

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2013

Members Present: Bill Abrams, Karen Beal, Judi Hetzer, Yvonne Jacobson, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Bonnie Sekely, and Tom Wheeler

Members Absent: John Beals, Marilou Enslein, Patty Kraft, and Rob James

Bill Abrams made a motion to approve the April minutes with changes discussed and Sherry Leighty seconded the motion.

Volunteer Dinner – April 11, Yankee Trace

- Those attending were complimentary of the evening and enjoyed themselves.

Tree City Luncheon Friday, April 19, 2013, Green Hills (suburb of Cincinnati)

- Karen Beal suggested Centerville host this luncheon in the future, it would be good advertising for Centerville. Debbie Schmidt recommended obtaining information on what is involved in hosting this event. Wendy van Buren requested to attend one of our meetings so Mary Lou Pence will provide Wendy with the dates of our meetings. Wendy could provide us information about the Tree City Luncheon.

Earth Day Event – April 20, 2013, Stubbs Park

- Special thanks to those who contributed in any way to the City Beautiful Commission's presentation for Earth Day: Sherry Leighty, Karen Beal, Judi Hetzer, Marilou Enslein, Tom and Agnes Wheeler, Bonnie Sekely, Mary Lou Pence, Rob James, and Jan Prettyman.
- Attendance was less than anticipated. Commission members believe the adverse weather and the first time for the event influenced attendance. Approximately 50 flower seed packets were distributed.
- Suggestions for next year were to build on the theme, identify the booth with a banner, and provide activities for children. Karen Beal suggested dirt cakes for next year.

Four Corners

- Sherry Leighty and Jan Prettyman will accompany Joe Presutti from Public Works to Stockslager's to select flowers on May 13. Meet at Public Works Center at 8:45 am.
- Sherry Leighty and Karen Beal will begin laying out the flowers at Four Corners at 9:30 am; the remaining Commission members will arrive a little later to begin planting.
- Patty Kraft will contact City Barbecue and Graeter's regarding complimentary food.
- Planting rain date is May 20 between 6 and 6:30 pm.

City Beautiful Summer Landscape Awards

- Zone judging packets were distributed. Zone assignments were:

Zone 1	Debbie Schmidt and Marilou Enslein
Zone 2	Karen Beal and Jan Prettyman
Zone 3	Yvonne Jacobson and Judi Hetzer
Zone 4	Allen Nelson and Sherry Leighty
Zone 5	Patty Kraft
Zone 6	Tom Wheeler
Zone 7	Bonnie Sekely and Bill Abrams

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- Award rocks will arrive at the Public Works Center Monday, 5-13-13 and can be picked up between 8 am – 4:30 pm. Signs area available at tonight's meeting.
- Community Pride awards include businesses, condominiums, and churches throughout all of Centerville. It is all Commission members' responsibility to recommend Community Pride candidates. Please email your nomination and responses to nominations to all Commission members. There can be more than one winner if warranted. Community Pride winners will be invited to Council meetings.
- Email Summer Landscape winners to Holly Bricker and Patty Kraft by the 8th of the month.
- Mary Lou Pence received a call from the Planning Department requesting the Commission give attention to the whole property and overall look of the property when selecting Summer Landscape awards (i.e. the house is good but the driveway is cracked or in need of repair). The Planning Department would prefer the Commission not award a house that may have a zoning code violation.
- NOTE: Email from Mary Lou Pence after the Commission meeting: Following last night's CBC meeting and our discussion about paying attention to property maintenance issues when performing summer landscape award judging here is the direction you are asked to follow.

Please submit all potential residential and business award winners to me (Mary Lou Pence) a couple of days ahead of your making the award. We will run the addresses by our code enforcement officer and he will verify that there are no pending violations, court actions, etc., that would cause us to reconsider a landscape award. Violations could include many things that may not be obvious to you during your property evaluation including an illegally parked RV, a non-conforming sign or business use, or home/business improvement work being performed without a permit. We realize this will add a small step to the process, but this will ensure that our award winners are in good standing and avoid a potential embarrassment.

Arbor Day 2014

The Arbor Day planting for 2014 is proposed to honor the anniversary of the Japanese Tsunami in 2011 with "Operation 1000 Cherry Tree Project". The proposed location is around the Veteran's Memorial in Stubbs Park.

Police Department Lobby

The volunteer at the Police Department will take over watering plants. The Police Chief likes the look of the lobby and appreciates the Commission's beautification of the lobby.

Sherry Leighty appreciated the work the framing company next to Bill's Donuts did on the Earth Day poster. The business owner has offered to photograph a Summer Landscape winner's home of our choice and transform it into an oil painting and donate a framing certificate in exchange for advertising. Sherry will obtain more information and report to the Commission.

Bill Abrams made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sherry Leighty seconded the motion.

Next meeting: June 4, 2013, 7 p.m., Public Works Center.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt