

**Centerville City Beautiful Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2011**

Members Present: Karen Beal, John Beals, Kim Engleman, Marilou Enslein, Carol Farquhar-Nugent, Rob James Patty Kraft, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Mary Lou Pence, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Tom Wheeler

Members Absent: Jim Dell

**Police Department Plant Maintenance**

Rob James will discuss the plant maintenance, equipment, timeframe, etc. with Mark Casey and then update the Commission at the March meeting for further discussion.

**Seminar Updates**

February 12 seminar – Maureen did a nice job publicizing the seminar in the Neighbors section of the Dayton Daily Newspaper. Jan Prettyman and Maureen did an additional taping to promote the February and March seminars, recruiting Commission members, and Arbor Day.

Speakers and owners of the Secret Garden will arrive at 9 am to set up their products. Commission members arrive at 9:30 am. Kathleen, the presenter, does not want to be taped or use a microphone. Patty will introduce Kathleen and Kathleen will introduce Brad and Debbie Goodwin, owners of the Secret Garden. The Secret Garden is offering attendees a 10% discount. Reminder - Commission members are not eligible to enter the raffle drawing.

Karen Beal mailed and/or emailed seminar flyers to attendees of last year's seminar. Sherry has the refreshments under control. Commission members please wear your nametags; wearing blue Commission shirts are optional.

March 12 seminar - Marvin Gardens

Thanks to Carol Farquhar-Nugent and husband, Wally, for the nice job they did on the 3-12-11 seminar flyer. They will be distributed to attendees at the 2-12-11 seminar. Commission members please bring the same refreshments to the March seminar as you did to the February seminar.

Patty Kraft has contacted Marvin about filming and other particulars (tarps, equipment, etc.) he may need for his program. He will need 16—20' of tables. Marvin usually brings a large number of plants. After seminar attendees take plants, the Commission members may take any leftover plants.

**Arbor Day – April 21, 2011**

Arbor Day festivities will be at 10 am on April 21 at Rahn Road between Royalwood and Applecreek. Mary Lou Pence will mail letters to schools as she did last year. More discussion about Arbor Day at the March meeting.

**Four Corners**

Greg Horn received a comment about sprucing up the plantings at Four Corners. The blue spruce has a bald spot on one side that will not fill in and therefore the Commission will recommend removal of the tree. It was suggested a dwarf blue spruce or topiary blue spruce

replace it. Sherry Leighty suggested layering flowers with varying colors for depth; consider trees with textured, colored bark; trees the eye can see through their foliage. For impact and continuity it is recommend Four Corners and flowers throughout the city be the same. Sherry will head up the Four Corners flower arranging and planting design. Stockschlagers needs our flower order by the end of February to begin production. Flowers recommended were dusty miller, red salvia, and green leaf begonias.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 1 at 7 pm at the Public Works building.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt