

Community Affairs Commission Minutes May 19, 2011

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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 19th day of May, 2011 with the following members present:

Kim Probasco
Jason Sinisi
David Franklin
George Mountcastle
Tom Bresnahan
Mark Massey
Alexander Wolfe
Mary Frazier
Sherry Olsen

constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

Bill Syblon, Staff
Jim Griffin, Council

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:
April 21, 2011 regular meeting.

Tom Bresnahan made a motion to approve the April 21, 2011 minutes. Mary seconded. Approved 8 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and act upon appointment of a Vice Chair to the Community Affairs Commission:
Mark was nominated as Vice Chair by Sherry Olsen. Mary seconded. Approved 9 – 0.

2. Discussion of Community Affairs Goals and Objectives: Council is making efforts to define and refine the goals and objectives of all city commissions. In that vein Council has requested the Community Affairs Commission to define its goals and objectives for the Council's consideration. Each sub-committee will produce a report by the next meeting that will define the goals and objectives for that particular sub-committee, as well as the resources required to meet these goals and objectives. From this the goals and objectives for the entire Community Affairs Commission will be compiled in document form, for review and approval at the June meeting.

REPORTS:

2. Community Affairs Commission Sub-Committee Reports

- 1) **Business Development and Retention-** Mark proposed renting the Shop Bedford First sign for another month. Mary made a motion to approve, Jason seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9 – 0. Tom asked each member of the Commission to visit 10 business between now and the June meeting, and report back on which businesses they visited and the response.
- 2) **Residential Community Support** – Kim reported that the recent residential roundtable was not well attended, but that she expects attendance to grow with time. The sub-committee also needs to decide on a date and time for the next apartment managers meeting.
- 3) **Sustainable Energy Committee** – The next workshop will be held at the Bedford Boys Ranch on May 21st. Speakers include William Peck of William Peck & Associates, Architects, and Stephanie Corso, Environmental Specialist, City of Bedford. David reported that he has gotten tentative approval to bring in mobile solar power panels to power a display or set-up at the next Bedford Blues Fest.

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

- Bill reported that the focus at the International Council of Shopping Centers 2011 RECon will be on highway development in the Bedford area. Bill passed around maps produced for the convention that show areas of business in Bedford, as well as demographic and traffic data for those areas.
- The City Manger is currently working on an abandoned property ordinance.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission has granted approval for the Bedford Community Garden.
- Council has requested a review of sign ordinances.
- Efforts to open an Applebee's in Bedford have terminated.
- On the Border and Chili's will both require new buildings as a result of the 121 highway development.
- 17 certificates of occupancy were issued by the City since the last Community Affairs Commission meeting, including 11 business certificates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Sherry Olsen and seconded by David Franklin. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved:

Tom Bresnahan, Chair