

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
MINUTES – October 1, 2019
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER

Present: Laura Filaseta (Staff Liaison), Sue Jessee (Chair), Mary Ann Kabel, Sandy Katulak, Sherry Leighty, Joe Presutti (Municipal Arborist), Jan Prettyman,

Absent: Carol Adams, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt

Guests: Christa Corpstein, Ann Kniess

Call to Order and Welcome

The September 3, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

- Maintenance of Four Corners
 - Re the big bed next to Graeters: at the last meeting a suggestion was made to talk to the city about extending the chain around the big bed (from corner to wall) as well as to move the bench back to help protect the flowers. Joe brought it up to Doug Spitler but does not yet have an answer. Both Joe and Sue will follow up with Doug and will report back at the next meeting.
 - Re maintenance of Four Corners – discussion and decisions will be made as we get closer to spring. This subject has now been postponed until January 2020.

- Recruitment of New Members
 - Two potential new members joined the group for tonight's meeting. We welcomed Christa Corpstein and Ann Kniess.

- 2020 Spring Seminar
 - The preliminary topic of spring planting, preparing beds, fertilizers, and gardening mistakes is no longer on the table as it was discovered that this same topic was recently used in a presentation at Woodbourne Library.
 - A discussion around new ideas followed. It was thought that a seminar discussing hydrangeas, hibiscus, day lilies, and low maintenance but continual blooming perennials for spring planting would be well received. Sue will reach out to Mike Bellanca and let him weigh in on the final topic.
 - Mary Ann suggested that Container Gardening and Herb and Vegetable Gardening be considered for the 2021 seminar...maybe a subset of "Sustainable Gardening".

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- **Holiday Lighting**
 - December lighting decisions are due by December 15th and will be presented to the Council at the January meeting.
 - Decision was made to take 2 digital pictures of each house that is awarded so that a slideshow can be put together and presented to the Council.
 - Laura will put together tips on taking night photos and will present them at the November meeting.
 - The folder for the past holiday winners as well as the release forms remains missing. Joe and Jan will follow-up with Mary Lou Pence.

New Business

- **Zone Judging**
 - Discussion took place around the best months to judge and present the City Beautiful awards. Should we continue with July, August, September, or move to an earlier schedule of June, July, August. It was thought that the dry spell took its toll on many landscapes making the last award presentation difficult.
 - It was decided to continue with the July, August, September schedule but if we encounter another dry spell, the focus of the award would concentrate on landscapes instead of flowers.
- **Holiday Party**
 - Jan offered to do some checking (Coopers Hawk, Sweeney's, other) and will report back to the group next month.

Urban Forestry Update: Joe Presutti, Municipal Arborist

- Waiting on pricing for the replacement of trees citywide.
- Waiting on Mark Yandrick to provide tree list for fall planting at Stubbs Park-Disc Golf.
- Termite bait stations will be placed along the grass strip in front of Graeters and also in the flower beds around Graeters/City BBQ.
- It has been extremely dry – still watering with gator bags, etc.
- 5 Austrian pines were trimmed and pruned in the Pocket Park for visibility.
- A dead pear tree south of Zengel drive along 48 on the east side was removed.
- Looking for ideas to replace the lilac tree by City BBQ and Graeters. Maybe a shade tree or an ornamental? Something that does not have tree litter.

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Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau

- Though JoAnne was unable to attend the meeting, Laura was able to provide the following:
 - Carin Andrews retired on October 1st. No replacement has yet been named but the list is narrowing.
 - The Fall Festival is being held the weekend of October 5/6 and the city is hoping for a big turnout. There will be a petting zoo and hayrides, all part of an effort for people to look at Stubbs Park as more than a concert venue.
 - Looking at WestPark and ComPark. What are their business needs?

Good of the Order

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Minutes submitted by Sandy Katulak.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Public Works