

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES

May 4, 2021

Meeting at Public Works Building

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Deanna Arellano, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Sherry Leighty, Jan Prettyman, Laura Filaseta (City of Centerville), and Dustin Venters (Public Works)

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
- Motion made to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes as written by Deanna Arellano, seconded by Carol Adams.

Old Business

Four Corners

- Trimming of spirea, roses, and red twig dogwood was done Saturday, May 10 at 10 am. Members brought their tools and Sherry provided the disinfecting material. Thank you to Sherry for sharing her knowledge and to Commission members who trimmed.
- Four Corners planting date is Saturday, May 22, 2021, 9 am. Commission members and Public Works employees will attend. (Seven total).
- Debbie contacted City BBQ and Graeter's about lunch and ice cream after planting on May 22. They are happy to accommodate.
- Reviewed weeding schedule for Four Corners. If you need help, please contact a fellow CBC member.

City Beautiful Shirts

- Laura distributed shirts to Commission members.

New Business

Resignations and recruiting of new members

- Christa Corpstein and Ann Kniess resigned due to conflicts.
- Currently the Commission has eight members, and more volunteers are needed. Suggestions for advertising for new members:
 - Advertise on the Stubbs bulletin board.
 - Kate Bostdorff will mention CBC is accepting new members during her posts on social media and other broadcasts.
 - Sue Jessee put a notice on her Facebook page and encourages other members to publicize.
 - The city has a table at the Americana Festival and Laura will include Commission information.
 - Ask Centerville businesses (florists and landscaping companies) if the Commission can display information at their businesses (point of sale location).

Joanne said recruiting volunteers is difficult for other committees and commissions in Centerville as well as other cities.

Summer Landscaping Awards

- Summer landscaping folders were distributed and reviewed. Send addresses of nominees (homes and community pride) to Laura for approval prior to awarding the winners. The subject line of the zone winners email should read: (Month) Summer Landscape Winner Zone #. The subject line of the community pride winners email should read: (Month) Community Pride Winner. Due dates for winner submissions will be decided at the June meeting. Commission members will take pictures of zone winners and send to Laura, Bob, and Mary Ann.
- Rocks were ordered and scheduled to arrive May 17. Rocks and yard signs can be picked up at the June meeting.

Discussion CBC

CBC Membership Guidelines

- The Commission reviewed, discussed, and edited the membership guidelines. Debbie will make the changes and send to Mary Ann for any additional editions. The Commission will review the revised membership guidelines, monthly standard meeting topics, and CBC Beautification Grant documents at the June meeting.

Urban Forestry Update – Dustin Venters

- Public Works is replacing 16 trees mostly in the medians throughout the city.
- The Centerville Washington Township Park District approached Public Works about joining them to participate in Tree City USA. After checking with Wendy Van Buren, Tree City USA representative, parks can participate if they are within the city. This is a good opportunity to work with the park for compliance with Tree City USA qualifications.
- Dustin will recruit another Public Works employee to help with planting Four Corners on May 22.

Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau

- No Centerville farmer's market due to very few participants.
- A grant was received from Montgomery County Solid Waste for 25 benches at Benham's Grove.
- The city is establishing guidelines for the Uptown "Centerpieces" (murals) and will forward to the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission for input and approval. After the approvals artists will be invited to submit proposals.

Good of the Order – Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

Next Commission Meeting
 Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7 pm
 Public Works building