

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2013

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

Members Absent: Karen Beal, John Beals, Marilou Enslein, Rob James, and Tom Wheeler

Guest: Joe Willhoit, Summer Landscape winner considering joining the Commission

Allen Nelson made a motion to approve the May minutes with changes discussed and Patty Kraft seconded the motion.

City Beautiful Summer Landscape Awards

- Mary Lou Pence reminded Commission members to submit your zone’s property to her prior to awarding the property. She will submit the address to the Planning Department to ensure the property does not have pending violations or court actions. She suggested sending multiple addresses for consideration at the same time versus one or two addresses at a time.
- There was discussion about the Mayor’s Award. A property does not automatically receive the Mayor’s Award because it has won the Summer Landscape Award multiple times. Commission members review the nominees’ properties and then vote for the recipient(s) of the Mayor’s Award.
- The Commission voted one property to receive the 2014 Mayors Award and will also consider another property during the 2014 season. Bill Abrams made the motion and Judi Hetzer seconded the motion.
- The Commission was pleased that there were significant candidates for the Community Pride Award this summer since expanding the category to include condominiums and churches as well as businesses. Each of the Community Pride recipients attended the Council meeting to be recognized.
- There was discussion about improving communication among Commission members regarding Community Pride nominations. It was decided to table the discussion for a meeting next year.

Reception for Residential Summer Landscape Winners, Monday, September 16, 8 pm

- Typically the engraved rocks are distributed to the Summer Landscape winners at this reception however this year the rocks were awarded to the winners each month. The Commission thought attendance may be low and therefore was canceling the reception in September. However, the Clerk of Council requested to continue the reception for residential winners this year. Sherry Leighty made a motion to have the reception and Yvonne Jacobson seconded the motion. The Commission will have the reception this year and assess attendance, etc. then discuss the reception’s future.
- Commission members should arrive around 7:45 pm at the Law Library. When the Council breaks the Commission will decorate and set up the room for the reception. Sherry Leighty will bring decorations, paper goods, etc.
- Refreshments are provided by Commission members:

Patty	cookies/nuts	Bill	plastic cups
Debbie	cookies	Bonnie	fruit
Yvonne	cookies	Allen	donuts
Jan	sweet/salty		

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Four Corners

- Sherry Leighty will prune the roses now to promote growth next spring.
- Taller heads in the irrigation system are needed to water the area evenly. The heads are too low and therefore water is not reaching the plants and pooling in a small area.
- Sherry Leighty suggested chartreuse spirea to replace the butterfly bushes that do not do well in the area. The spirea will also provide winter interest. She also recommended a light fertilizer be applied now, and raking the flowerbed edges to regenerate the mulch and dirt.
- Cigarette butts continue to litter the Four Corners area. Mary Lou Pence said it was City BBQ and Graeter's responsibility to install a container.

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. The Commission cannot advertise or promote businesses so this idea was not pursued.

Spring 2014 Seminar

- Sherry Leighty spoke with Pam Bennett, Head Master Gardener for Ohio located in Clark County and author of a column in the Dayton Daily News about speaking at the Commission's spring seminar. She was receptive to the idea and will donate her fee of \$100 but charge for her travel expenses. The Commission agreed that Sherry confirm a date with Pam. February 1 or 8 were suggested if Pam's schedule permits and the topic of annuals was recommended. It was noted that John Beals said the Commission could do two seminars a year. The second could be in October and the topic could be trees.

Holiday Lighting

- Patty Kraft will assemble the packets and make available at a later meeting. At that time due date and contest criteria will be discussed.

Patty Kraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sherry Leighty seconded the motion.

Next meeting: September 3, 2013, 7 p.m., Public Works Center.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt