

CENTERVILLE CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

6:00 PM in the Public Works Building

Present: Bob Baldino (Co-Chair), Gina Deek, Nancy Dyer, Gretchen Franck, Reza Masoudi, Debbie Schmidt, Drew Simon (City of Centerville Community Resources Coordinator), Jotham Smith (Public Works), Austin Steinke, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison)

Absent: Carol Adams, Sue Jessee, Mary Ann Kabel (Co-Chair)

Guest: Michelle Bush

Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM
- Nancy Dyer motioned to accept August 5, 2024 meeting minutes and Austin Steinke seconded.
- Michele Bush attended the meeting as a guest pending City Council approval.

Staff Report – Drew Simon

- Volunteer Salute September 19, 2024 at Yankee Trace. Please RSVP to Drew if attending
- Fall Fest will be at St. Leonard October 5, 2024 and Drew will send an email requesting volunteers
- Drew showed the proposed bronze plaque for the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park. Anticipating Stubbs Park opening Memorial Day 2025. Construction of Stubbs Park curbs and sidewalk is underway, wider walking paths are being installed, air conditioning in the restroom and concession stand are installed. Will rebid concession operations.
- The wooden beams at Benham’s Grove are installed. Work at the barn is mostly completed.
- Keep Centerville Beautiful project was requested as part of CBC’s 2025 budget. If approved, CBC will help with the guidelines. The City’s service day will be part of the Keep Centerville Beautiful initiative.

OLD BUSINESS:

2024 Landscape Awards

- Kathy Platoni, Clinical Psychologist, 50 S. Main St. was voted as the September Community pride winner. Bob will present the award.
- The property at 850 Kentshire Dr. was voted the 2024 Mayor’s Award. Reza will present the award.
- September 4 – Residential award nominations due to Drew
- September 11 Residential award and photos due to Drew
- Discussion of CBC guidelines regarding judging in June, July, or August or July, August, September, and property owner vs. property landscaping award winner will be discussed at November meeting. Drew will email proposed changes to CBC’s award judging instructions before November CBC meeting for members to review and discuss at the meeting.
- Fall plantings will be done at Four Corners in the next two weeks.

Flowerscapes 2.0

- Future phases will include:
 - Phase 2 - 2025 Cornerstone
 - Phase 3 – 2026 Gateway (pocket) Park at St. Rt. 725 (Alex Bell Rd.) and Main St. Looking at a wall and flowers for Gateway Park

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- Phase 4 - 2026 Police building
- Phase 5 - 2027 Municipal Building
- Yankee Trace is currently landscaped by a vendor, Stubbs Park and Benham's Grove will have recently been landscaped after the renovations.
- The overall plan will be revisited each year but tie all together for cohesiveness. City is looking at potential capital with businesses for the phases.
- CBC year in review to city council - TBD

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Spring Expo

- April 5, 2025, 9 am – 12 pm, Sinclair auditorium
- Heart of Centerville will handle vendor spaces
- CBC will handle two speakers, one for home upkeep and another about gardening
- 2025 Halloween/Fall award rocks will be inscribed with "landscape award" to be applicable for summer and fall awards.
- Landscape 101 info sheet will be developed by Rez and Michele. Will highlight bushes, trees, flowers, etc. for homeowners. As an incentive for homeowners to improve their property grants may be offered. CBC has a \$250 grant.
- December 3 CBC meeting will be at 6 pm at the Chop House
- 2025 Arbor Day will be April 24, 2025 at Stubbs, 11 am. Will combine Stubbs Park opening, Arbor Day, and Keep Centerville Beautiful initiative.

Urban Forestry Update: Jotham Smith

- 240 cubic yards of mulch has been spread year-to-date.
- Spurge and purslane weeds are plentiful.
- The fall pre-emergent will be applied.
- Hazard trees (trees which are risk to the public) are being addressed throughout the city.
- Small retaining wall at south end of Clio by the city has been replanted.

Council Liaison Remarks – JoAnne Rau

- Regarding the Sheetz case, the judge ruled to permit discovery to occur and consider the parties' arguments on summary judgment.

Good of the Order: Nothing to report

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm. Minutes submitted by Debbie Schmidt.

Next Commission Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 6:00 PM
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