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approved

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

Faye Murphy, Chairperson
Connie LaClair, Vice Chairperson
Jenny Bumgardner, Secretary
Richard Dobrovoly
Patty Sinclair
Bucky Geer
Steve Henning
Marty Geer
Constituting a quorum.

Absence:
Samuel Brown, Jr.
Kelly Shipps

Excused:
Don Whitehurst
Barbara Kurtz

Also attending were:
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Dr. Roy Turner, City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Faye Murphy, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

NEW MEMBER

1. Introduction of newly appointed Beautification Commission Member.
Faye Murphy introduced Marty Geer, newly appointed Beautification Commission Member.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**2. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
February 18, 2013 regular meeting.**

Marty Geer made a motion to accept the minutes as written pending additional item which Don Henderson will take to city offices later in the week: \$2,000 budget for shrubs and garden tools for use at Boys' Ranch; Richard Dobrovoly seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss the liaison role to Beautification Commission.

Dr. Turner discussed his role as City Council liaison to the BBC. He serves in an advisory capacity to assist with communication and provide budget information to the BBC. In addition, he will communicate information to council members, speak on behalf of the BBC, and keep communication open in order to prevent misunderstandings and/or conflicts. He is not to initiate any actions by the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discuss the March 16, 2013 CRUD Cruiser event.

The CRUD Cruiser served 70 cars. Commission discussed why event was not as busy as past events, including spring break, lack of advertising in water bill, and St. Patrick's Day events. Members passed out fliers for CUB day, and will continue to promote future events at other city events, perhaps using an all-encompassing flier for multiple future events.

5. Report from Sub-Committee meetings for the Clean Up Bedford Day and Saturday workdays.

CUB Day sub-committee met March 15th and passed out fliers for distribution to local citizens and businesses. Barbara Kurtz will visit businesses and solicit donations for supplies to be used that day. Members discussed how they made several contacts passing out fliers on CRUD Day. Dr. Turner will ask City Council to provide lunch for CUB Day participants, perhaps obtaining discount or donated food from local businesses.

Due to scheduling conflicts Connie is revising the Saturday workday master schedule; BBC may utilize teen court workers more during vacation time as the extra spring break workday was very productive. BBC is busy revitalizing the Senior Center, Trinity Arts, Theater, and Entrance gardens and will continue to work throughout the spring to improve the gardens' appearance.

6. Discuss update on the Community Garden.

Dick Dobrovolny discussed the large turnout at the 6Stones garden event on March 16th. BBC and City Council members planted all vegetables for garden, and Dick will create a master watering schedule with Faye Murphy's help. CPR asked for the BBC to paint pots for the upcoming CPR day; Dr. Turner will speak with city seniors who participated last year with this project.

7. Discuss participation in the Consumer Energy Expo on April 20, 2013.

The event will be at the old library from 1:00 – 5:00; David Franklin is POC for event. Connie and Faye will man booth with assistance from other BBC members. BBC will distribute the new recycling brochure and CUB Day fliers. Connie will coordinate with Waste Management to see that we don't overlap our information with theirs.

8. The next workday is Saturday April 13, 2013.

Connie reported that since the February workday much work has been done at Boys' Ranch Park. A major focus has been on reworking the flower beds at the senior citizens center and removing a row of over-grown shrubs at the Trinity Arts Building. The Texas Sage was cut back in the front beds. During this year all of the flower beds that Beautification normally maintains will be re-worked and plants will be added that provide more color.

One workday was added during spring break so the teen court kids could have access to more volunteer hours. This appeared to be a good idea and should be scheduled each year.

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Connie LaClair made a motion for adjournment. Patty Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Faye Murphy, Chairperson