



City of Centerville

Brooks A. Compton, Mayor | Wayne S. Davis, City Manager

City Beautiful Commission May 7 Meeting Minutes

Present: Carol Adams, Nancy Dyer, Sue Jessee, Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair), Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Austin Steinke, Steve Connor (Public Works), JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

Absent: Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Gina Deek, Gretchen Franck

Guest: Reza Masoudi (application in review)

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM
- Debbie Schmidt motioned to accept April 2 meeting minutes, Carol Adams seconded. Minutes approved.
- Jan Prettyman passed away on April 27, 2024. Jan was a long-time City Beautiful Commission member and Centerville volunteer. The Commission recognized her and summarized her tenure on the CBC.
- Mary Ann announced that the Chair and/or Co-chair position(s) are up for vote by the City Beautiful Commission and subsequently Council appointment. Drew will email the Commission members the duties of the Chair. Anyone wanting to be considered for this position, please contact Mary Ann or Bob.
- Sue Jessee announced she would like to step down as co-secretary. Debbie Schmidt will continue as co-secretary and the commission plans to appoint new co-secretary at June meeting.

Staff Report – Drew Simon

- Centerville Taco Trail was explained.
- Merchant Market will be at St. Leonard on May 19. Parking and traffic assistance volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts between 12 – 5 pm.
- Four Corners flowerbed pictures were shared. Annuals will be planted the week of May 13.
- Stubbs Park pictures were shared.
- The elevator shaft at the new Benham’s Grove venue was installed. The city has begun accepting reservations for the venue beginning September 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

2024 Spring Seminar

- Drew shared the survey results. Generally, attendees rated Pam Corle-Bennett and her presentation as very satisfied and appreciated the informative handouts.

- April appears to be the best month, good weather and no conflicts with Centerville school's spring break. Cline is a good venue, administration is supportive and easy for attendees to find, park, and enter the venue.
- Drew would like to expand the spring seminar to include expo type vendor booths along with the speaker. Include landscape design and what plants go where. The city would vet the businesses and handle the application process – would include not only Centerville businesses. Consider the vendor donation (door prize) as their booth commitment. Drew will present his ideas for consideration in a couple months.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Summer landscaping award folders and rocks were distributed. Zone winner history information and yard signs will be available at the June meeting.
- Drew will create a note card to leave at potential award winners house if they are not home indicating they are being considered for an award and to contact the Commission member.
- When emailing landscape nominations and winners along with photos to Drew, Bob, and Mary Ann, please include CBC, Zone Number, Month, Nomination or Winner in the subject line of the email. Landscape award deadlines are summarized below. Please encourage winners to attend the council meeting to be recognized.
- If Drew has the landscape winners early, he can try to get drone footage of the property.
- When awarding the winners, wear the CBC shirt and name tag. Name tags are being redesigned.

July Awards:

June 27 Community Pride nominations, July 2 CBC meeting vote on Community Pride winner
 July 3 Residential award nominations due to Drew
 July 10 Residential and Community Pride photos and release form due
 July 15 council meeting 7:30 pm at the Centerville City building

August Awards:

July 29 Community Pride nominations, August 6 CBC meeting vote on Community Pride winner
 July 31 Residential award nominations due to Drew
 August 7 Residential and Community Pride photos and release form due
 August 12 council meeting 7:30 pm at the Centerville City building

September Awards:

August 26 Community Pride nominations, September 3 CBC meeting vote on Community Pride and Mayor's Award winners
 September 4 Residential award nominations due to Drew
 September 11 Residential and Community Pride photos and release form due
 September 16 council meeting 7:30 pm at the Centerville City building

Urban Forestry Update: Steve Connor

- Please see attached notes.

Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau

- Every five years the city reviews its charter. It will appear as an item on the November ballot.
- The city is initiating a Hefty® ReNew™ orange bag for recycling foam material, bread wrappers, and light bags (newspaper). The consumer purchases the bags and places it inside the recycle trash can. It will be separated at the recycling center.

Good of the Order:

- Reza Masoudi suggested a fall seminar.
- Debbie asked about the Tree City Luncheon ceremony. Comments were favorable and well attended.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 6:00 PM
Public Works Building