

Cultural Commission March 26, 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 pm at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 26th day of March, 2012 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Thomas Jacobsen
Dr. Paul Davis
Barbara Speares

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Beverly Griffith, Staff Liaison
Ray Champney, Council Liaison
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Staff Liaison
Jim Griffin, Council Member

Absentees: Elyse McNabb
David Medina
Lee Koch

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICER:

- 1. Consider and act upon the appointment of a Secretary for the Cultural Commission.**

Alicia McGlinchey explained that Elyse McNabb had submitted her notice to the Commission that she would have to step down from the Commission leaving the position of Secretary open. Ms. McGlinchey asked Barbara Speares if she would consider stepping in as secretary. Ms. Speares accepted. Paul Davis made the motion to elect Barbara Speares as the Secretary for the Cultural Commission. Mr. McNabb seconded. The motion passed 4 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 2. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a. February 26, 2012 regular meeting.**

Alicia McGlinchey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2012; the motion was seconded by Tom Jacobsen. The motion passed 4 – 0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

3. Discussion regarding the status of the information profile portion of the assessment process.

Alicia McGlinchey gave an update on the stakeholder group meeting with Kimley-Horn and how the exercises and sample streetscapes, etc. that were presented at the public re-development meeting were very similar to what was presented at the stakeholder meeting.

Ms. McGlinchey discussed the initial observations and assessments made by the consultants and the maps and exercises shared with the public and presented at the public meeting. She stated it was very well attended and there was lots of good feedback from those in attendance.

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

The field trip on 4/6/2012 to the Levitt Pavillion in Arlington and the Creative Arts Center in Dallas was discussed and 8:30 a.m. was the time decided upon to meet at the Bedford library parking lot for those planning on attending.

Alicia McGlinchey stated and the Commission members agreed that we need to focus on the question, "What are we doing to support the Council?" Collecting information is what we need to do, but we need to define what we want to know that would be useful.

It takes 24 months to get a project of this type launched. There is a need to get the buzz out there. The stakeholders will be getting together again on May 15 and June 19. There will be another public open house on June 25 in the evening.

Tom Jacobsen presented notes on facilities. He is working on the facilities issues, and discussed ideas with the board that were important questions to address with community leaders regarding facilities.

Ms. McGlinchey captured important bullets on the flipchart for the main subject areas/community leaders:

Facilities –

- Capacity
- Who uses the facility?
- Future plans, cutting back, remodeling
- Limitations
- Patrons
- How would a Bedford cultural district benefit you?

Schools –

- What programs do you offer?
- What programs would you like to offer?
- The number of students involved
- Trends
- How do diversity /multi-culturalism impact the arts and programming?
- Facilities – what is lacking?
- Vendor Support for music and visual arts
- Arts teachers and continuing education – new ideas

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Re-energize

Partnering with local arts organizations – how to facilitate

Cultural trends in the arts

Budget?

Equipment for the Arts – kiln, pottery, easels/lacking space

Photography video/film production computer graphics

Seniors – Virginia Chamblee would be a contact

Park Place, Park wood, Eden Estate – great contacts

Transportation issues

Favorite art/cultural venues

Interest level regarding volunteering

Senior center – existing programs

Barriers to participation

Wish list for participants

Vision for Bedford Cultural District

Capture names for retired artists, etc. – great resources in our seniors

Communication – how best to communicate with seniors

How do you communicate news, events?

Mentoring

Coaching

Artists – Arts Groups

TAG

ONSTAGE

Writers Guild

Photography Club

Bands/Ensembles

Artisan

Teachers – music, arts, summer camps, dance

Studios – pottery, dance

How would a cultural district benefit you?

Who are your customer/client/ audience?

What are your needs? Volunteer space

What are your plans?

Who do you partner with?

How do you communicate?

What are your challenges?

A weekend of arts – to kick off and generate interest and enthusiasm in the community - showcase what cultural groups and events we already have – a “moving feast” from the different venues and artistic groups throughout the proposed new cultural district and re-development area.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden shared demographic information she had gathered.

The next meeting will be April 9, 2012 and several members stated they would not be available for the meeting due to conflicts and some were unsure. It would be communicated as to

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whether the meeting would be rescheduled depending on the availability of the missing members and those unsure of their status.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tom Jacobsen made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Barbara Speares. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Chair McGlinchey adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair