

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF TARRANT §  
CITY OF BEDFORD §

Approved

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 with the following members present:

Tom Bresnahan  
Kim Probasco  
Jason Sinisi  
David Franklin  
Mary Frazier  
Sherri Olsen  
Alex Wolfe  
Jeremy Brown  
Cody Walker

Constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

Bill Syblon, Staff  
Roger Fisher, City Council

Absent:

Mark Massey

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Kim Probasco called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Community Affairs Commission Minutes:  
November 18, 2010 regular meeting.**

Mary made a motion to approve the November 2010 minutes with the following changes: November 18, 2010 minutes should reflect Sherri Olsen and Mary Frazier present (not absent) No. 5 (Economic Development Update) should omit "Karla Setser and George Mountcastle" from the text. Jason Sinisi seconded the motion. Approved 6-0-3 (new members abstained).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Discussion and review of the quarterly Community Affairs Commission Budget.**

Due to the start of a new year and with new members in attendance, all members introduced themselves and a welcome was extended to new members. Tom asked that each Chairperson bring a list of goals for 2011 that they would like to accomplish in the sub-committees.

Community Affairs Budget: The budget will be reviewed quarterly. Currently, signs for advertisement are the only expenses incurred.

**REPORTS:**

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

- a) **Business Development and Retention** – SKEDS currently has 75 businesses in Bedford utilizing the service. The City tried to streamline the process by making a form available for businesses to use. Bill Syblon to provide form to Commission.
- b) **Residential Community Support** – Kim would like to hold a meeting with sub-committee members to discuss ways to connect with the faith-based organizations in the city, as well as, the apartment, retirement, and assisted living communities. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Kim will contact Bill with the location and an email will be extended to all CAC members.

Roger Fisher expressed the importance of reaching out to the faith-based community to reach our residents.

Bill stated that no official Census count for the City has been received to date. 40% of the housing stock in Bedford is from the apartment community. It is important to find ways to connect with these residents. A pilot program reaching out to the apartment community was mentioned.

- c) **Sustainable Energy Committee** – The Committee met in early January to discuss goals for 2011. There are two workshops scheduled – one in the spring and one in the fall. Solar installers will be invited to the Business to Business Expo hosted by the Chamber on February 25<sup>th</sup>. David has a list of ten installers in the DFW area to invite.

The Committee developed marketing posters to bring awareness to the Energy Efficiency content on the City's website. These posters will be provided to City facilities and possibly supermarkets.

A goal for 2011 is to have a presence at Blues Fest, possibly with a solar trailer used to power something at the festival, possibly the game truck.

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

- Bell Helicopter – New office with 40,000 sf of space off of Hwy 121, north of Holiday Inn.
- Holiday Inn – opens next week
- Library Gala – January 29th
- Reliant held their reception today (1/20/11)
- Amore's II – closed – three family-owned concepts interested in site
- CO's to be issued at locations for the previous restaurants Cornejo's and LaBella
- New pet store going in where Pet-O-Rama was on Harwood
- CO issued for new furniture store
- New wine and cheese tasting establishment in the city
- Computer Fusion Building – Eyeglass manufacturing company up and running by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Medical supply company – CO to be issued soon
- The finish out for the Fire Pit (previous Luby's location) being completed
- CPR Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> staff meeting today. Two CPR Blitz's on April 8-9 and October 14-15

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- New logo will be displayed on street signs
- Freeway public meeting to be held Thursday, 2/17 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Maps and schematics will be available. The 183 expansion will not include elevated lanes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Sherri Olsen and seconded by David Franklin. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Bresnahan, Chair