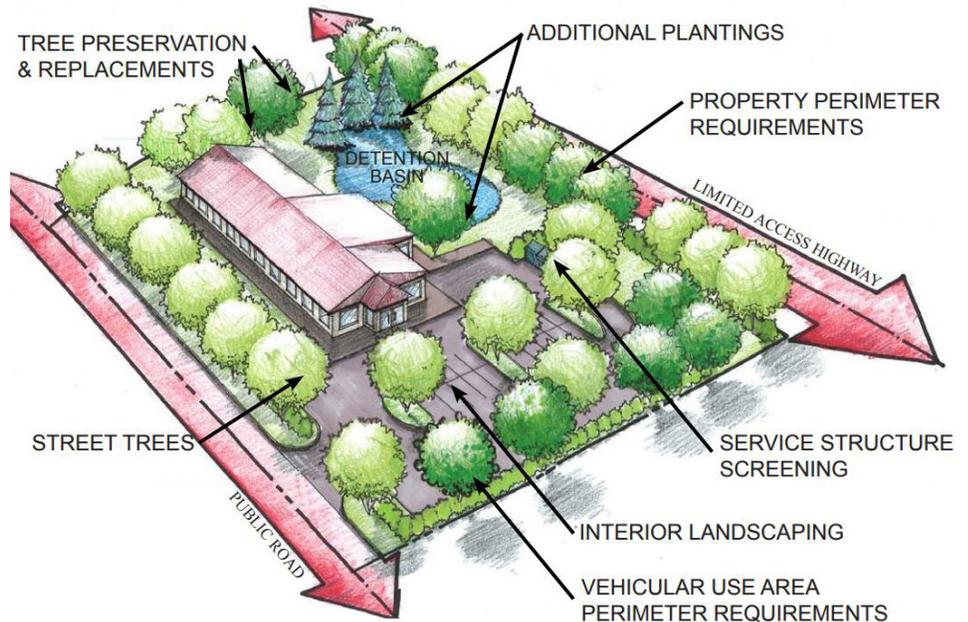
INSPECTIONS & COMPLIANCE

ZONING COMPLIANCE

Zoning compliance reviews occur for a variety of commercial projects throughout the city, as well as for residential building permits. Inquiries are often submitted from lending institutions, private developers, or potential landowners. This requires an in-depth analysis of a site against the associated development standards. Staff also inspects residential building permits to ensure projects meet applicable zoning requirements. This often entails working with contractors, developers and homeowners to ensure construction projects. Once all requirements have been met, the property owner is issued a Certificate of Zoning Plan Approval. In 2017, staff issued 344 certificates, representing a 7% increase over 2016.

ZONING INSPECTIONS

Some of the most significant accomplishments of the program are the ongoing efforts to be proactive in ensuring a site remains compliant throughout its tenure. Staff conducts routine inspections on a three-year cycle to ensure all zoning and landscaping requirements continue to be met after construction. Staff created five inspection “zones” based on geographical locations. If landscaping has not been successful or the health of the vegetation is questionable, the inspector will work with



the property owner to replace trees with a more appropriate species or make other site improvements to ensure overall health of planted trees. Zoning Inspectors also frequently inspect retail developments to ensure compliance with temporary window sign regulations, and contacts tenants and/or property owners to resolve. In 2017, there were 500 commercial and residential inspections, representing a 5% increase over 2016.

LANDSCAPE REVIEW

Prior to submission to the various boards and commission, the team reviews all applications for compliance with the landscape code. This includes ensuring that all screening requirements are

met and open space is designed to have healthy and sustainable vegetation. This facilitates staff recommendations that help create a common landscape feature or mounding that is prominent along a roadway or commercial corridor. It ensures that plant selection is appropriate for a site and that with proper installation, will retain a healthy and sustainable appearance. It also ensures developers replace all trees removed for construction and that healthy trees are properly preserved. These recommendations are made during the development application stage and are monitored via site inspections by the Zoning Inspector's throughout construction. In 2017, 62 commercial landscape inspections occurred, representing a 5% increase over 2016.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of the City of Dublin Codified Ordinances.

Code Enforcement has the responsibility for ensuring compliance on a broad range of regulations: zoning requirements, parking enforcement, property maintenance/housing, nuisance violations, and health/safety regulations.



THE TEAM

The City has a Code Enforcement Supervisor and two Code Enforcement Officers. To effectively manage these responsibilities, the team responds to complaints reported through the Dublin website, e-mail or by contacting staff personally by phone. This allows officers to be responsive to the community and quickly rectify complaints that are deemed violations, as well as addressing general inquiries regarding what constitutes a code violation and remediation of specific violations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

In 2017, code enforcement officers processed 695 sign violations primarily consisting of signs that were removed from City rights-of-way or restricted areas. This was one less violation than 2016. Officers processed another 128 enforcement cases related to tall grass and weed violations, a decrease of 35% over 2016 (reflecting higher compliance for that year). And enforcement

officers processed an additional 276 property maintenance cases, which included premise conditions, unsecured/vacant structures, and inoperable vehicles. This reflects a 3% decrease in violations over 2016. Approximately one third of the property maintenance cases were attributed to vacant and foreclosed properties.

PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Team conducts proactive enforcement throughout the City by routine patrols that address certain types of violations, such as illegal signs, premise condition, weed violations and illegal dumping/littering. These efforts are also used to address a range of violations that are based in specific geographical areas, such as a shopping plazas, residential neighborhoods, or business districts. An example of proactive enforcement is quarterly inspections conducted throughout

Historic Dublin and annual inspections of commercial parking/loading areas. In 2017, the team conducted a city-wide inspection of trash/recycling container screening, as requested by City Council.

The team also conducts proactive inspections during non-business working hours, weekends and public events to ensure that compliance is a constant commitment in the community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Officers periodically attend meetings with homeowners associations and business groups to educate residents and the business community on local zoning regulations. These efforts allow staff to create personal relationships with key representatives of the community and disseminate information neighborhoods.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Successful planning efforts are based on a strong foundation of public participation, which requires a range of approaches to outreach and engagement. Current challenges for all local governments is one of busy residents with demanding work and personal lives strongly linked with and distracted by technology. The obstacles can be enormous. For the Planning Division, separate approaches are necessary given the nature of the division's business. Long Range Planning focuses on plans with a 20- to 40-year horizon, while Current Planning focuses on immediate issues triggered by and board/commission meeting calendars. Regardless of these differences, public participation is critical to both providing and ensuring a variety of avenues for residents, and other interested parties to share their thoughts and concerns to local officials.

OUTREACH

The City has made great strides in public outreach using many effective methods. Promoting all public meetings is essential, as well as gathering as much quality public feedback as possible. The City posts information related to a public meeting on the website with regular updates for each project. The City also uses various social media, including Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor. Planning mails printed notices to effected property owners regarding a



Dublin Mobility Study Workshop

development proposal or draft plan or code update prior to a public meeting. Within the last year, Planning initiated printed postcards to distribute meeting notifications more efficiently and sustainably. Staff also offers to contact any interested parties of future meetings associated with a project.

ENGAGEMENT

Part of the goal in public engagement is one of education: sharing with residents the technical data and concepts that inform a proposed long range plan or development application, while gathering residents' thoughts about their values, interests and priorities.

Current Planning

Engagement focuses on development proposals reviewed

by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Architectural Review Board or Board of Zoning Appeals that may impact a neighborhood or larger area of the City. This participation process has its own set of obstacles, such as a misconception that a project has already been "approved" or public participation will not have an impact on the proposal. To offset these challenges, Planning encourages applicants to meet with neighborhoods early in the process in order to address and respond to concerns. In addition, all application materials are posted on the City website and are made available at the Planning office. Public hearings are publicized to surrounding property owners and promoted through the website and social media. Staff often meets with neighbors to hear their concerns, while sharing the details of a development proposal.



