

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2014

Members Present: Jan Prettyman, Chair, Bill Abrams, Karen Beal, Marilou Enslein, Sherry Leighty, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Allen Nelson, Patty Kraft, Bonnie Sekely, Debbie Schmidt, Tom Wheeler JoAnn Rau, Council Liaison, Mary Lou Pence and Doug Spitler, Staff Liaisons

Patty Kraft moved to approve the June 3, 2014 minutes. Allen Nelson seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.

Announcements:

- Thank you note received from Piper Landing HOA in appreciation of the complex being awarded the June 2014 Business Pride Award.
- Doug Spitler was introduced and welcomed as the new Public Works Director/ City Engineer. Our Commission looks forward to working with Doug.
- All members who attended raved about the educational and fun visit to Little Miami Flower Company. A thank you note was sent to Chris and Maria Waymire for their gracious hospitality. Commission Members enjoyed the outing and lunch on the way home.
- The winner for Zone 1 for the month of July asked if former winners of a residential landscaping award prior to the current gift of an engraved rock could order the engraved rocks if purchased at their own expense. After discussion by the Commission members, permission was not granted.

Old Business

- **Community Pride Awards Concerns** – The City has requested that businesses nominated for this award be reviewed by zoning/ property maintenance to confirm that any sign violation or other nonconforming issues are on record. The Commission members do not need to know what the violations are, but only that they exist. It is our responsibility to look at the entire property not only flowers. The Public Works Department submits nominated properties, both residential and business to Sande Heck at the City Building who reviews the nominations. He then notifies PW of any infractions or other issues regarding a property. Mary Lou Pence then notifies the Commissioners that there are concerns (or not concerns) regarding a property.

New Business

- **Mayor's Award for 2014:** Two properties are being reviewed for this award. Commission members are asked to reply by August 15, 2014 with their choice. Properties that have won three other times are considered after the third win to be eligible for consideration. This award is not given each year and once awarded the residence is "retired" from any further consideration.

- Nine properties are under consideration for a Community Pride award. Please refer to the e-mail from Jan with the nominated properties. Commission members are asked to reply by August 15, 2014 with their choice. As it was decided to not make a Community Pride award for August, it was determined that 2 such awards could be made for September.
- Fall Residential Award Reception is scheduled for September 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Patty will send out a "Save the Date" notice to the July and August winners then supply the other members a letter to be handed to the September winners once they are awarded. Debbie James will send a formal invitation to attend from the Mayor. Sherry graciously offered to do the decorations and handle paper goods. A signup sheet for refreshments was passed around.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. first motion by Sherry Leighty and second by Tom Wheeler.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Public Works Building.