

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2013

Members Present: Marilou Enslein, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Bonnie Sekely, and Tom Wheeler

Members Absent: Bill Abrams, Karen Beal, John Beals, Rob James Allen Nelson

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

Kara Ware presented information about an Earth Day Celebration planned for April 20, 2013 at Stubbs Park sponsored by WAKE UP! Dayton (Water, Air, Kids, Earth – Unite & Protect). Numerous activities are planned to bring awareness to Earth Day involving the community, families, and children. Kara asked if the Commission would be interested in participating. The Commission discussed having a speaker on composting, distributing wild flower seed packets compliments of the City Beautiful Commission, and a seed exchange. Patty Kraft will contact Marvin Gardens about speaking on composting and the cost of wild flower seeds. The Commission will discuss at the March meeting.

Spring Seminar

- Eric Sauer is confirmed as the speaker for the March 23 seminar entitled “March into Spring.” It will be held at the Public Works Center at 10 AM. The subject of his presentation is Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels, Irrigation and Related Subjects. His fee is \$100.
- Mary Lou Pence will prepare the flyers, email to Commission members for approval, print and bring to the March Commission meeting for members to distribute.
- Door prizes totaling \$150 from Centerville Mill, Lowes, Graeter’s, and City Barbeque will be awarded at the seminar. Sherry Leighty will bring ribbon to decorate the door prizes.
- At the March meeting Commission members will decide on snacks to provide at the seminar.
- Advertising for the seminar will include the sign at Stubbs Park, City website, Neighbors section of the Dayton Daily Newspaper, and Jan and Maureen will discuss on cable TV.

Arbor Day

- Benhams Grove is the location for Arbor Day on April 17 at 10 AM. PW Staff asked for suggestions on tree types.
- Tom Wheeler will be the master of ceremonies; Allen Nelson will be Tom’s backup if he is unable to attend.

Business Pride, Residential Landscape Awards Subcommittee

- Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Patty Kraft, and Debbie Schmidt comprised the subcommittee to make recommendations about including condos, apartments, and churches as well as businesses in the summer landscape awards.
- Recommendations included:
 - City Beautiful Landscape Award – the same award for business and residential. No distinction between business and residential signage. All are contributing to making the City beautiful. Display a City Beautiful Landscape Award sign on business and residential property.
 - No monetary award or plaque to the business winners.

- Mary Lou Pence will get quotes on re-facing both sides of the existing Business Pride Award signs to state “City Beautiful Landscape Award.”
- Mary Lou Pence will ask Fast Signs for suggestions about covering the Business Pride Award currently engraved on the award plaques. Perhaps a plate engraved with City Beautiful Landscape Award.
- The Commission agreed with the subcommittee’s recommendations and will discuss further when Mary Lou Pence obtains quotes as mentioned above.

Four Corners Flower Information

- The area by the Peppermint Shoppe needs two knockout rose bushes. There is an irrigation system to water the flowerbed.
- Two additional flats of alyssum are needed for Four Corners.
- Monday, May 13 Public Works staff and members from the Commission will select flowers at Stockslagers.
- Saturday, May 18 at 10 am CBC will plant flowers at Four Corners.
- Traffic signal battery backup will be installed before planting.
- Existing red stepping stones are cracked and some Commission members expressed they are unsightly. Access to the traffic signal and maintaining the flowerbeds must be available. Discussion included replacing the cracked stones with matching red stones or unearthing existing rocks at Four Corners and using those that are flat as stepping stones. Commission members will also look at Stockslagers for options.

Mary Lou Pence presented information on the Montgomery County Solid Waste Beautiful \$500 Grant that the Commission may be eligible. The paperwork filing date is March 1. The Commission decided the filing timeframe was too short and they would not pursue this year.

Patty Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt