

Community Affairs Commission Minutes July 15, 2010

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

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 July, 2010 with the following members present:

Tom Bresnahan
Mark Massey
Jason Horsnby
Kim Probasco
Mary Frazier
George Mountcastle
Sherri Olsen
Karla Setser

constituting a quorum.

Others present include:

Bill Syblon, staff
Roger Fischer, Council
Maria Redburn, Library Manager

Absentees:

Jason Sinisi
David Franklin

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Community Affairs Commission Minutes:
May 20, 2010 regular meeting.

The date of the minutes needs to be changed to reflect May instead of June. There was no meeting in June. Otherwise, the minutes were approved unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

2. Presentation by Library Director Maria Redburn on overview of the new library.

Maria Redburn, City of Bedford Library Director, provided an overview of the new Bedford Library. The City purchased the building (previously a Food Lion on Forest Ridge Drive) in 2007. Maria displayed the floor plan and pointed out a few of the many features, which include:

- Based on a retail model to allow people to eat snacks, drink coffee and read books
- Family friendly while also business friendly

Community Affairs Commission Minutes July 15, 2010

- 27 different colors of glass
- Solar panels on the roof with a display of kilowatts saved per hour inside the library. Anticipated savings of 343,000 kWh consumption annually. Solar panels were purchased with \$1.9M grant funding.
- 65 computers total. 20 computers in a lab that can be used for classes. 16 computers with a 2 hour limit will be designated for homework or project work. The teen area will have designated computers.
- A discovery craft room can be used for a tutoring area.
- A designated area for story time and puppet time shows
- 7 study rooms for quiet space to study independently or in groups
- A quiet reading room with a fireplace that will be named after the Friends of the Library
- A drive-up book drop that has a conveyor belt technology to organize books and DVDs. This system performs the work equivalent of 5 full-time employees.
- A meeting room that seats up to 250 people and provides drop down screens with data projectors. This room can be rented out to the public.
- A conference room available for rent to the public.
- Fully energy efficient with extra insulation, e-glass, and a reflected ceiling plan.
- Level 5 finish throughout building
- All wifi

The library is projected to open in January, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion of SKEDS Program

SKEDS is ready to move forward. An article will go in the next Bedford magazine. The www.shopbedfordfirst.com website will direct to the SKEDS coupon pages. A post card to advertise SKEDS will be available later in July and early August to go to businesses.

REPORTS

4. Community Affairs Commission Sub-Committee Reports

- 1) Business Development and Retention –City Council approved adding care centers and faith-based organizations to the CAC mission. The CAC brochure will be changed to reflect the new mission statement and information about SKEDS. Brochures need to be available to all CAC members. Information about SKEDS will be delivered in the following manner:
 - Through the Business and Development Retention Committee
 - CAC brochures will be provided at Chamber events on the check-in table
 - Email blast to Bedford zip codes (once per year)
- 2) Residential Community Support – There will be an HOA meeting September 14th at the Old Bedford School. The Committee will request Maria Redburn to speak about the library. SKEDS, national night out, the fence ordinance, and information regarding the Sustainable Energy Committee will be on the agenda.
- 3) Sustainable Energy Committee – There will be a solar workshop on September 11, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Bonnie Finn meeting room in the Bedford Library. Residents, business owners, and interested parties from neighboring cities will be invited. The Committee is conducting a solar survey at the workshop and through survey monkey to obtain feedback from residents about their opinion of solar energy and its uses. The workshop will be advertised through a press release and other various avenues. The Committee is also working to establish a page on the City's website for energy efficiency. This page will provide the City's initiatives to be energy efficient,

Community Affairs Commission Minutes July 15, 2010

highlight links to incentive programs for residents, provide an energy dictionary, and more information about the Committee.

5. Economic Development update on current and proposed development in the City of Bedford.

- The draft comprehensive plan will be presented at the next Council meeting (July 27th). The Plan addresses responses from the previous survey regarding the desire for a higher level of retail development and code enforcement. The Plan will go to P&Z in August. The Plan will come to the CAC for review via email before the final goes to Council.
- The branding vendor met with Council and staff to begin creating a brand for the City. A tour of the city was performed. There has been a combination of positive and negative feedback from residents regarding branding campaign. The cost to replace signage is minimal as we make our own signs. Police and Fire uniform patches won't change.
- City Council authorized staff to contact the state to obtain a cultural district.
- Harrigan's building is under contract. Bennigan's building has a lot of activity.
- There's a possible upcoming expansion of the medical building.
- No plans for the Steak N Ale building at this time.
- The City is currently researching the vacant building ordinance
- Hotel (previously Holiday Inn) is under new ownership. Plans include bringing the hotel back into the Holiday Inn chain.
- Possibility to combine Eules revitalization program and Six Stones to create a community powered revitalization program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Tom Bresnahan, Chair