

Cultural Commission February 13, 2012

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 13th day of February, 2012 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Elyse McNabb
Thomas Jacobsen
David Medina
Barbara Speares
Lee Koch
Dr. Paul Davis

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:

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

Absentees: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a. January 23, 2012 regular meeting**

Lee Koch made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 23, 2012; the motion was seconded by David Medina. The motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2. Recap interviews with focus groups regarding the Cultural Assessment process.**

Alicia led the group in a discussion on the three focus group meetings.

The main themes seemed to be:

- Take what you have and build it up
- Community involvement
- Reach out to south Bedford
- A central calendar of events is really essential
- Quality of life improvement help draw employees

It was discussed to have art work displays throughout Bedford whether in the old library, Boys Ranch, HEB school offices, and local businesses.

It was stated that HEB has 76 different nationalities represented in Bedford, which gives us a great opportunity for unique art programs. Additionally, Parks and Rec and the Library both do annual surveying that we can gather additional information from.

3. Receive an update on the Central Bedford Development Zone plan.

Ray Champney gave a quick update.

4. Discussion regarding the next steps for the Cultural Assessment process

Synthesis information

- Basic themes
- Big ideas

Field Trips to see centers

- Dallas creative arts center
- Arlington Levitt Pavilion
- Fort Worth

Go back to cultural assessment packet and start interviewing groups

- create a narrative of what's going on and what opportunities there are

Homework - revisit list of people to talk to and get all the names in a master list and revisit assessment in Chapter 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Elyse McNabb made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Barbara Speares. Motion passed 7-0.

Chair McGlinchey adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Approved:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair