

## **Centerville City Beautiful Commission Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2014**

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

Absent: Allen Nelson

Bill Abrams moved to approve August 5, 2014 minutes. Sherry Leighty seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

### Announcements:

- Per Mary Lou Pence, CBC business cards have been ordered.
- Mayor's Award winners are Bob and Jan Pangburn of 1325 Brainard Woods Drive. Award to be presented at the October City Council meeting.
- Two Business Pride winners have been selected for September: Cross Point Center and Ashton Glenn Apartments on South Main St.

### Old Business:

- Residential Winner's Fall Reception is at 7:30 PM starting with City Council meeting and adjourning to Law Library in the lower level of City Hall. CBC members need to drop off snacks, drinks, and table decorations at the Law Library just before the Council meeting starts. A list of responsibilities was redistributed for review purposes. We were reminded to call all zone winners and remind them to attend this recognition event.
- Wednesday, September 3rd, is the last day to get winner information to Debbie James.
- Four Corners maintenance was discussed. Sweet Potato vines need to be cut back. Bushes will be trimmed by Master Gardeners. Volunteers selected dates to complete the required maintenance in September.

### New Business:

- Allen Nelson requested zone changes for 2014-2015. It was concluded after some discussion that we keep the current zones. If zones are swapped or exchanged, chairperson should be notified as well as Patty Kraft.
- News coverage of Business Pride Winners was discussed. Mary Lou Pence indicated she would assist with press releases. She will also be sending out guidelines and criteria for review and future discussion.
- Awarding of condos and private streets posted "no through traffic" was discussed. It was concluded that those areas remain out of our jurisdiction to judge. If requested in the future, we can suggest these areas do their own program, and we can assist with guidelines, etc.
- The Early Spring 2015 Educational Program presenter is still unresolved. Karen Beal has made numerous contacts with the Cincinnati Zoo and received no response. An arborist, Joe Boggs, was suggested as well as a representative from Cox Arboretum (5 Rivers Metro Parks). Karen will follow up.
- Sherry Leighty mentioned that there is an educational program at Benham's Grove September 20, 2014. She has contact information.
- Mary Lou Pence discussed the City Beautiful Commission's budget for 2015. It will remain

the same as 2014.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM by a motion from Marilou Enslein and seconded by Yvonne Jacobson.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Public Works Building.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Tom Wheeler