Members of the Community Services Advisory Commission (CSAC) trying out HopperCarts



Planning staff gathering public input on a "ride along" with Dublin bus commuters



West Innovation District Open House

Long Range Planning

In 2017, Long Range Planning facilitated 22 public meetings supported by on-line surveying, together engaging hundreds of residents. The engagement process merges that information into a final draft plan that serves as the City's official public policy for a geographic area. As a result, public engagement occurs at key stages throughout a process, beginning with a broad discussion and focusing on the details towards the end. Discussing broad concepts as well as the fine details requires a variety of strategies to educate participants and gather their comments.

In 2017, technology was explored as a new tool to encourage public input. For the Dublin Corporate Area Plan, Planning worked with consultants to use the Mentimeter Live Polling smart phone app that poses questions to attendees and gathers immediate responses. This provided immediate responses for attendees, while offering a comfortable means of providing input in a personal way. For the

same project, Planning worked with Community Relations to create a short video that described the DCAP plan and promoted upcoming meetings. Planning promoted project meetings via an online newsletter distributed to all HOA's. A similar database of Ballantrae residents was used to promote two public meetings for the West Innovation District Special Area Plan.

The Mobility Study took a different approach by engaging various stakeholders in the field, holding one-hour Focus Forums with various businesses, institutions (schools, hospitals, etc.) and resident groups. This allowed staff to tailor information and the discussion to a specific audience. In fact, one forum was held as a "ride along" with Dublin commuters on a COTA bus traveling to Downtown Columbus. This served as a focus group discussion seeking reasons why these residents choose to use the bus system for their daily commute, to identify amenities that would enhance their

commute, and to gather opinions on the options or amenities that would increase ridership within the community.

Also in 2017, Long Range Planning used drone video along W. Bridge Street to record the travel experience and to document corridor aesthetics. The video was used in public meetings, as well as on the City website. The same project utilized virtual reality technology by the consultant, NBBJ, to visualize proposed streetscape improvements along W. Bridge Street. The virtual experience demonstrated how a proposed pocket park would "feel" as a person walked along the space. This technology literally allows general concepts to become reality, enabling the public to experience what these plans can bring to their lives in terms.

Planning is committed to providing various methods of public participation to effectively capture the sentiment of our residents and business communities.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING

Planning staff contributed to the success of local planning conferences. At the American Planning Association (APA) Ohio Statewide Planning Conference in Athens, **Nicki Martin** served as a conference committee member and chaired several subcommittees, as well as coordinated a plenary panel discussion on Smart Cities and technological advancement at state and local levels (which included City Manager **Dana McDaniel** as a featured speaker). **Vince Papsidero**, **Tammy Noble**, **Devayani Puranik** and **Joanne Shelly** presented a session on repositioning suburbia for the next wave of economic development. **Devayani Puranik** spoke at the 2017 Central Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop in Columbus regarding how to reinvent the suburb and **J.M. Rayburn** helped with the overall planning of the workshop. In Summer 2017, **Claudia Husak** spoke on a local panel to the Form Based Codes Institute's FBC 201: Placemaking With Form-Based Codes.

In Fall 2017, **Joanne Shelly** attended the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Fall Meeting and **Michael Hiatt** attended the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Annual Meeting both held in Los Angeles. **Brian Martin** attended the International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference



Claudia Husak volunteering with a Kindergarten class to understand basic concepts of Planning

in Washington, D.C. **Greg Jones**, **Matt Kromalic** and **Newar Messina** participated in local training held by the Ohio Code Enforcement Officers Association (OCEOA). Several staff (as well as planning commissioners) attended the APA National Planning Conference in New York.

For the upcoming 2018 National Planning Conference in New Orleans, **Vince Papsidero**, was asked to serve as the Chair of the Managing Change in Communities track peer review team, a new approach by APA to include volunteer members as the first evaluative step in assessing session proposals. The Managing Change track received the most session proposals (109) and included 29 APA members. Vince was assisted by two vice chairs, Judy Daniel,

AICP, Planning Director of Oxford, Mississippi, and Debra Munkberg, AICP, Senior Planner with Bellevue, Washington.

RECOGNITIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

The team received a number of recognitions and certifications, and participated in significant training opportunities throughout 2017. Most notably, **Devayani Puranik** was promoted from a Planner II position to a Senior Planner within the division. **Tammy Noble**, **Devayani Puranik** and **Flora Rogers** completed the Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt and **J.M. Rayburn** joined the Premier Toastmasters club at the Dublin Entrepreneurial Center. **Joanne**

Shelly, Lori Burchett and **J.M. Rayburn** successfully completed training in active transportation design with the Ohio Department of Transportation and participated in Professional Development Bike Rides with Yay Bikes! A number of staff also completed special training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Adobe InDesign, and project management.

EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP

The team members participated in a number outreach opportunities that focused on educating community members about the planning field. **Jennifer Rauch** and Paul Hammersmith, City Engineer conducted a city-wide tour and presentation for the 2017 Citizen University Class focusing on planning and engineering projects throughout the City. **Claudia Husak** volunteered with four Kindergarten classes at Eli Pinney Elementary to help students understand basic planning concepts, which resulted in the classes designing models of the new Riverside Crossing Park expressing their individual preferences for park amenities. **Devayani Puranik** and **J.M. Rayburn** helped organize a city planning exercise for participants of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.

Devayani Puranik served as a mentor for The Ohio State University's City & Regional Planning program and was a guest speaker at Mary Emma Bailey Elementary School. **J.M. Rayburn** mentored a Dublin City Schools Young Professional



INNOVATIONS IN DUBLIN PLANNING



Lori Burchett, Devayani Puranik, J.M. Rayburn and Joanne Shelly worked with Community Relations to publish articles for Community Planning Month in October

Academy student and was featured in Think TV's A to Z Career Lab educational video for Ohio K-12 students. **Joanne Shelly** served as a mentor for OSU students participating in the ULI Hines Urban Design Student Competition. Finally, **Devayani Puranik** and **Joanne Shelly** gave a joint presentation as guest lecturers at the Knowlton School's City & Regional Planning program.

Community Planning Month To celebrate Community Planning Month in October, **Devayani Puranik, Joanne Shelly, Lori Burchett** and **J.M. Rayburn** coordinated with Community Relations to publish articles

highlighting Planning's role in form-based zoning code, economic development, green infrastructure and mobility.

VOLUNTEERISM

Planning staff participated in the donation of food for elementary school students that face food insecurity at home, focusing on the provision of food over the weekend. As part of the division's annual holiday luncheon, staff provided food and assembled 60 bags for students to receive prior to start of the winter school break.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018

While much was accomplished in 2017, the Division is managing a number of major projects that will have positive long-term impacts for the City. Looking toward to 2018, several planning themes emerge:

- ▶ The final blocks of Bridge Park should see development activity in the coming year. Concurrently, modifications to the Bridge Street District Code will be presented to the Architectural Review Board, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council.
- ▶ The Historic Dublin Design Guidelines and Architectural Review Board code for Historic Dublin will be updated to reflect current best practices for historic preservation.
- ▶ The Dublin Corporate Area Special Area Plan will be presented to City Council for adoption. Staff will be proposing a zoning districts and a comprehensive rezoning of the planning area, consistent with the adopted plan.
- ▶ An amendment to the Economic Advancement Zone zoning district will be presented to City Council following adoption of the West Innovation District Plan.
- ▶ As part of the Mobility Study, individual projects will be proposed to the Citizens Advisory Committee and Council for approval and implementation.
- ▶ The division will continue to work with Parks and Recreation relative to Riverside Crossing Park and landscape enhancements along key corridors.
- ▶ There will be continued emphasis on Code compliance and enforcement.
- ▶ Planning will be participating in the department-wide initiative to implement Accela case management software, which tracks all zoning, building and code enforcement activities. It will replace existing and outdated software systems.
- ▶ Training on current zoning topics will occur with the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Architectural Review Board.

