

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2011

Members Present: Marilou Enslein, Karen, Beal, Carol Farquhar-Nugent, Yvonne Jacobson, Sherry Leighty, Allen Nelson, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Mary Lou Pence, Rob James

Members Absent: Jim Dell, Patty Kraft, Tom Wheeler, Kim Engelman

Four Corners

Marilou Enslein thanked the Commission members for weeding and maintaining Four Corners. Karen Beal asked if two more flags could be added to the decorative poles at Four Corners. Mary Lou Pence will ask Public Works to add them to the “rabbit ears” currently in place.

Future Four Corners

Sherry Leighty presented information from the subcommittee about plantings. Incorporating more perennials into the beds, grasses, and knockout roses were suggested. Adding the bed between Graeter’s driveway and the Peppermint House was recommended. Some concern was discussed about adding another bed to plant and maintain. Also discussed including the bed on Franklin Street in front of City BBQ due to its proximity to Four Corners to make it visually appealing. Commission members are encouraged to make suggestions to the Four Corners subcommittee.

CBC Budget

Rob James stated the Commission’s budget was reduced by 25% and presented the revised budget to the Commission.

Police Lobby Update

Members were asked to sign up for the watering schedule. If you notice bugs on the plants, please inform Rob James so the plant can be removed so as not to infest the remaining plants.

Holiday Judging

Holiday packets were distributed and judging criteria discussed. Judging timeframe is November 28 through December 6. Wear your Commission name badge while judging. Ask the winner to print and sign the form approving their name to appear the Town Crier and/or newspaper and as they want their name to appear in print. Email the winner information (zone number, name, address) to Patty Kraft by December 6 and bring the paperwork to the December 6 gathering at Beef O’Bradys or mail to Patty.

The Commission is responsible for nominating Business Pride winner candidates. Email your choices to all Commission members for voting.

Residential winners will receive a gift certificate to Far Hills Florist. It was decided that all winners receive gift certificates from the same Centerville business this year but will rotate to other Centerville businesses each year.

Jan Prettyman will inform Maureen of the judging timeframe so the information can be included in the Town Crier publication.

Arbor Day

Benham's Grove will be the location of Arbor Day in 2012. Benham's Grove will be asked to recommend planting areas and trees for Arbor Day. Commission members are asked to make suggestions to Mary Lou Pence.

Tree City Luncheon is April 20, 2012 at Amberly Village, Ohio and the Commission is invited. Please RSVP to Marilou Enslein.

Spring Workshop

Bring ideas to the January meeting or email to Marilou Enslein. It was suggested that the Commission have one larger program that would appeal to a broader audience, i.e. landscape designer. This topic may also encourage homeowners to spruce up their yards. A larger facility such as the Police Station or Centerville High School may be needed for a larger program.

Holiday gathering at Beef O'Bradys on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. Spouses, significant others, etc. are invited.

Next meeting January 3, 2012, 7 p.m. at the Public Works building.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt