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CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Community Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 2000-A Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 15th day of April with the following members present:

Tom Bresnahan
Mark Massey
David Franklin
Jason Horsnby
Kim Probasco
Mary Frazier

constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

Roger Fisher, City Council
Bill Syblon

Absentees:

George Mountcastle - excused
Karla Setser - excused
Sherri Olsen - excused
Jason Sinisi

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bresnahan called the meeting to order at 5:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Massey to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

- 1) Business Development and Retention – Mark Massey created and provided a tri-fold brochure detailing what the Commission does. This is an effort to let residents and businesses in Bedford know that the Commission is here and how we can assist. Discussion was made about placing the information in the City magazine produced. The Commission would also like to place it as a link on the City’s website.
- 2) Residential Community Support – There will not be an HOA meeting in June. Karla will announce the next HOA meeting as soon as possible.
- 3) Alternative Energy Meeting - There were 2 meetings held since the last CAC meeting in March. The committee looked at ordinances in other cities to see what already exists to establish an alternative energy ordinance in Bedford. Several cities in the Metroplex were assigned to contact about their green policies or ordinances. Information will be discussed at next Alternative Energy meeting on April 26th. David plans to attend the Live Green Expo in Plano for ideas on how to hold an Alternative Energy fair in Bedford. Possibly tack on to wellness expo.

Census 2010:

Jason Hornsby volunteered at Tom Thumb in Bedford to get the word out about the 2010 Census. Of those Jason spoke with 30 – 40 people had not yet completed their Census information. Jason put signs up and left them over the weekend.

Open Meetings Regulations:

Bill Syblon discussed the Open Meetings Act and the regulations governing open meetings. Email chains are not allowed as they are considered a rolling quorum. Each member was asked not to discuss Commission business through verbal conversation or email outside of posted meeting times.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Pat Summerall's Sports Angels is planning to improve the basketball court at the former tennis center. This is like an Extreme Home Makeover for a park. The event will be televised and local sports celebrities will be in attendance. The ribbon cutting will be Saturday, April 17th. Volunteers are needed.

CGI moved in 121 Airport Centre – 75 employees, 15,000 sf. CGI competes with IBM.

P&Z – Approval for an outside seating restaurant was approved for the Shops at Central Park. Online survey related to comprehensive plan has 50 results thus far. Spread the word about the survey for resident's input.

North Tarrant Expressway wrapped up the aesthetic discussion. They focused on intersections, light fixtures, and nice accent elements. Landscaping next to the highway will now be done by the City of Bedford.

Council selected a firm to work on branding Bedford. There will be a new logo.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Tom Bresnahan, Chair