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APPROVED

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

Marty Geer, Chairperson
Erin Blackman
Bonnie Cooper
Kathy Fairchild
Sam Fairchild
Bucky Geer
Bob Gough
Patty Sinclair
Dewey Tennant
Constituting a quorum.

Also attending was:
Eric Valdez, Community Services Manager
Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
 - a) **April 20, 2015 regular meeting.**
Sam Fairchild moved that the minutes be approved as written. Bucky Geer seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Discuss election of a representative for the community gardens and Vice-Chairperson.**
Chairperson Marty Geer told us about the importance to the community of the garden plots and about the harvesting of the food for donation to 6 Stones. She told us that with the resignation of Dick Dobrovolny from the Commission, a new Community Garden Representative was needed and asked for volunteers. Erin Blackman stepped up and volunteered but asked for help as she is a new Commission member and not sure what

needs to be done. It was agreed that we would all help with the watering, etc. when the continual rains end.

The Vice-Chairperson position also needed to be filled due to Mr. Dobrovolny's resignation. Bucky Geer nominated Sam Fairchild and Dewey Tennant seconded the motion. Mr. Fairchild said that he would accept the nomination and there were no others, so his election was by acclamation.

3. Discuss the results of the CRUD Cruiser Day.

Chairperson Marty Geer explained to the committee that the CRUD Cruiser event started 15 minutes early due to the lineup of cars waiting, and by 9:45am the trailer was full and ready to leave. (The event was scheduled from 8-11am). We had processed 158 vehicles. This was another record for the event.

She told us that she had several recommendations as to how to make this event run more smoothly and to be able to accommodate more vehicles. Some of the recommendations were:

- Replace the recycling flyers and door hangers with new, improved ones
- Big Signage
- Posters
- Explanation about paint combination (since most crud taken in, is small amounts of paint in large cans)

Kathy Fairchild made a motion to move forward with redesigning the flyer and hang tags. Bonnie Cooper seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4. Discuss joint meeting with Parks Board and Cultural Commission on June 4, 2015.

Eric Valdez and Jeff Florey told us that a joint meeting is planned at the Library, for the 4th of June. The Parks Board, Cultural Commission and Beautification Commission members are requested to attend. The Parks Board is soliciting information from residents about what they are interested in seeing the City of Bedford include in future park designs. They mentioned that a survey can be completed on the web site or by picking up a hard copy at the BRAC. The survey should be completed by the end of May.

It was also mentioned that the Parks Board is selling bricks that will be placed on the walkway on the Northeast side of the lake at the Boy's Ranch. These bricks sell for \$50. Members inquired about the work being done at Meadow Park and were told that the baseball fields are being renovated along with some basic landscaping. In another inquiry, it was learned that the Boys Ranch work presently will include the lake, the trails, a 4-plex baseball complex, and tennis courts. Work has been slow due to the constant rains.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss Adopt-a-Street program.

The group assigned to the Adopt-a-Street program has not met as of this meeting date. Their task is to decide whether we should pursue and continue to develop this program and how to go about it. It was decided that they would contact Jenn Stevenson, (former Beautification Commission member who was in charge of the program before she resigned from the BBC), to obtain past information and research. A meeting will be planned to study that information.

6. Discuss nominations for Bedford Beautification Awards.

Chairperson Marty Geer told us that the 4 nominations for Business Recognition Awards were: Mexican Inn, Lupe's Mexican Restaurant, Ft. Worth Community Credit Union, and St. Michael's Catholic Church. She mentioned that she had driven by all of the businesses and she was very impressed with the Mexican Inn. Other comments were that St. Michael's was nice from the street but much more impressive when the whole property was observed. The Ft. Worth Community Credit Union appeared to be OK but not outstanding at this time, (possibly due to lack of spring blooms). Lupe's has recently gone through a change and "landscaping" may not be as impressive as when first nominated. Commission members were asked to drive by and around all the businesses, to decide about their worthiness of recognition, and a vote would be taken at the next meeting.

7. Discuss plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 8:00am.

The plan is to finally have a workday....if it doesn't rain!

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on June 15, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Dewey Tennant made a motion for adjournment. Bucky Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson