

Community Affairs Commission Minutes June 16, 2011

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 16th day of June, 2011 with the following members present:

Kim Probasco
Jason Sinisi
David Franklin
Tom Bresnahan
Mark Massey
Alexander Wolfe
Sherry Olsen
Cody Walker
Jeremy Brown

Constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

David Miller, Staff
Roger Fisher, Council
Sarah Sisson, guest of the Commission

Absentees:

Mary Frazier

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.**

Jason Sinisi made a motion to approve the May 2011 minutes. David seconded. Approved 10 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion of Commission Goals and Objectives:** Roger Fisher addressed the Commission regarding the ongoing discussion concerning the goals, objectives and overall purpose of the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the primary focus of the group being on business retention in the form of the Shop Bedford First program. There was also discussion regarding various ways in which the Commission and City staff can improve communication and foster cooperation in meeting these goals. Further discussion of the goals of the subcommittees was carried out as the subcommittee chairs delivered their monthly reports.

REPORTS:

2. Community Affairs Commission Sub-Committee Reports

- 1) Business Development and Retention-** Mark agreed that the focus of the Commission should be business retention, and specifically the Shop Bedford First program. Each Commission member was assigned the task of signing up ten businesses for the Shop Bedford First program by the July meeting. Starting June 21, a sign advertising the Shop Bedford First program will be on display around Bedford for two more months. There was discussion of the feasibility of a sign ordinance that would work for Bedford businesses.
- 2) Residential Community Support –** Kim discussed the goals and objectives of the Residential committee. The Residential committee will hold a meeting at the end of July regarding the residential roundtable, and will work to organize an apartment manager’s meeting. There was discussion of how best to provide more information regarding the City to HOAs.
- 3) Sustainable Energy Committee –** David discussed the goals and objectives of the Sustainable Energy committee. There will be two booths available to the Commission at Bluesfest, and the Commission will discuss at the July meeting the best way to utilize these booths to make visitors more aware of the Commission. A mobile energy truck will also be provided at Bluesfest to provide energy to booths.

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

- David updated the Commission on developments in the City.
- Jason’s Deli and On the Border will both move as a result of the impending highway construction.
- DRC is providing consulting services to businesses along the corridor that will be impacted by the construction.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:

Tom Bresnahan, Chair