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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on February 15, 2016 with the following members present:

Marty Geer, Chairperson  
Bonnie Cooper  
Kathy Fairchild  
Sam Fairchild  
Bucky Geer  
Bob Gough  
June Gravley  
C.W. Koellman  
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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:33pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
  - a) **January 18, regular meeting.**  
June Gravley moved that the minutes be approved as written, Sam Fairchild seconded. The motion carried. It was brought to the attention of the Commission that some members were not receiving their e-mails containing the minutes and agendas. Don Henderson said that he would make sure that Margaret Kiss had everyone's correct e-mail address.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. **Discuss handouts and marketing for Clean Up Bedford Day and special events.**  
Jeff Florey reported that Clean Up Bedford Day and the online volunteer registration was already up and running on Facebook. He asked us to take a look at it, and give him suggestions for changes. He distributed several flyer designs for Clean Up Bedford Day and a discussion of those flyers resulted in the "Double Barrel" and "Texas Trash Off" flyers being chosen by the Commission members. These flyers will be used to promote the event in businesses, schools, and wherever flyers can be posted or handed out.

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Artsfest, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be a good time to hand out flyers. We will have a booth to promote Clean Up Bedford Day. Volunteers will be needed between 10:00am-8:00pm. A Clean Up Bedford Day sub-committee meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am at the library. Any available Commission members are encouraged to attend.

### **3. Discuss the Parks Master Plan Marquee signs.**

Dr. Turner explained to us that the first phase of the Boys Ranch Project is almost complete. He said that the city is planning to put 2 or 3 composite (directional) marquee signs at the park and asked if the BBC is interested in doing the landscaping around the signs. After some discussion, a decision was made that if invited to do so, we would be interested in that project. Bucky Geer mentioned that there is a huge need for more benches. He pointed out that there are only 3 benches around the lake and there should be more places for people to sit and enjoy the lake or have a place to rest while out walking around. Dr. Turner reiterated that only the first phase has been completed and that there are a few more phases planned.

### **4. Discuss participation in the Round Table event on February 25, at 7:00pm at the Old Bedford School.**

Marty Geer encouraged BBC members to attend the Round Table event on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. She told us that it is being hosted by the Community Affairs Commission and that there will be several Committees and Commissions represented.

One of the topics up for discussion is the natural habitat that is being created at the Boys Ranch lake. There is a major problem with residents feeding the ducks; therefore, a collaborative article for the Bedford Connection as well as signage at the park might help to educate the residents about the problems that arise from this practice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **5. Discuss design of the Business Awards signs.**

It was decided that a Yellow Rose would look nice on the signs but a logo for "Keep Bedford Beautiful" needs to be decided on and approved. Jeff Florey mentioned that he has a friend who might work on something for us. Commission members were asked to look at other logos from other cities for comparison. Further discussion for sign design was tabled until a later meeting.

### **6. Report on Community Garden.**

Marty Geer told us that the Community Garden plots have lots of weeds! It was suggested that we plant onions and potatoes. She also thanked everyone for helping at the greenhouse and told us that she would probably go by tomorrow to see what is happening with the plantings. Marty Geer expressed her opinion of the greenhouse, "The greenhouse is wonderful!"

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

There is no information about how many teen court helpers we will have on Saturday. Marty Geer told us that the new water hoses and storage reels are at the Senior Center and Theater. She told us that there are lots of weeds so we have our work cut out for us. A discussion of weed killers and their impact on the environment took place. A safe alternative weed killer will be sought for our use.

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Dewey Tennant made a motion to allow Don Henderson to use \$200 for purchasing plants for the Boys Ranch areas that we tend. C.W. Koellman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Mexican Heather, Texas Sage, and Begonia's were requested to be purchased.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**8. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on March 21, 2016.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, C.W. Koellman made a motion for adjournment. Kathy Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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Marty Geer, Chairperson