

# CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

7:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Nancy Dyer, Sue Jessee, Sherry Leighty, Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Jan Prettyman, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt, Austin Steinke, Dustin Venters (Public Works)

### Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- Bob Baldino made a motion to approve the June 7, 2022 meeting minutes, Sue Jessee seconded

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Landscaping Award Update and Discussion

- Invite landscaping award winners to City Council meetings and let Bob and Mary Ann know of attendees. Meetings are posted on City's website (August 15 and September 12 at 7 pm)
- Sue and Nancy used the city car for landscape judging and it worked well.
- Drew recommended that the Community Pride plaque and landscaping award signs match and include the Commission logo. He will obtain quotes and present at CBC September meeting.
- Reminder of September landscaping due dates and email submission to Drew
  - August 29 email Drew property nominations for approval
  - September 5 email winner photos and release form to Drew, Bob, and Mary Ann.
  - When emailing Drew include CBC, zone number, month, nomination or award winner in subject line of email.
- Send Mayors award and Community Pride nominations to Bob and Mary Ann along with photos. Include multiple photos from various angles. Bob will send to Commission members for voting.
  - Review previous months Community Pride nominees, if the property is worthy of an award, keep it on the list of nominees, otherwise removed it.
  - Mayors award nominees must have won individual landscaping awards at least three times. Mayors award nominees winning more than three times are given consideration over those winning three times as long as the property has been the same owner.

#### Four Corners

- Carol said the beds were full of weeds, lots of crabgrass within the petunias, and roses had bugs. It's ok to deadhead the roses but do not trim per Sherry. Please email the person following you on the weeding schedule when it was weeded and any update about the beds. Email Dustin if there are any issues with the sprinkler heads or Four Corners.
- Debbie viewed her opinion that the main Four Corner bed appeared overgrown and the Liriope were invading the plantings and rocks. Sherry said the Liriope can be controlled but it is a good border plant to help with soil erosion and deterring kids from entering the bed. Debbie asked if it might be time for a redesign/refresh of the beds and referred to CBC's meeting with Grandma's Garden about plants. Sherry said the representative was not familiar with the bed. However, he was familiar with the bed but was suggesting plants based on the CBC's input and what it was trying to accomplish. Debbie said that Siebenthaler previously mentioned they were interested in helping with a design plan for Four Corners. Debbie asked Drew about Uptown plans for Four Corners. Before any changes are made, he will check on the status. He said that the \$25,625 in the 2023 CBC budget was allocated to Four Corners redesign.

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- Dustin will ask Grunder Landscaping to submit a quote to do mid-year cleanup of red twig dogwoods and roses. He will also check the irrigation system for leaks and buried sprinkler heads. If the Liriope is blocking a sprinkler head it will be removed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Holiday Awards and 2023 Summer Landscape Award Order

- Drew suggested a more contemporary design for the Holiday Award. Sherry said the money spent on the Holiday Award should be similar to the Landscaping Award. Drew will get pricing on the rocks and research Holiday Award options then present to the Commission.

#### 2023 Spring Seminar

- Bob said the auditorium at the Sinclair Centerville location is under constructions but they have a gym that is available for rent for \$100. Nancy suggested Yankee Trace and Drew will check availability and cost.

#### **URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE:** Dustin Venters

- Forty trees and 75 stumps were removed from Stubbs Park
- The city is trimming up trees at Bigger and Fireside so they do not interfere with trucks
- Planting trees at Cornerstone
- Debbie will forward Wendi Van Buren's email to Dustin about ODNR Urban Canopy Restoration Grant as a possibility for Stubbs Park

**Council Liaison Remarks:** JoAnne Rau – nothing to report

**GOOD of the ORDER** – Drew informed the Commission of the Football Fan Fest at Stubbs Park on September 3. There will be food trucks, beer, kids' games, LED video board, Mix 107.7 radio station providing music, and ABC 22 will air The Ohio State vs. Notre Dame game on a jumbotron.

Bob made motion to adjourn meeting. Adjourned at 8:10 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

#### **Next Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

Public Works Building