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approved

The Bedford Beautification Commission met at the Bedford Public Library in regular session on April 20, 2015 with the following members present:

Marty Geer, Chairperson
Erin Blackman
Richard (Dick) Dobrovolny
Sam Fairchild
Bucky Geer
Bob Gough
Patty Sinclair
Dewey Tennant
Constituting a quorum.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:30pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
 - a) **September 15, 2014 regular meeting.**
Bucky Geer moved that the minutes be approved as written, and Bob Gough seconded.
The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. **Discuss the results of the Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day.**
Don Henderson reported that 189 cars were accommodated during Chunk Your Junk Day. This set a new record for ANY event hosted by the Commission! The past record was 172. There were 14 industrial dumpsters filled on that day and another 2 are in place to accommodate what is currently still on the ground. Mr. Henderson told us that he had met with City officials this morning to discuss the need for 20 more people from other areas, (public works, police, etc) to help out, as “We have outgrown this event.” He mentioned that he would like to use Pennington Field for future Chunk Your Junk events if it could be arranged.

Patty Sinclair told us that the Clean Up Bedford Day portion of the event garnered 134+ volunteers to help clean up the city. There were large groups from the LDS Church in

Hurst, as well as the St. Michael's Catholic Church. Other volunteers came from the Girl Scouts, Bedford City Council, Bedford Courts, as well as local environment conscience citizens. She had designed 30 routes, all approximately 2 miles, but fell short of getting all the routes covered. Routes in both the north and south portions of the city were cleaned. She mentioned that there were 50 businesses that donated services or goods and there were 49 prizes awarded to volunteers. The sub-committee and all commission members were thanked for the work done to make this event a success.

Chairperson Geer presented 5 proposals for the next Clean Up Bedford Day event. Those consisted of:

- a. The need to send an earlier letter to vendors about the event with a reminder letter sent when a date is chosen (around September).
- b. Ask for money from the BBC budget instead of relying on businesses to help fund the event.
- c. Ask vendors that helped in 2015 to make it an annual donation.
- d. The purchase of heavy duty vinyl gloves for all volunteers instead of non-latex gloves that rip and tear.
- e. Ask Don Henderson for a larger, easier to read map of the city.

Dr. Turner mentioned that the City Council would like to give recognition to the Beautification Commission members for the work done during Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day. Chairperson Geer agreed to make a report about the event at the next council meeting on April 28th. It was requested that all Commission members be present, if possible.

3. Discuss Business Award Program and recommendations for new signs and flyers.

Chairperson Geer told us about the individual categories used in nominations for the Business Recognition Awards. She told us that we needed to be on the lookout for businesses to nominate. Forms can be found on the city website and can be used by anyone wishing to make a nomination. It was mentioned that a new category needs to be added, that being the use of Eco-Friendly landscaping. Members agreed, but there was no change made to the guidelines at this time. A sub-committee group was chosen to look into businesses and make nominations as they see fit. The businesses, Mexican Inn Restaurant, Lupe's Restaurant and St. Michael's Catholic Church were suggested for nomination.

4. Discuss membership in Texas and National Parks Organizations.

This item was tabled and will be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

5. Discuss Crud Cruiser Event.

The Crud Cruiser event is scheduled for this Saturday, April 25th from 9-11am. Volunteers are needed to help. Please arrive early as the line will already be formed.

6. Discuss Community Gardens.

Dick Dobrovolny informed us that the cucumbers did not survive but the tomatoes are doing fine. He also reported that the seeds are beginning to come up with all the rain we have had. The seeds planted were of peppers, squash, radishes, and broccoli. The carrots are not up as yet. For those who will help with the watering, a schedule for Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday will be adopted.

With his last report, Mr. Dobrovolny explained that he and his wife will be moving to Colleyville to a retirement facility and out of the City of Bedford therefore, he must resign from the Beautification Commission. He suggested that another liaison be assigned to Annette at 6 Stones.

Chairperson Geer spoke a little about Mr. Dobrovolny telling about his dedication to the Commission and to the Community Gardens in particular. She told us about the Commission's loss and extended Mr. Dobrovolny and his wife the good wishes from all of the members.

7. Discuss shirts for Beautification Commission members.

Chairperson Geer reported that there is a need for more shirts for the Commission members due to shirt damage and lack of proper sizes. It was determined that the supply of current shirts needed to be increased by 10, (2-S, 3-L, 3-XL, and 2-XXL). A motion to purchase 10 more shirts with the City of Bedford logo embroidery not to exceed \$200 was made by Sam Fairchild and seconded by Dewey Tennant. The motion passed.

It was suggested that a totally new supply of shirts have more color than the current Hunter Green shirts. She told us that artists would be needed for a logo and to think about artists we might know who would be interested in working on this project.

8. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 8a.m.

The next workday session will be in May.

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on May 18, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Dewey Tennant made a motion for adjournment, Erin Blackman seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson