

Beautification Commission Minutes June 15, 2015

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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on June 15, 2015. 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:
Dr. Roy Turner, Council Liaison
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, 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) **May 16, 2015 regular meeting.**
Bucky Geer moved that the minutes be approved as written. Bob Gough seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Discuss results from the joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Board and Cultural Commission.**
A discussion of how the joint meeting was run and what opportunities were missed took place. Chairperson Marty Geer reported that those who attended the "joint" meeting expected more cooperation between groups but were sorely disappointed. The meeting was totally controlled by the Chairperson of the Parks Board. The Cultural Commission members were informed from the start, that they were not permitted to speak due to the fact that their group did not have a quorum. BBC had a quorum and could participate.

Handouts showing the results of the online survey were distributed. The number of surveys completed was quite low and the hidden location of the survey on the website was addressed. Nothing was decided for the local parks and nothing was mentioned about what the other groups could do to help to promote the parks. Beautification Commission members who attended the joint meeting reported walking away with a lack of understanding as to how a "joint meeting" should be run and a discussion of that occurred. BBC members also felt that several opportunities to promote the survey were missed due to lack of communication between boards.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Discuss Adopt-a-Street program.

Bob Gough reported that the city is looking pretty good and because of everything going on right now, this program could be tabled until fall. The members agreed to table the program. Dewey told us that he spread bluebonnets close to Monterrey Park.

4. Discuss nominations for Bedford Beautification Awards.

During a discussion of locations that had been mentioned for Business Recognition Awards, Patty Sinclair brought a Point of Order that all businesses must be nominated (and have a written nomination) prior to the voting process. Nomination forms were then completed by BBC members for the following locations: Cimarron Shopping Center, Lupe's Mexican Restaurant, The Mexican Inn, Fort Worth Credit Union, and St. Michael's Catholic Church. Kathy Fairchild mentioned how nice the xeriscaping in the Albertson's Grocery Store parking lot looked. She questioned whether it was done by Albertson's or was it TXDOT (or Bluebonnet Construction) who planted it all. Eco-Friendly Landscaping was added in March to the categories on the list for recognition awards.

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

It was reported that the entry area needs weeding and that the new tree near the Theater needs watering. The weeds at the Theater are not too bad but the vines at the Arts Center are too plentiful and need trimming.

NEXT MEETING

6. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on August 17, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Bucky Geer made a motion for adjournment. Dewey Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson