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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on March 21, 2016 with the following members present:

- Marty Geer, Chairperson
 - Erin Blackman
 - 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 Floury, Events and Cultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:35pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
 - a) February 15, 2016 regular meeting.

Kathy Fairchild moved that the minutes be approved as written. Bucky Geer seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Report on Clean Up Bedford Day sub-committee meeting.

Marty Geer explained to the group that she had spoken to the chairperson of the Parks Board and they will participate on April 9th and have requested to clean Highway 121. She also told us that the signs will be placed throughout the city sometime around the 24th-25th

of March. Due to the high winds that battered our signs the past few years, she felt that posting the signs any earlier would subject them to damage and loss.

Marty Geer told us that we will have a booth at the Artsfest on April 2nd and that volunteers are needed to hand out flyers about Clean Up Bedford/Chunk Your Junk Day and to try to encourage participation in the event.

Patty Sinclair reported what the committee had planned and told about the t-shirts that were ordered for all volunteers. She explained that the color of Lime Green was chosen because it would draw attention to the volunteers while out picking up trash on the streets and the design will promote the event and hopefully encourage others the next year to participate.

Patty Sinclair also told us that Shipley Donuts and Starbucks will be providing a morning boost with donuts and coffee at check-in. She also mentioned that Harley Davidson had donated \$400 for us to provide food for the volunteers when they return from their clean up assignments. Pizza will be ordered and Chicken Express has promised Iced Tea. Once again, Rita's Italian Ice will be there to provide a little cool down too. There will be no drawing for prizes this year.

Commission members should be there around 7:30am to help set up. The volunteers for Clean Up Bedford Day will be asked to check in at 9am. Chunk Your Junk begins at 8am. Both events will conclude at noon.

3. Discussion on Yearly Report.

Dr. Turner told us that a report needs to be presented to the City Council by the BBC Chairperson concerning our past events, accomplishments and future plans. It is too late to get this report placed on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting but the following 2 Council meetings will be on the 12th and 26th of April. This will have to be submitted by the 6th to be added to the April 12th agenda. Marty Geer will make this presentation, Commission members are encouraged to attend and wear their Beautification shirts.

4. Discussion on purchasing benches for the Boys Ranch Park.

A discussion between the BBC and the Parks Board has resulted in a recommendation that more benches for sitting are needed around the lake at the Bedford Boys Ranch Park. A total of 5 benches were agreed upon with the suggestion that the Parks Board will provide 3 and the BBC will provide 2. A suggestion was also made that the benches on Central Drive are of no use in their present locations and should be re-located to the Boys Ranch instead of buying new benches.

Dr. Turner told us the origin of those benches on Central Drive and explained that the city had applied for a transportation grant which necessitated the benches being installed. After the benches were in their places, the grant was not approved, leaving benches but no bus service. There are 14 benches on Central Drive which cost the city \$1,000 each. Dr. Turner stated that he would casually poll the City Council members to find out if they would agree to have some of the benches moved to the park.

Sam Fairchild made a motion that the BBC give Don Henderson the authority to move as many benches as needed (up to 5), and failing that, he be authorized to buy 2 benches from Beautification Commission funds. Erin Blackman seconded the motion. The vote was 7 In Favor, 2 Opposed, with Dewey Tennant and Patty Sinclair opposing the motion. The motion passed.

Don Henderson said that he would like to put those benches into place in the next 2 weeks.

5. Discussion on T-shirt contest.

Certain BBC members feel that the Commission members need a more brightly colored shirt. It was mentioned in previous monthly meetings, that we have a contest to design a

logo for the BBC and that we could involve the schools and school Art departments. Someone also mentioned that the Boys Ranch has summer art classes and maybe we could get some help with the design from one of the students that sign up for these summer art classes.

Progress on this item was tabled as this needs more discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Report on Community Garden.

Marty Geer reported that there were 3 plots but now 2 more have been added for a total of 5 gardens that the BBC is tending. 2 plots have onions and 1 has potatoes. There are new plants growing in the greenhouse that are getting large enough to transplant into the open plots. The Okra in particular is getting to be very tall and needs to be moved. A transplanting session will be held at 9am on Wednesday, March 23rd at the community gardens. BBC members who are available to come are encouraged to attend. 6 Stones has decided that all participants at the community gardens need to sign a waiver. Erin Blackman distributed copies of this waiver to all commission members, but there was dissention about certain paragraphs in this waiver. Those who felt OK about signing the waiver did so and returned it to Erin Blackman. Others decided to have the waiver looked over by attorneys before signing.

7. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 8:00am.

The next workday will be in April. Teen Court kids will be helping. Trimming all bushes, weeding in the beds and a good clean-up will be done. Mulching will also be needed.

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on April 18, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Bucky Geer made a motion for adjournment. June Gravley seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson