

## CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES: MAY 1, 2012, 7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilou Enslein, Patty Kraft, Tom Wheeler, Sherry Leighty, and Jan Prettyman as well as Mary Lou Pence (City staff)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Debbie Schmidt, Karen Beal, Yvonne Jacobsen, Rob James (City staff), John Beals (Council liaison)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Allen Nelson

**GUEST:** Rhonda Fleet

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marilou Enslein. Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and a motion for acceptance was made and seconded.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Arbor Day Review:** Members attending the Arbor Day celebration at Benham's Grove April 18<sup>th</sup> included Tom Wheeler, who served as Master of Ceremonies, Sherry Leighty, Mary Lou Pence, John Beals and Jan Prettyman. They reported that the children seemed to enjoy the program and the ceremony progressed well. Mayor Kingseed read the proclamation and greeted each of the children representing 8 of the 9 Centerville elementary schools personally. Additional trees for planting were donated by Schauer Landscaping and the Centerville Garden Club. Benham's Grove will again (likely) be the site for the 2013 Arbor Day celebration.

**Volunteer Salute:** Commission members present for the annual Volunteer Salute at Yankee Trace reported that the event was somewhat abbreviated as compared to previous years. It appeared that attendance was less and the program shortened. A continuous Power Point presentation identified the various volunteer organizations and commissions during the course of the evening. A suggestion was made that perhaps pictures involving these organizations be added for the 2013 Salute.

**Tree Luncheon:** The City of Centerville was awarded the TREE CITY designation for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at a luncheon sponsored by the Arbor Day commission in Amberly Village on April 20. Attending from the CBC and Public Works were Mary Lou Pence, Marilou Enslein, Tom Wheeler, Rob James, Sherry Leighty and Jan Prettyman. Lunch was served individually in a green cooler. Door prizes were donated by various local companies including Natorp Nurseries of Cincinnati and a tree was won by Tom Wheeler. Next year's event will be held in Greenhills on 4/19/2013.

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

**Four Corners:** Flowers will be selected on Monday, May 14 at Stockslager's and the rocks at Four Corners will be rearranged following that by Public Works personnel in preparation for planting on Saturday morning, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. Rain dates are May 21

or May 22. Sherry Leighty and Jan Prettyman will assist Joe Presutti of Public Works with the selection of plants at Stockslager's. A sign-up sheet was circulated for weeding and site maintenance at Four Corners. Patty Kraft is making arrangements for complimentary lunch at City Barbecue and dessert at Graeter's following the planting event. Sweet potato vine will be placed on both sides of the north driveway by the "Peppermint Cottage" and Graeter's and on the south side of City Barbeque.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Summer Landscape Awards were discussed and Zone assignments were confirmed. Packets were distributed to each Commission member and a reminder to pick up the yard signs was given. Zone assignments are as follows:

Zone 1: Marilou and Debbie; Zone 2: Karen and Jan; Zone 3: Patty; Zone 4: Allen and Sherry; Zone 5: Debbie and Marilou; Zone 6: Tom; and Zone 7: Yvonne

### **Business Pride: Jan Prettyman**

Marilou explained the Business Pride awards to newer members unfamiliar with the process and Patty reviewed and explained the judging criteria for residential awards.

**New member recruitment:** Carol Nugent and Kim Engelman have resigned from the Commission for personal reasons. Allen Nelson has requested leave of absence, therefore reducing the membership of the Commission considerably. Marilou asked that we encourage friends, acquaintances and possibly winners of the Summer Landscape Awards to consider applying for appointment to the Commission.

**Good of the Order:** Nothing further

Motion for adjournment was made by Sherry and seconded by Patty. Next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works Center.

Submitted by Jan Prettyman for Debbie Schmidt