

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §
CITY OF BEDFORD §

approved

The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on February 18, 2013, with the following members present:

Faye Murphy, Chairperson
Connie LaClair
Jenny Bumgardner
Richard Dobrovoly
Patty Sinclair
Bucky Geer
Samuel Brown, Jr.

Constituting a quorum.

Absence:

Steve Henning
Rene Griffin
Kelly Shipps
Don Whitehurst

Also attending were:

Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Dr. Roy Turner, City Council Liaison
Michael Boyter, City Council
Barbara Kurtz, Bedford resident and former Commission member
David Franklin, Chairperson of Bedford Energy Smart event
Wynette Griffin, Bedford resident
Scott Sheppard, 6Stones
Annette Lee, Tarrant County Master Gardener
Mary Beaumont, Bedford resident
Tom Beaumont, Bedford resident
Marty Geer, Bedford resident

CALL TO ORDER

Faye Murphy, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

NEW MEMBER

1. Introduction of newly appointed Beautification Commission Member.

Faye Murphy introduced Bucky Geer, newly appointed Beautification Commission Member.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

2. Discuss future involvement in the 6Stones Community Garden with 6Stones representative.

Scott Sheppard from 6 Stones spoke with the Commission about the history of 6Stones. He shared a

brief history of the garden, plans for the future, and commended the Commission on its participation with the garden. Annette Lee, Tarrant County Master Gardener, shared future events with master gardeners and other plans for the garden.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
a) **January 21, 2013 regular meeting.**

Richard Dobrovolny made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Connie La Clair seconded. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Committee Reports:

- **Bedford Connection – Jenny Bumgardner**
The Bedford Connection is published three times a year by the city. Each issue, the Commission will focus on a theme. Summer theme will be plants for the north Texas area, and the fall theme will focus on environmental issues. She will also submit any timely subjects that pertain to the Commission.
- **Community Garden – Richard Dobrovolny**
Richard met with 6Stones in their planning session on February 2nd. A few plots are still available for rental.
- **Beautification Workdays – Connie LaClair**
Connie submitted an updated Commission calendar with specific plans to occur on certain dates. The next work date, March 9th, will focus on revitalizing landscapes around the Trinity Arts Building and Senior Center.
- **Clean Up Bedford Day – Patty Sinclair**
Barbara Kurtz will team up with Patty to reach out to local businesses to support CUB Day. A planning session will occur Wednesday, Feb. 27th, 10:00 a.m., at the city library.
- **Paper Shred Day –**
Sam Brown stepped up to lead the team on paper shred day which will occur October 12th.
- **Business Awards –**
Bucky Geer will head the subcommittee for business Beautification awards.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss the liaison role to Beautification Commission.

Dr. Turner left the meeting early due to another city commitment so the discussion was tabled.

6. Discussed the March 16, 2013 CRUD Cruiser event.

Commission members will help at the event, which is open to all Bedford residents with proof of residency.

7. Discuss the Bedford Expo and participation in the Energy Event.

Commission members plan to publicize CRUD day with handbills at the Expo.

8. Discussed the Beautification Commission budget.

The Commission's annual budget from water bills is \$10,000. Current account balance is \$43,164.73 minus the \$4,000 committed to purchase holiday decorations for the Parks Department.

9. Consider a nomination for the BECA award.

Faye Murphy proposed nominating Tina Coppola, City employee, for the award, for her outstanding work supporting the Commission. Jenny Bumgardner made a motion to accept the proposal; Sam Brown seconded. The motion carried.

10. The next workday is Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Discussed approval for expenditures of up to \$2,000 for plantings and tools.

NEXT MEETING

11. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Richard Dobrovolny made a motion for adjournment. Connie LaClair seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Faye Murphy, Chairperson