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CITY OF BEDFORD §

approved

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

Faye Murphy, Chairperson
Connie LaClair, Vice Chairperson
Jenny Bumgardner, Secretary
Don Whitehurst
Marty Geer
Bucky Geer
Steve Henning
Richard Dobrovolny
Andy Sioco
Patty Sinclair
Constituting a quorum.

Absence:
Barbara Kurtz
Samuel Brown, Jr.

Also attending were:
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Jenn Stevenson, Bedford resident

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
 - a) October 21, 2013 regular meeting.

Bucky Geer made a motion to approve the minutes. Marty Geer seconded the motion; the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Discuss the Harwood Median project.

The committee discussed the s-beds between Brown Trail and Forest Ridge Drive, many of which are in poor condition due to drought and lack of watering resources. Connie LaClair made a motion to remove the s-beds that are in poor condition; Jenny Bumgardner seconded. The motion carried. The committee also looked at pictures of recently finished medians in Grapevine, and discussed planting more drought tolerant foliage.

The committee discussed adopt-a-spot to maintain medians, which is not possible due to safety issues. They also discussed adopt-a-spot for other city areas, and will further discuss starting a program in conjunction with Clean Up Bedford (CUB) Day. Committee members will research areas in Bedford that may need adoption, and will discuss at the next committee meeting, as well as whether partnering with a neighbor city may be feasible.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Update on Business Recognitions.

Bucky Geer proposed recognizing an apartment complex for their landscaping. Andy Sioco made a motion to award the recognition; Bucky Geer seconded; the motion carried. The nomination will be forwarded to City Council for approval, with the presentation to be done on a fourth Saturday of a month in the future. The group also discussed a Bedford business with recognizable landscaping in their drive through area, and agreed to be more aware of outstanding landscaping.

4. Discuss results for Saturday workdays.

The last workday was successful, with two teens and four members participating. They cut down perennials and also trimmed the entrance to the Boys' Ranch in preparation for winter; Connie LaClair has also been removing dead annuals over the past few weeks.

5. Discuss update on the Community Garden.

The 6Stones Fall Festival on Oct. 26th was well attended, but will end earlier in the future. The city garden has been growing well. 6Stones has inquired whether the city can provide greenhouse space for propagation, but committee members concurred that the greenhouse doesn't have enough available space to accommodate. Plots at the garden are available for rent for an annual fee of \$40 plus a share of harvested food.

6. The next workday is February 8, 2014.

NEXT MEETING

7. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held January 20, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Andy Sioco made a motion for adjournment. Marty Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Faye Murphy, Chairperson