

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 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, Jan Prettyman, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Austin Steinke, Dustin Venters (Public Works)

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM
- Bob Baldino made motion to accept September 6, 2022 meeting minutes, Sherry Leighty seconded

OLD BUSINESS

Landscaping Award Update and Discussion

- Drew presented approved sample of summer landscaping award signs. Will proceed with ordering.
- Sign holders (stakes) will come out of 2023 budget since there is not enough money in the 2022 budget. Suggested that all sign holders possibly be refurbished versus replaced.
- Commission voted to continue presenting 2023 landscaping zone and Mayor's award winners with engraved rocks. Rocks are \$85 each. Community pride award winners receive wall plaques with CBC logo. Drew will ask if MVCC can take videos of monthly winners vs. Commission members taking pictures.
- Ask monthly landscaping and community pride winners to attend council meetings during the month their property is recognized. Drew will put a list of council meeting dates in the summer landscape packets.

Four Corners

- Dustin reported that the flowers were removed from Four Corners in October because the flowers were still blooming. However, there were substantial weeds in the beds. In 2023 the weeding schedule will continue through the end of September.
- Grunder Landscaping will compost the beds.
- Dustin asked Public Works about the Uptown vision for Four Corners. No cosmetic changes will be made. Drew suggested establishing a subcommittee to redesign/change Four Corners. Budget for 2023 is anticipated to be \$20,000. Recommended professional landscaping company (i.e., Siebenthalers, Grandma's Gardens) be involved. Siebenthalers previously said they would like to be involved. Nancy, Carol, and Bob volunteered for the subcommittee and they will present plans to the Commission for vote/approval. Debbie will provide the subcommittee with the notes from the Commission's previous meeting/suggestions with Grandma's Gardens. Bob will get irrigation drawing from Sherry or Dustin can provide a drawing also.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Spring Seminar

- Bob said the Sinclair auditorium at the Centerville location is under construction and not available. Commission believes Yankee Trace is too small and parking will be an issue since golfers will be using the golf course. Centerville's Town Hall does not have sufficient parking. Bob will contact Centerville High School about the large theatre availability. There is parking close to the entrance. Austin said there is a smaller parking lot on the east entrance by the gym that is seldom used. This may be helpful if we will be using the small auditorium. We can direct attendees with directional signs. Bob will check Magsig and Cline schools. Sue will call Bethany Village, Southminster and Fairhaven churches.

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Holiday Lighting Awards

- The Finance Department does not permit the purchase of gift cards due to ethical reasons. Marion's Piazza is currently unable to donate gift cards. Drew received approval for brunch for two people at Yankee Trace at no cost to the Commission. His other recommendations were Ester Price candy (\$30.50), Sherpa blanket with the city logo (\$70), poinsettias. Commission voted on brunch for two and Sherpa blanket for the zone winners. If brunch for four people is approved then no blanket. This will be within the Commission's holiday award budget.
- Holiday lighting award folders were distributed.
- December 9 email Kate Bostdorf, Drew, Bob, and Mary Ann zone and community pride nominations.
- December 15 email Kate, Drew, Bob, and Mary Ann winners along with photos or videos.
- Invite winners to the December 19, 7:30 pm council meeting to be recognized.
- Award guidelines – try to avoid same winners as in the past, should be three years between awards, follow same guidelines as landscaping awards.
- Drew will inform Commission when awards are available for pick up from the City offices.
- Drew will post to the City's website and its social media platforms that the Commission will be judging homes for the holiday lighting award. In 2023 publish in the Town Crier also.
- Commission voted on a black wood with "diamond" chips plaque and a string of holiday light bulbs engraved on the Community holiday award plaque.

2023 Budget

- Not approved yet but have submitted same budget amount as 2022.

Member recruitment

- Application received from one of the 2022 zone winners and is in the background check process.
- Nancy suggested a letter from the CBC on city letterhead be mailed to all 2022 landscaping winners inviting them to join the CBC.

URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE: Dustin Venters

- Pulled flowers at Four Corners.
- Public Works continues with leaf pick-up.
- Arbor Day – Centerville is partnering with Washington Township parks within the city limits.
- Planted trees for the three businesses that won small, medium, and large businesses.

Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnne Rau

- Benham's Grove renovation plans are on the city's website and an article was in Sunday's paper.
- Leadership Forum – positive comments from attendees.

GOOD of the ORDER – Dinner Tuesday, December 6, 5:30 pm at the Chop House
Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

Next Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 7:00 PM

Public Works Building