

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

7:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Jan Prettyman, Nancy Dye, Austin Steinke, Drew Simon (Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), and James Freeman on behalf of Dustin Venters (Public Works)

Absent: Sherry Leighty

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- The November 1, 2022, meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Lighting Awards

- Two residential Holiday Lighting Award winners attended the council meeting.
- Each residential winner received a City of Centerville blanket and brunch for two at Yankee Trace.
- King Orthodontics was the recipient of the newly designed Community Pride Lighting Award. Dr. King expressed his deep appreciation for the recognition at the council meeting.
- The 2022 Holiday Lighting video is available, click [here](#) to view.

2023 Spring Seminar

- April 15, 2023, at Cline Elementary, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. CBC arrival? Council attendees?
- Guest speaker: Pam Bennett OSU Extension Horticulture Education. Mary Ann will contact Pam on the seminar title and Montgomery Co Extension Office regarding continuing education credits.
- Committee Leads - Mary Ann Kabel and Sue Jessee
- Marketing and promotion updates
 - Email addresses from previous seminars - Debbie
 - Research advertising on WHIO Garden Talk Show, Town Crier, Dayton Daily News - Drew
 - Update Spring Seminar on Stubbs Park and CHS digital signage, social media - Drew
 - Contact Home Depot and Lowe's regarding seed packets for each attendee - Drew
 - Update CBC Spring Seminar donation letters for local businesses - Drew
 - Create Spring Seminar posters with Pam Bennett bio - Centerville Florist, Grandma's Gardens, Siebenthaler's and past summer landscape winners to post – Mary Ann
- Contact the following businesses on gift cards or other options for the door prizes:

Burgundy Chic – Mary Ann

Skyline Chili – Mary Ann

Whit's – Austin

Dorothy Lane Market – Austin

Boston Stoker – Debbie

Centerville Florist – Jan

Lock 27 – Jan

City BBQ – Sue

Mike's Car Wash – Sue

Bill's Donuts – Sue

Siebenthaler's – Bob

Loose Ends – Bob

Grandma's Gardens – Carol

Esther Price Candy – Nancy

Nutmeg Café – Nancy

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Four Corners

- The 2023 budget is \$20,000 includes landscape design and annuals.
- Request to Public Works to assist the CBC with weeding at Four Corners.
- Following up on Sherry's suggestion, Drew will discuss with the City/Public Works the opportunity to utilize their internal horticulturalist for a new Four Corners landscaping design plan include CBC.
- Present options to the CBC for comment and selection in lieu of a CBC sub-committee.
- It is too late to redesign Four Corners in time for spring planting, the goal is select a new design over the next 6-8 months, then plant the foundational trees/shrubs at the end of 2023 flower season.
- The CBC would plant annuals that supplement the new design in Spring 2024.

New Members

Gretchen Frank interviewed in mid-December and sworn in at the January city council meeting.

Farmer's Market

- Drew shared the Farmer's Market will return May - August at Activity Park on Saturday mornings.
- Drew asked for suggestions on CBC involvement at the market (i.e., master gardener discussion/presentation, local garden clubs). Discussion during the February meeting.

URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE: James Freeman

- Start weeding and trimming the four corners in the spring.
- Currently cleaning up some of the beds around the city.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REMARKS: JoAnne Rau

- Benham's Grove Future Plan presentation scheduled Tuesday, January 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Centerville Police Station.

GOOD of the ORDER – no reports.

Adjourned at 8:16 PM. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 7:00 PM
Public Works Building