

Centerville City Beautiful Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
6:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Austin Steinke, Sue Jessee, Debbie Schmidt, Gretchen Franck, Gina Deek, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Jothan Smith (Public Works) and JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

Absent: Fredia Black, Bob Baldino, Mary Ann Kabel, Carol Adams, Nancy Dyer

Call to Order and Welcome

- Call to order at 6:00 PM by Debbie Schmidt acting chair for the meeting.
- Gretchen Franck motioned to accept the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes, Austin Steinke seconded. Minutes were approved.

Staff Report – Drew Simon:

- Stubbs Park Project had the groundbreaking and progress can already be seen.
- Tree City USA day is April 19 – City Beautiful Commission members asked to attend. Discussed who from the committee would like to attend; Gina expressed interest.
- Drew requested volunteers to hand out solar eclipse glasses on March 15.

Old Business

- Flowerscape of Four Corners was approved by City Council and Siebenthaler's is slated to begin work the 3rd week of March 2024.

2024 Spring Seminar – April 6 from 10 – 11:30 AM

- Commission members should arrive at Cline Elementary at **8:30 AM**.
- Pam Corle-Bennett signed contract March 5 to speak at the event.
- Drew discussed potential committee member jobs at the seminar.
- Sue and Debbie indicated to use four sets of the same sign-in sheet are needed, including registered and non-registered attendees.
- Mary Ann to find out if CEU credits will be accepted for attending the seminar.
- Gardenland and the Park District were invited to have a booth at the seminar.
- Drew expressed ideas to have an expo type area at future seminars featuring businesses as well as additional speakers.
- Poster reveal – Hydrangeas: Hues and Harmony
- Drew obtaining posters and flyers for display. Drew will have posters available at the city building for CBC to pick up and distribute to area businesses.
- Posting seminar on social media platforms.
- Reviewed donation list, share updates with Drew.

New Business

- Arbor Day on Tuesday, April 23 at Iron Horse Park – CBC attendees? McCall Vrydaghs is speaking on the topic of "Keep America Beautiful." Elementary school children attending dependent on school levy outcome. CBC members to email Drew if attending.
- Summer and Holiday Awards – push off topic until April 2 meeting. Drew has ordered the summer landscape rocks.

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Urban Forestry Update: Jotham Smith

- Tree City Application approved.
- 5 employees attended a spray license seminar for CEU credits.
- 4 Oak trees removed from Wilmington Pike, replacing with some type of flowering tree or tulip tree.
- Pruned trees located by City Barbeque.
- Trees on Clys Road were pruned; Trees will be planted on Clys Road to replace the removal of several silver maple trees.
- Baldwin Street trees were pruned to improve street sign visibility.
- New trees for planting were ordered to improve our native tree canopy.

Council Liaison Remarks: JoAnn Rau

- Benham's Grove trees have been removed for the improvement project.
- 675/Wilmington Pike interchange project update.
- Council members meeting with Columbus legislators regarding grant money availability, potential bike path.

Good of the order: no reports

Adjournment 7:09 PM; minutes submitted by Gretchen Franck.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
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