

Centerville City Beautiful Commission

Minutes August 11, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Present: Jan Prettyman, Allen Nelson, Yvonne Jacobson, Arlene Tansey, Debbie Schmidt, Marilou Enslein, Tom Wheeler, JoAnne Rau (Council Liaison), Mary Lou Pence (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Karen Beal, Sherry Leighty, Bill Abrams,

Guests: None

A motion was made by Allen Nelson to accept the minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Marilou Enslein. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- Bill Abrams has applied for a short-term leave of absence from the Commission.
- Allen Nelson was re-appointed to Commission for another 3 year term.
- In Bill Abrams' absence the Zone 7 landscape judging will be done by Marilou Enslein, Arlene Tansey and Tom Wheeler for August and September.
- The Commission has received an unprecedented number of nominations for residential landscape awards.
- Thanks to all who have maintained the Four Corners landscape in summer. The Butterfly bushes will be pruned by Sherry Leighty.
- List of previous owners who were summer landscape award winners 3-4 times in the past between 2005 to July 2015 was passed out to Commission members.
 - Mayor's award: All members are asked to drive by the winners of above list to make a recommendation to Jan by email for the 2016 Mayor's award.

Old Business:

- CBC awards – re-visited that properties along private roads are not eligible for a CBC award. Private streets have street signs with white backgrounds and blue print.
- Fall Reception for Summer Landscape award winners is Monday September 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Invitations will be sent from Clerk of Council to winners of Summer Landscape and Community Pride awards.
 - Commission members will provide decorations, paper goods, table covers, and refreshments. All Commission members to call all their own zone winners to remind them of the September 21st event.

New Business:

- Award eligibility of City Council and City staff members:
 - The Commission determined that City Council and City staff members are not eligible for CBC awards. The vote was unanimous.
- Debbie Schmidt suggested that Commission members drive by Albrecht Custom Homes Inc. for consideration for Community Pride award. It is located on Compark Road. Epiphany Lutheran Church was also discussed as a possible Community Pride winner.

Urban Forestry Discussion:

- Shared brochure from DP&L entitled ‘Right Tree, right Place’.
 - Encourages DP&L customers to carefully consider what tree they might plant near power lines.
 - Have posted link to this brochure on City’s website under Public Works/ Utility tab.
- Shared article entitled “Benefits and Costs of Trees” from the May/ June 2015 publication called *The Buckeye Arborist*. Will look to post this article on City website, too.

Report from JoAnne Rau-Council Liaison:

- Home presale inspections discussed as City Council is exploring this option.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: Yvonne Jacobson with a second by Debbie Schmidt

Adjournment at: 8:32 pm.

Next meeting: September 8th at 7 pm.

Submitted by Allen Nelson