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APPROVED

The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on February 16, 2015 with the following members present:

- Marty Geer, Chairperson
- Erin Blackman
- Bonnie Cooper
- Richard (Dick) Dobrovolny
- Kathy Fairchild
- Sam Fairchild
- Bucky Geer
- Bob Gough
- C.W. Koellman
- Patty Sinclair
- Dewey Tennant

Constituting a quorum.

Also attending were:

- Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
- Dr. Roy Turner, City Council Liaison
- Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:31 PM and introduced new member, Erin Blackman. She was asked to tell a little about herself so that we could get to know her better. Then the remaining commission members told a little about themselves so that she could get to know us too.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:

a) January 19, 2015 regular meeting.

Sam Fairchild moved that the minutes be approved as written, C.W. Koellman seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Discuss admissions to the next Bedford Connection Magazine publication.

Chairperson Geer explained that she had written a little “blurb” for the next Bedford Connection and passed it around for us to read. We discussed that each article needs to mention more than one event, so that readers will know about future events and can plan

accordingly. Patty Sinclair brought to the attention of the group that the Business Recognition Award Program does not have an “Eco-Friendly Landscaping” category as thought. She mentioned that the program had never placed that into the list of categories and that the application on the city website does not show that to be a category for nomination. It was agreed that change would be put on the agenda for the next Beautification Commission meeting.

3. Sub-Committee report of Beautification Commission Clean Up Bedford Day.

Patty Sinclair reported that the City officials have asked that the date of 2015 Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day event be changed. She explained that there are 2 other city supported events scheduled for the 28th of March. She said that an alternate date of April 18th, has been chosen. Ms. Sinclair made a motion, seconded by Dewey Tennant that the date be changed. The motion passed.

Ms. Sinclair also introduced the flyers that city hall had approved for the Clean Up Bedford Day event. She explained that the main flyer is not what the committee designed and approved for submission to the city officials, but in fact, is a hybrid that was presented and approved. Dick Dobrovoly made a motion that the new flyer approved by city hall be approved by the commission and used for this year’s event. The motion was seconded by C.W. Koellman and the motion passed.

4. Discuss the Beautification Commission adopt-a-spot for 2015.

Ms. Geer explained that the Adopt-A-Spot program was the vision of a member from last year’s commission. A sub-committee was formed and had come up with a mission statement and targeted several areas for “Spots” to be adopted. She told us that most of that sub-committee’s members are no longer on the commission and inquired as to whether or not we wanted to continue with the planning of this program. A new sub-committee consisting of Bob Gough, Bucky Geer and Dewey Tennant was formed and will report at the next meeting about what still needs to be done to get this program “up and running” and a decision about its future will be made at that time.

5. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 8:00am.

Workdays at the Boys Ranch are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of every month, unless otherwise notified. We meet in front of the Trinity Arts Theater at 8am and work there as well as other locations in the park until 10am. Young people from the Teen Court program are given the opportunity to work off some of their community service hours by assisting us with the gardening chores. They receive 2 for 1 credit for their service with us. Linda Stone is in charge of assigning those teens and Erin Blackman was given the task of contacting her each month to ask for those volunteers.

Don Henderson told us about the greenhouse that is located at the Parks Service Center on L. Don Dodson Drive. It is a structure that was erected several years ago by this group and used to grow plants for the parks, medians, and other areas of the city. The space has not been utilized as it should in the last year or so. But some repairs and improvements have been made to the greenhouse and it is ready for some new plantings.

6. Staff report on Beautification Commission budget.

Dr. Turner reported that the Beautification Commission receives \$10,000 as a donation each year from a recycling contract with Republic Waste. At this time, there is \$42,500 in the BBC account. Items that this money is used for include the Greenhouse, purchase of

Crepe Myrtles and trees by the Theater, as well as other plants in and around the Arts Center and the front entrance beds at the Boys Ranch. Tools we use on workdays as well as the signs we post for Business recognition and for events, are all paid for with funds we receive from this donation. Anything over \$3,000 must be cleared by the City Council. We will discuss budgetary items at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

7. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on March 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson