

**Cultural Commission Minutes October 24, 2011**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT   §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD       §**

**The Cultural Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 24th day of October, 2011 with the following members present:**

Alicia McGlinchey  
Barbara Speares  
Elyse McNabb  
David Medina

Constituting a quorum.

Others present included:

Beverly Griffith, Staff Liaison  
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Staff Liaison  
Ray Champney, Council Liaison

Absentees:

Lee Koch  
Holly McPherson  
Thomas Jacobsen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chair Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:  
a) September 28, 2011 regular meeting**

Elyse McNabb made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2011; the motion was seconded by David Medina. The motion passed 4-0-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 2. Follow-up on discussion regarding conference call with Texas Commission on the Arts concerning Cultural District Designations.**

Councilman Ray Champney talked to Representative Todd Smith about ironing out the differences between the first application to the second application and interceding on our behalf with Jim Bob McMillan, but the Commission will hold off until January or February to have a better plan in place to discuss.

The Council wants to expand the boundaries of the cultural designation district for the purposes of the cultural assessment application. The Commission members want to have a better feel for the process for the cultural assessment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Discussion regarding the process for conducting a Cultural Assessment.**

Councilman Champney discussed the initial presentation and ideas for the Cultural District that the Council had in starting this commission.

Vice-Chair McGlinchey talked about the first three steps in the cultural assessment – what is to be gained, why now and why is it needed? The Commission needs to identify the catalyst - what is urgent and compelling?

The Commission discussed what each member saw as the catalyst. David Medina sees dance as important; Councilman Champney sees music and building a stronger sense of community, creating an atmosphere unique to Bedford; Barbara Speares said our demographics seem to be strong towards music, theater, and the arts; Miranda McQuagge-Walden wants to create a feeling that we're aging - but we're relevant, vibrant, and economically stable.

Vice-Chair McGlinchey wants to get all the arts players in Bedford together and get that group to help identify the catalyst. She and Councilman Champney want to make sure we differentiate Bedford, but do not alienate the other cities because we have partners that span other cities.

There was some discussion that further down the line the Commission might want to form subcommittees to get help in various areas, and if there are to be assigned tasks, Council will have to give approval.

Vice-Chair McGlinchey requested all members review the following material for the next meeting:

1. Read the "Conducting a Community Cultural Assessment: A Work Kit" - focusing on Chapter 2
2. Identify what you think the community catalyst is and define it if possible
3. Identify who you think are key community contacts that we'd interview - you can get ideas from page 6
4. Think of questions we would want to ask them - page 8 has ideas to start from and mark up

**4. Review information regarding attainment of 501(c)3 status.**

Miranda talked to Jim Bob McMillan and he said we did not need to be a 501(c)3 for the application, so for now the Commission will not be pursuing that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Elyse McNabb made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Barbara Speares. Motion passed 4-0

Vice-Chair McGlinchey adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Approved:

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Alicia McGlinchey, Chair