

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES

November 4, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Carol Adams, Christa Corpstein, Sherry Leighty, Ann Kniess, Deanna Arellano, Dustin Venters (Public Works), Laura Filaseta (City of Centerville)

Absent: JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison) and Jan Prettyman

Call to Order and Welcome

The October 6, 2020, meeting minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

The Holiday Lighting Awards

- The Holiday Lighting Award packets and new name tags are available for pick up at the Public Works from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The new folder includes a map, instructions, past winners, new release forms and a \$25.00 Yankee Trace gift certificate to give to your winner. Please return the packets to Public Works by the end of January.
- Once you have selected your **zone holiday lighting winner**, please send the address to Laura at lfilaseta@centervilleohio.gov by **Tuesday, December 8** for approval.
- After your selection is approved, please send a 5-10 second video and picture of the winner to Laura by **Thursday, December 10**.
- Email your **Community Pride Holiday Lighting Award** business nominee's name, address and photo, if possible, to Mary Ann and Bob. An email will be sent with the nominees, photos and addresses for voting by **Tuesday, December 8**.
- The Heart of Centerville Washington Township approached the City with an invitation to partner on a program to award holiday light winner awards. They would take videos and pictures of the winners and create a map for visitors to drive by the sites. Laura Filaseta will send our winners to the Township for their use in this program.

Four Corners Flower Bed Redesign

- Laura reported that Public Works could help with the larger plants at Four Corners. This topic will be discussed more at our next meeting.
- If anyone is interested in meeting with Ben to decide what flowers will be planted in the city beds, please send an email to Laura at lfilaseta@centervilleohio.gov.

Miscellaneous

- Laura is working on a City Beautiful logo for our shirts and will share the designs at the next meeting.
- Recruitment of new members: Mary Ann will follow up with Kate Bostdorff regarding the possibility of a video.
- The commission's 2021 budget request of \$2000 is currently pending approval.

New Business

- The Commission prefers virtual Zoom meetings due to COVID-19, but the decision is subject to city council's compliance with a state mandate or order. The commission will notify members of any changes that may impact the January meeting.
- Respecting the safety of our members and their families during the holiday season, the Commission agreed not to have an in-person Holiday Dinner. Instead Sue has planned **a fun virtual Holiday Party, via Zoom, on Tuesday, December 1**. We encourage members wear something festive whether it's an ugly Christmas sweater, a decorated hat or facemask. There will also be holiday trivia. **The invite will be sent the day after Thanksgiving along with the Zoom login, the session is limited to 40 minutes. Please join in the fun!**
- Spring Seminar:
 - Centerville High School is not taking reservations for the theatre due to COVID-19.
 - JoAnne Rau is working with the Miami Valley Cable Council to determine if they can host a virtual seminar. If so, the seminar may air several times on their channel.
 - Bob, Sherry and Jan will work on a virtual seminar. Sherry will contact different speakers through Montgomery County and OSU extension services, check on fees and if a recognized local speaker is available.
 - Door prizes are under consideration such as gift cards for the virtual seminar. Sherry will also check on gift cards for the speakers.

Miscellaneous

- The 2021 Summer Landscape Award rocks and plaques will be ordered in January or February.
- The Four Corners flower bed maintenance schedule including trimming of roses and bushes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Urban Forestry Update – Dustin Venters

- Nationwide Insurance, Miami Valley South Hospital and Siebenthaler were awarded the Red Horse Chestnut trees. Siebenthaler donated their trees to Stubbs Park.
- At Yankee Trace, 12 Streetspire Oak trees were planted which may grow to approx. 30'.
- Public Works has started on our Tree City USA Application.
- So far this season, leaf collection has more than doubled as compared to last year.
- Four public works employees will receive their tree arborist certification.

Good of the Order

Meeting adjourned. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2020
7:00 p.m. via Zoom