

Community Affairs Commission Minutes October 20, 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 20th day of October, 2011 with the following members present:

Tom Breshnahan
Kim Probasco
Mark Massey
David Franklin
Jeremy Brown
Sherri Olsen
Jason Sinisi
Cody Walker
Sarah Sisson

constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

David Miller, Staff
Bill Syblon, Staff
Kay Brown, Staff
Roger Fisher, Council
Gary Morlock, Resident

Absentees:

Donald Bates
Mary Frazier
Alexander Wolfe

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Bresnahan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Community Affairs Commission Minutes:
 - a) August 18, 2011 regular meeting.

The August 18, 2011 minutes were not available and the September meeting did not have a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Introduction and remarks by Gary Morlock, local business owner.

Gary Morlock attended the meeting and was interested in connecting HOA's to the City.

3. Follow-up discussion regarding the Business and Merchant Network meeting on October 4, 2011.

A survey was taken at the meeting of those attending. The meeting was well received and well attended. There are now 192 Shop Bedford First participants.

REPORTS:

4. Community Affairs Commission Sub-Committee Reports

- **Business Development and Retention-** Signage is up for Shop Bedford First. A preliminary letter went to the faith-based community to participate with CPR and 6Stones. The next step is to have a luncheon with faith-based groups. This is something that should be pulled together after the first of the year. A script needs to be put together for the CAC so everyone knows what to say when making phone calls.
- **Residential Community Support** – A Residential Roundtable meeting is to be scheduled for December. The Residential Outreach committee is to meet next week. Discussion for the group includes the December Roundtable and topics for discussion, which include a public safety update from the Police Chief and an update on the highway.
- **Sustainable Energy Committee** – An energy awareness fair will be an action item for the next CAC meeting. All CAC members will be expected to participate. Input from the Commission included a registration fee for vendors, having refreshments, door prizes, and special recognition for sponsors. A special events permit is needed and possibly signing a legal release for vendors.

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

- Shop Bedford First - There will be a new solicitation to get people to sign up. Coupons will be included in the next Bedford Connection.
- Sales tax is up 1% this month.
- A home improvement business will be going into the City.
- Pasado's will get a face lift.
- Jason's Deli has relocated, creating eight to ten new jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Cody Walker and seconded by Jeremy Brown. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

Tom Bresnahan, Chair