

Community Affairs Commission Minutes November 18, 2010

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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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010 with the following members present:

Tom Bresnahan  
Kim Probasco  
Karla Setser  
Jason Sinisi  
David Franklin  
George Mountcastle  
Mark Massey

constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

Bill Syblon, Staff  
Ray Champney, City Council

Absentees:

Mary Frazier - excused  
Sherri Olsen - excused

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tom Bresnahan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consider approval of the following Community Affairs Commission Minutes:  
October 21, 2010 regular meeting.

Tom made a motion to approve the October 2010 minutes. Mary seconded the motion. Approved 9-0 with exception that Karla did not call the meeting to order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. Discussion of tree trimming in the City of Bedford.

Tree trimming along Meadow Creek. Butchered trees by Oncor. Makes HOA unattractive and residents are complaining. Can City readdress? Trees should be trimmed properly. Oncor has made presentations to CC on this topic and it hasn't gotten anywhere. Oncor states they have to cut the trees for the safety of the lines. However, it seems there is a better way to trim them. Can City set a standard? Possibly contact other cities to see how they are addressing the problem. Bill Syblon said it can be revisited – can approach CC about it. Mark can take to Council as the VP of his HOA who has a problem with the tree trimming. Motion made by Tom for Mark to go before Council for work session. Motion approved 9-0.

**3. Discussion regarding the establishment of a Community Affairs Commission Treasurer.**

CAC Treasurer – We should keep running tabs of the CAC budget. Beverly said the City would have the Finance Dept produce a report and provide on our agenda on an ongoing basis. This will allow the CAC to keep up with funds expended.

**REPORTS:**

**4. Community Affairs Commission Sub-Committee Reports**

**a) Business Development and Retention**

Mark still trying to contact business owners for putting signage on properties. 4 magnetic signs to be utilized per year at 6 different locations for rotating purposes. 57 businesses signed up for Shop Bedford First. Tom will talk to Superintendent at HEB ISD about utilizing property at corner of Central and 183.

Kenny Price just moved into position at 6 Stones. 6 Stones is interested in fixing up site for community center. Mark talked to the City Manager and she thinks it best to meet with staff. Mark will set up meeting for Kenny to meet with them. 6 Stones has resources and people to revitalize the building.

CPR went well – there were 25 houses at the same time being worked on. Several people were stretched very thin. Quite a few people had to go back again on Sunday. Twice as many people were needed. Roger Fisher provided a debrief. CAC would like to see more City of Bedford employees participate, if possible.

Second batch of postcards mailed a couple of weeks ago. People don't understand what SKEDS is. SKEDS is trying to establish their brand. Shop Bedford First stands out. Once we get 100 businesses, Shop Bedford First will be promoted to residents so they can see the advantage.

**b) Residential Community Support**

Karla provided a synopsis of what Sub-Committee did. HOA roundtable in September. Meeting in October to decide next steps for Residential Community Sub-Committee. Master list has been maintained and this list should remain confidential. Faith-based efforts could also be included next year. Kenny Price with 6 Stones could assist with connecting with the Faith-Based organizations in Bedford.

**c) Sustainable Energy Committee**

Scheduled a planning meeting for January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Workshop on December 4<sup>th</sup>. 2 speakers at workshop: 1 from North Texas Energy and 1 representative from Oncor. Solar companies to go to the Chamber's event. David can provide contact information. Can City possibly help with grants regarding solar or renewable energy? Also would like to have vendors at the BluesFest event next year. William Peck would like to speak at a future event for solar/energy workshop. Karla will forward contact to us.

Motion made by Tom for Chairs to provide a recap to City Council on December 7, 2010. George seconded. Approved 9-0. City Secretary's Office needs the information prior to agenda posting.

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### 5. Economic Development Update on current and proposed commercial development in the City of Bedford.

Mary and Bill in Grapevine for HEB economic development. Biggest questions relate to the hwy expansion. Projects previously put on shelf have been resurrected.

Groundbreaking for Texas Orthopedic. 26,000 square foot building.

Activity at P&Z level – new use for zoning ordinance for winery and brew pub.

New business with wine tasting, cheese, bread, etc. Business off of Harwood and Blue Quail.

Charbie's opening up in former Uncle Joe's restaurant. New restaurant in former LaBella's restaurant.

Mexican restaurant on Brown Trail in former Uncle Chang's building. Bakery is open at Brown Trail and Harwood.

Fire Pit working on finish out.

Harrigan's still in the works.

Hwy 183 expansion – newest plans show grade-level project only with no elevated lanes. Impact for ROW more severe on south side.

No CAC meeting in December 2010.

The CAC should have several new members beginning with the beginning for calendar year 2011. Karla Setser and George Mountcastle.

Rochelle Ross will be the Parks liaison for CAC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Tom Bresnahan and seconded by George Mountcastle Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Bresnahan, Chair