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

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

Also attending was:
Dr. Roy Turner, Council Liaison
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator
Eric Valdez, Community Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:32 pm. She thanked the members for their attendance at the Business Recognition Awards presentations. She also shared copies of the HEB News which mentioned the Tree Plantings and the lake progress at the Boys Ranch Park.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
 - a) **October 19, 2015 regular meeting.**

Dewey Tennant moved that the minutes be approved as written. Bucky Geer seconded and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Discuss adopt-a-park program.**

Eric Valdez distributed copies of the Austin, TX, Parks and Recreation, Adopt-A-Park Projects Overview for the perusal of the BBC members. He feels that this type of program

could be possible in Bedford, as a collaborative effort between the Beautification Commission and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

3. Discuss calendar dates for 2016 events.

A discussion of the 2016 Beautification Commission sponsored events was held. Copies of the 2015 calendar (showing past events) and the 2016 calendar were distributed. Tentative dates were chosen. Those dates are as follows:

April 9th-----Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day

*April 30th or May 14th-----Spring CRUD Day

*September 17th or September 24-----Fall CRUD Day

October 8th-----Shred It Day

Don Henderson will call the City of Ft. Worth on the first business day in January, to schedule the Crud Cruiser. He will request the first tentative date and use the second date as the alternate, of those marked with an asterisk.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss presentations for Bedford Beautification Award recipients.

Four Business Recognition Awards were presented on Friday, November 13th and one was presented on Saturday November 14th. All businesses were appreciative and welcomed the award. Due to the lack of signs remaining in the inventory, Jeff Florey had scrambled to get some signs made, for display outside the individual businesses, in time for the presentations. The design of those signs was discussed and it was decided that the signs need some "fixing". Lack of color was an issue as well as the flower design. Instead of a Hibiscus flower, suggestions made were to replace it with something more "Texas-like". Suggestions included a Yellow Rose, Crepe Myrtle, or Bluebonnet. More color will also be added to subsequent signs.

4. Report on Community Garden.

Erin Blackman told us that in the last 2 weeks, the BBC had grown and donated 25 lbs. of produce to 6 Stones. That produce consisted of Pumpkins, Okra, Bell Peppers and Eggplant.

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

Marty Geer, Chairperson explained that on workdays we will need to do some mulching at numerous locations. Those locations and the number of bags of mulch needed are:

- Boys Ranch Entry.....10 bags
- Onstage Theater.....15 bags
- Trinity Arts Building.....10 bags

Senior Citizens Center.....10 bags

NEXT MEETING

- 6. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on January 18, 2015.**
There will be no workday, nor meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Kathy Fairchild made a motion for adjournment. Bonnie Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson