

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2013

Members Present: Karen Beal, John Beals, Marilou Enslein, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, and Bonnie Sekely.

Members Absent: Tom Wheeler, Rob James

Marilou Enslein welcomed the Commission's new member, Bill Abrams.

Judi Hetzer made a motion to approve the October minutes with changes and Jan Prettyman seconded the motion.

Holiday Lighting Judging

Patty Kraft distributed the list of winners. The winners were also published in the Neighbors Section of the Dayton Daily News newspaper. Esther Price was selected as the Business Pride winner and they were thrilled.

Arbor Day

Benhams Grove will be the location for Arbor Day on April 17. The Commission and Mary Lou Pence will work with Benhams Grove for the choice of trees for planting. Native Ohio trees that are colorful in fall will continue to replace trees lost to storms. Mary Lou Pence will send save the date information to schools for their participation.

Tree Academy

Allen Nelson described the Tree Academy as forestry for an urban environment and discussed relative classes. Classes are on Saturdays with additional assignments. The cost is \$35. Commission members who are interested in attending should inform Mary Lou Pence and Marilou Enslein.

Mary Lou Pence provided the Commission with a summary prepared by Marty Tackett, Public Works, of the City's efforts in 2012 regarding tree removals and plantings.

Four Corners Flower Information

The area by the Peppermint Shoppe needs knock out roses. The Commission received many compliments on the flowers at Four Corners and the plantings reduced weeds and human intrusion in the area so it was decided to continue with the same plantings this year. Two additional flats of alyssum are needed. May 6th through 9th is Spring Cleanup Week for the City. Saturday, May 18th was tentatively selected as the Four Corners planting date. The Commission will discuss this at the February meeting.

Spring Seminar

Jan Prettyman will contact Eric Sauer for his availability. He was last year's presenter and indicated last year his interest in presenting again in 2013. The seminar will be at the Public Works Center. Seminar topics discussed were: winter gardens, water gardens, rain barrels, and making your landscaping look professional.

Maureen will need information about the seminar by January 14th to include in the March issue of the Town Crier.

Expansion of Summer Business Pride Awards

John Beals reported the Council agreed the Commission's recommendation to expand the Business Pride Award to other businesses in the community, i.e. churches, apartment complexes, etc.

Discussion included:

- Differentiate professional landscapers versus personal landscaping
- Separation of Business Pride and Community Pride – community pride being churches
- Name of the awards
- Recognition award certificate in a frame
- There are 18 Business Pride Award plaques in inventory and the Commission believes due to the cost incurred in purchasing them they should be used.

Sherry Leighty recommended the formation of a subcommittee to further discuss this and present ideas and suggestions at the February meeting. Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, and Debbie Schmidt volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

The Commission decided to change the City Beautiful Award winner's recognition from the September Council meeting to the February State of the City meeting. The February Council meeting is also the State of the City Address. This will incorporate the summer and the holiday lighting winners. The summer winners will receive their award rock monthly when they are selected as the City Beautiful Award recipient and the holiday winners will receive their award in December. This will require ordering the rocks in the spring and Commission members storing the rocks until they are presented to the monthly winners. Commission members were not opposed to storing them since it is only three rocks per zone.

Patty Kraft asked Commission members to inform her of changes to the Commission roster.

Police Department Plants

The plants are doing well with the Police Department watering the plants. Commission members will continue to check on the plants for additional maintenance as needed.

Sherry Leighty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Karen Beal seconded the motion.

Next meeting: February 5, 2013, 7 p.m., Public Works Center

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt