

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2010

Members Present: Karen Beal, Jim Dell, Marilou Enslein, Kim Engleman, Patty Kraft, Allen Nelson, Jan Prettyman, Debbie Schmidt, Rob James, and Mary Lou Pence

Members Absent: none

New Member: Carol Farquhar Nugent

Visitors: Pam Anglin, Tom Wheeler, Sherry Leighty, Aurelia Palcher

Reminder to take CBC winner signs to the Public Works building the end of August or beginning of September.

Business Pride winners receive two certificates for brunch at Yankee Trace. Esther Price and Bethany Village are the August winners. It was suggested that the Business Pride plaques accommodate an attachment of some type so the winning year(s) can be added versus an additional plaque awarded. Mary Lou Pence says there are enough plaques through July 2011. When the supply is depleted we will look into new plaques that can accommodate multiple year awards.

Four Corners

The Preen has decreased the number of weeds and the flowers are filling in nicely which also helps to control the weeds. It was recommended that Public Works use new mulch versus recycled mulch and apply Preen at the beginning of the season when preparing the beds in an effort to control the weeds early in the season.

CBC Winners Reception

The date is Monday, September 20 at the Law Library. The reception is held after the presentation of the summer landscape awards during the council meeting. Patty Kraft will mail save the date letters to the winners and include a City Beautiful Commission application. Debbie James in the city office will send formal invitation letters to the winners. There will be two door prizes for winners attending the reception: Esther Price one pound candy box, and a \$50 centerpiece purchased from Centerville Florist. Patty will take care of obtaining these. The winners are presented rocks engraved with the year they won the award.

Patty will send an email requesting food and drink items from committee members. Committee members are to bring fall table decorations.

Budget

The 2011 budget will remain the same as 2010 and covers the cost of the rocks, \$250 grants, and seminar expenses. The committee believes more publicity of the grant(s) is needed next year.

2011 Seminar

Suggestions were: Kathleen Garnika from Secret Garden, Marvin from Marvin Gardens, a representative from Allison's Gardens (Karen Beal will obtain name), and Lynn, owner of TJ's Flower Shop in Bellbrook. Suggestion was made to have a two-hour program and combine Allison's and the Secret Garden (one hour each). Recommendation was made to have the program at the Public Works education room in order to accommodate a large group.

Future Meeting Dates

October 5

November 2 – holiday lighting information will be distributed at this meeting

February 1

Committee members visited Four Corners after the meeting to check on flower growth and get ideas for next year's plantings.

Submitted by Debbie Schmidt

Next informal meeting is Monday, September 20, 2010, at the Law Library in conjunction with the reception.