



# Community Services Advisory Commission

September 11, 2018

## Minutes

**Commission Members:**      **Present:**      Marilyn Baker, Ann Bohman, Christine Gawronski, Stephanie Hall, Elizabeth McClain, Thomas Strup  
   **Absent:**      Steve Dritz

**Staff Members Present:**      Joanne Shelly, Urban Design/Landscape Architect  
   Michael Darling, Streets & Utilities Operations Administrator

### I. Call to Order

Mr. Strup established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

No public comments

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August 14 meeting were previously distributed via email for review. Mr. Strup asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. There were some changes sent via email from Ms. Baker, Ms. Bohman and Ms. Gawronski. Ms. Baker motioned to approve the minutes with the changes. Ms. Gawronski seconded the motion. All in favor, the August 14 meeting minutes were approved.

### IV. Mobility Study (Joanne Shelly)

Ms. Shelly wanted to provide an update on the Dublin Mobility Study to this commission. She pulled up the website where the commission can access the phase two report. The website is:

<http://dublinohiousa.gov/dev/dev/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Dublin-Mobility-Phase-2-Report.pdf>

Ms. Shelly said the report is very extensive, so she just wanted to highlight a few sections of the study that have been updated and talk about how staff will move forward.

Ms. Shelly said essentially the contents are the main areas of study that were prioritized by City Council which include complete streets, shuttles and circulators, bike share, wayfinding and mobility hub. Each section provides a detailed concept overview, benchmarking, and then some recommendations for implementation and next steps.

#### Complete Streets

Ms. Shelly said on June 11, 2018 City Council approved a Complete Streets Resolution which is a policy defined as roadways that provide integrated, balance and safe transportation networks for all road users, regardless of how they get around. Staff expects components of this to happen in places like the Bridge Street District and the West Innovation District as they start to build out. We are not trying to change what is already built but as implement the concepts as development occurs. The resolution is about memorializing a lot of the policies we already have in place.

### Mobility Hub

Ms. Shelly said the discussion of mobility hubs is a long term concept. We've called them mobility hubs but have started thinking about them as community hubs. The idea is that someone can come to a specific location and get dropped off and catch a bus or a local circulator to another destination. It's a location where someone can change modes of transportation as needed. Ms. Shelly shared a very detailed diagram that shows the various components that can be in a mobility hub. Staff has discussed the different elements, the pros and cons and the essential needs.

Ms. Shelly said some of the other areas that were discussed were the shuttles and circulators and the bike share. The bike share has been deployed as dockless. So far the feedback has been positive on the bike share. Mobility hubs can be as simple or complex as needed.

### Shuttles/Circulators

Ms. Shelly said staff has put out an RFP on the website for service providers to provide the City with two types of service. One service is to have shuttles for the workforce and they would run between our COTA locations and our high density/low wage employee populations which is primarily in the area west of I270 in the area of Frantz Road and Emerald Parkway corridors. We are starting to see a lot of large capacity office buildings and those offices in general are starting to densify their internal components. So they are putting more employees in less space, which also means there is not always enough parking for the employees. So we are trying to determine how we facilitate helping these companies that would be interested in participating. In the fall we will start seeing some outreach to businesses.

Ms. Shelly said the second service is for a senior/disabled circulator. Tailoring a senior/disabled circulator pilot program to address the lack of mobility options for senior/disabled and members of the aging in place community would promote a car-independent lifestyle as well as access to goods, services, jobs and recreation. We have a few senior residential communities that are interested in participating in the pilot portion. There is an autism/disabled therapy group in Dublin that doesn't have sufficient transportation service to get their patients to their location, so we are also going to add them as a client. We are going to start with specific locations. We are calling it a circulator and it will pick up at certain locations and drop off at specific destinations. The goal is that the service provider will be able to take the pilot program and help us transform it into what would become a more on-demand service so people can find a way to contact the service providers by phone or through apps. Dublin does not plan on creating an app for this because many of these service providers already have their own phone apps.

Ms. Baker asked where COTA stops are currently located in Dublin.

Ms. Shelly said there is a COTA stop on Dale Drive. There are four buses that come in and around the Dublin area. What we have found is there between a half mile to a mile walk for employees that work in the hotels and the Bridge Park service sector. We are trying to find ways to piggy back off of the services COTA offers. Currently there is less frequency in Dublin so the wait is longer to commute.

### Wayfinding

Ms. Shelly said the City has been working with Kolar Design to develop vehicular wayfinding solutions. They have started with highway to primary roads, but we would like to develop wayfinding for

secondary use paths such as the sidewalks and pedestrian/bicycle paths. The study is anticipated to take approximately six months with implementation in late spring 2019.

Ms. Shelly encourage the commission to go online and review the entire report. If there are any comments or suggestions, members can contact Ms. Shelly directly.

Ms. Bohman asked if AARP was referenced in the Complete Streets Policy.

Ms. Shelly said it was not completely referenced. AARP has a great reference, but we also used MORPC because it is a regional reference.

Ms. Shelly shared the timeline which kicks off in October/November. Staff plans to provide some reporting back to this commission in February.

Ms. Baker asked if there is anything else that staff needs from this commission other than reviewing and providing feedback.

Ms. Shelly said if any members have any feedback they can follow-up with staff, but other than that staff just wanted to provide an update to this commission until we report back in February.

Ms. Bohman asked if the mobility hubs would have restroom facilities.

Ms. Shelly said not at this time, but if we discuss providing food options in the future then we will discuss the topic.

Mr. Strup thanked Ms. Shelly for providing an update to the commission.

## **V. Other Items of Interest**

Ms. Bohman had bundles of Dublin's Healthy Recreation Services program and activities booklets delivered for the meeting and asked for assistance in delivering these. Ms. Bohman will deliver to the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions Dublin Campus and will leave some at City Hall. Ms. Baker volunteered to distribute a bundle to the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Dublin Branch and Ms. Gawronski volunteered to distribute a bundle to the Dublin Convention & Visitors Bureau and to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

## **VI. Next Meeting – October 9, 2018**

The next meeting of CSAC will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Mr. Strup said the commission will start discussion on the topic of electric scooters per the direction of City Council at the October meeting. There will be someone present from the City's legal department for the discussion. Also in November we will continue discussion with the possibility of having public comments at the meeting. Ms. Shelly commented that if the commission would like for staff to arrange to have a scooter at the meeting, she can get one. The commission thought it would be a good idea to have one. Ms. Shelly also commented that the City of Columbus has published some directives on this topic that might be helpful for the commission to review.

Ms. Bohman asked for clarification if anyone was aware of the Aging in Place meeting that took place on September 5 or if it will be October 5. Ms. Keplar replied that she would verify with Ms. Crandall if the meeting has already taken place and let the commission know.

## VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Attachments: Mobility Study – Phase III Timeline

