

**Beautification Commission Minutes April 19, 2010**

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COUNTY OF TARRANT           §  
CITY OF BEDFORD               §

The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April with the following members present:

Michael Boyter, Chairperson  
Samuel Brown  
Richard Dobrovolny  
Steve Henning  
Barbara Kurtz  
Faye Murphy  
Don Richardson  
Bob Scott  
Patty Sinclair  
Don Whitehurst

Constituting a quorum.

Also attending were:  
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent  
Frank Kurtz, (Husband of member Barbara Kurtz), Observer

Excused absences were:  
William Ledbetter

**CALL TO ORDER**

Michael Boyter, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Patty Sinclair noted the attendance. Minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Barbara Kurtz made a motion that was seconded by Don Richardson to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSS AND REVIEW RESULTS OF CLEAN UP BEDFORD DAY AND CHUNK YOUR JUNK –** Chairperson Michael Boyter reported that this year’s CUB Day involved 266 people. Among the volunteers, there was one rather large group, which combined the clean up with a company picnic and 2 church groups who helped after services on Sunday instead of the official Saturday date. Mr. Boyter expressed concern for the work that he did in organizing the function, and told us that he felt he could have done a better job if there had been more time. There were no responses generated from the website listing but there were several from the 194 letters and e-mails that he

sent out. Mr. Boyter explained that he is making a concerted effort to make contacts and push the BBC's agenda. He sees this CUB Day project as something that can grow to be a huge community wide event with lots more participation.

The Chunk Your Junk activity was not as productive as last year with 8 dumpsters being filled, for a total of 30-40% less collected in this year's event.

Barbara Kurtz presented the donation help she received from the community businesses. Wal-Mart donated a \$150 gift card. Kroger and Albertson's donated gift cards in the amounts of \$20 and \$25 respectively. Mrs. Kurtz used these gift cards to purchase cookies, water, and miscellaneous supplies such as disposable gloves, antiseptic wipes, large black garbage bags and small white plastic bags as well as a plastic storage cart to store supplies for future use. There is a balance of \$53.47 on the Wal-Mart card but the other 2 have been depleted. Mrs. Kurtz told us that she contacted 17 businesses in all. Most told her that they could not help at this time but would be happy to assist in the future.

2. **DISCUSS BOY SCOUT TREE PROGRAM AND ARBOR DAY CEREMONY AT THE BOYS RANCH ON APRIL 30, 2010** – Chairperson Michael Boyter informed us that plans for the April 30<sup>th</sup> ceremony are coming together. It will take place behind the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Boy Scouts will be conducting the event. They have purchased 5 trees, approximately 6 feet, tall, that will ceremoniously be planted that day. There will be a program lasting about 45 minutes that will include various speakers from the Boy Scout organization as well as Mayor Story. A bugle corps will perform. Dr. Turner and many Boy Scouts will be in attendance.

Leigh Morgan, Deputy Director of Parks, will supply the refreshments and may have her staff there to serve. The Boy Scouts will be providing the Master of Ceremonies and are in complete charge of the event.

3. **DISCUSS BOYS RANCH WORKDAY PLANS 2010** – Faye Murphy told about the missed workday last month and explained that this month's full workday was barely squeezed in when the rain started just after the work had been completed. The BBC members, assisted by Teen Court volunteers were able to do some hand weeding and trimming. The mulch in the beds, behind the theater, appears to be holding up. These beds will need 5 white Crepe Myrtles, to be purchased for planting as soon as the plants bud out and we can make sure of the color. Mrs. Murphy also mentioned that the "Don Henderson" flowerbeds are looking really good.

Four bids were sent out for the work on the redesign of the Boys Ranch Entrance flowerbeds. Only one bid was returned. This bid was from Andres Sanchez Lawn Services of Ft. Worth. His proposal varied from \$900 to \$990 depending on the amount of work to be done. Don Whitehurst stated that he did not have a set idea/plan/vision of what needs to be done and thinks that cutting back some of the bushes instead of complete removal will make it look better. Don Henderson agreed to have his crews remove the old boxwoods, which will save that expense. He also volunteered Tina Coppola to help with the plan of the new design.

After an extended discussion, Faye Murphy made a motion that the bid be rejected. The Commission will invite Ms. Coppola to the next workday to discuss possibilities for the entrance beds and to help with a redesign plan. Patty Sinclair seconded the motion and the members approved. Don Whitehurst proposed that consideration be given to a new coral orange colored knockout rose that he recently saw. The survival of this rose and its care is not known so it was decided that Ms. Coppola would find a place to plant a couple to determine their hardiness.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSS THE CRUD CRUISER EVENT ON MAY 1, 2010** – A discussion about the execution of the Crud Cruiser event was held. Chairperson Boyter, having not participated in this event in the

past, was unclear as to how this will be handled. BBC members explained that as the cars enter, proof of residence is checked and a form is completed. The car will then move up to the area where the loads will be deposited in the Crud Cruiser. Bedford qualified city workers will assist the Ft. Worth city employees in offloading the items for disposal. When the cruiser begins to fill up, new arrivees will be notified, apologies extended, and BBC members will distribute vouchers allowing disposal at the Bridge Street location. It was stressed that communication is key because depositors do not like to wait in long lines, only to be told that they cannot get rid of their stuff due to the Crud Cruiser being full.

2. **THE NEXT WORKDAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010 – Please attend if available.**
3. **MEETING LOCATION CHANGED FOR MAY 17, 2010 TO OLD BEDFORD SCHOOL – Due to repairs to the walls of the library that will be in progress, the next meeting will be moved to the Old Bedford School.**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at the Old Bedford School, Board Room, 2400 School Lane at 6:30 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Don Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Sam Brown seconded the motion and members approved.

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Michael Boyter, Chairperson