

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Nancy Dyer, Austin Steinke, Debbie Schmidt, Jan Prettyman, Gretchen Franck, Drew Simon (Community Resources Coordinator), and Jotham Smith (Public Works)

Absent: JoAnne Rau

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- The April 4 meeting minutes were approved with one update.

Staff Report – Drew Simon

- Uptown Music Concerts begin Friday, May 5 at Four Corners.
- Manna Restaurant is scheduled to open at the end of May.
- Agave and Rye Restaurant is due to open June 21.
- The Brunch Pub opening date is pending.
- City Council Work Session will host the City Beautiful Commission on Monday, June 5 at 5:30 PM. Mary Ann will provide the annual update.
- Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the Commission rescheduled the meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 PM for July Community Pride Winner vote.

Old Business

2023 Spring Seminar

- The seminar was a success with 113 in attendance. Overwhelmingly positive feedback with some constructive comments from attendees.
- Pre-registration, onsite sign up and the new venue, Cline Elementary, worked well.
- This year's speaker, Pam Bennett-Corle offered to return for the 2024 Spring Seminar scheduled for April 13. The topic is Care and maintenance of Hydrangeas.

Arbor Day

- Arbor Day was held April 27 at Activity Center Park.
- Centerville-Washington Township Parks District distributed saplings and the City distributed goodie bags to the 52 children in attendance.

Tree City Luncheon

- Debbie Schmidt, Sue Jessee, Jotham Smith and James Freeman attended the Tree City Luncheon hosted by the city of Fairfield.
- The City of Centerville celebrated 38 years as a Tree City USA member.

New Business

Four Corners

- Grunder Landscaping will prepare beds at Four Corners for planting.
- Planting is scheduled Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 AM; rain date is Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 AM
- Carol Adams will confirm lunch at City BBQ and Graeter's following the planting.

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CBC Charter

- Discussion - how the CBC can best support the city, updates to the charter will be made as needed.

Landscape Awards

- The rocks are scheduled for delivery May 3.
- Summer Landscaping folders to be distributed at the June meeting.

Schedule for nominee approval and zone award winner send 2-3 photos.

Email to Drew, Subject line: Zone#, Month, Nominee/Award Winner

July

- Nominees submitted - June 30
- Awards presented - July 10
- Council Meeting - July 17

August

- Nominees submitted - July 28
- Awards presented - August 7
- Council Meeting - August 14

September

- Nominees submitted - August 25
- Awards presented - September 1
- Council Meeting - September 11

Voting for Community Pride Winners

- July 11
- August 8
- September 5

- The Community Pride plaques are engraved with the award month and year.
- Zone representatives
 - Zone 1 – Debbie Schmidt
 - Zone 2 – Jan Prettyman
 - Zone 3 – Bob Baldino and Mary Ann Kabel
 - Zone 4 – Nancy Dyer
 - Zone 5 – Sue Jessee and Gretchen Franck
 - Zone 6 – Carol Adams
 - Zone 7 – Austin Steinke

Farmer's Market

- Returning May through August at Activity Center Park on select Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Gretchen Franck to coordinate - CBC volunteers to share information on the following topics.
 - June 10 – Gardening
 - August 12 –Watering

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- Sherry Lightly, a master gardener, has volunteered to present at the event. The extension office does not offer this service.

Recruiting

A new CBC recruit is meeting with Mayor Compton and Deputy Mayor JoAnn Rau.

URBAN FORESTRY UPDATE: Jotham Smith

- New tree plantings
 - Parks Activity Center
 - Rosewood Park
 - Elizabeth Joy Park
 - Village South Park
 - Iron Horse Park
 - Red Coach Park
 - Manor Park
 - Concept Park
- Public Works completed treatments for trees impacted by the emerald ash borer.
- Clean Sweep starts the first week of May.
- In discussion, new flower beds at the Welcome to Centerville signs.

GOOD of the ORDER – No additional items to report.

Adjourned at 8:27 PM. Minutes submitted by Sue Jessee.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00 PM
Public Works Building