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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on May 16, 2016 with the following members present:

Marty Geer, Chairperson  
Erin Blackman  
Bonnie Cooper  
Kathy Fairchild  
Sam Fairchild  
Bucky Geer  
Bob Gough  
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  
Jeff Scott, Parks Department

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
  - a) April 18, 2016 regular meeting.  
Bucky Geer moved that the minutes be approved as written, Sam Fairchild seconded.  
The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Discussion of Keep Texas Beautiful Day.  
A discussion took place about *Keep Texas Beautiful Day* and *Texas Trash Off Day* and how they relate to *Clean Up Bedford Day*. Dates for future events were pondered but nothing was changed, at this time, to coordinate with the State held events.

**3. Discuss fundraisers for future events.**

The subject of fundraisers was presented. A discussion between the chairpersons of the Beautification Commission and the Parks Board resulted in the suggestion of fundraisers to help with the expense of new benches, trails, dog parks, etc. A new pavilion at the park was also suggested, but that addition must go through City Council.

Jeff Florey explained to us that there are “No Deep Pockets in this city”. Those who are willing to donate, have already been “tapped out”. He recommended that fundraisers not be done unless and until there is a particular “Grandiose Project” needing help.

Dr. Turner explained that the Parks Master Plan will probably be modified next year when a Bond Issue is planned to come up for a vote. He suggested that nothing be done at the park until after that time.

**4. Discuss potential for offering educational programs to Bedford residents.**

Jeff Florey told us that he had spoken to the Agralife people and they will come out to give a 1 ½ hour lecture if 6 Stones will help publicize it. He also mentioned that there are other organizations that are willing to come give presentations. One such group is the National Wildlife Federation. Jeff did suggest that before we plan any speakers, we talk to 6 Stones to coordinate with them so as not to overstep or duplicate programs.

Programs suggested for presentation were Drip Irrigation, Fall Clean Up, Demonstration Gardens, Rain Water Irrigation Systems, Canning Produce, Planting Bee and Butterfly attracting plants.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. Discussion on CRUD Cruiser Event.**

Jeff Scott, from the Parks Department, told us about the Crud Cruiser event which took place on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we had more people show up with items to dispose of than the Crud Cruiser and Paint Wagon could handle. A discussion of how this “problem” could be alleviated ensued. No answer was reached.

Erin Blackman volunteered to write the next article for the Connections Magazine which will include information about this event and also about recycling.

**6. Discussion on T-shirt contest.**

The question was presented as to whether we wanted to tackle the t-shirt contest that was suggested at an earlier meeting. A vote was taken and it was decided that now is not the right time as school was just ending and we had other things that were more important to be addressed at this time.

**7. Report on Community Garden.**

Dewey Tennant told us that he had harvested 10 lbs. of onions and 5 lbs. of beets that day. He said that last week he had picked 5 lbs. of mixed veggies also. He mentioned that the lettuce was in need of harvesting.

**8. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 8:00am.**

We will not have Teen Court Kids helping during the summer months so there is nothing to stop us from working at the Community Garden.

Due to the construction, the question was posed whether we can plant in the Entry of the Boys Ranch Park and other monuments in and around the park. That answer was yes. Plants and flowers suggested for their ability to thrive in the heat without a lot of water were: Salvia, Lantana, Cactus, Elephant Ears, Turks Cap, Dianthus, Globe Amaranth, and Yucca. Don Henderson will purchase plants for this Saturday's workday.

**NEXT MEETING**

**9. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on June 20, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, Bucky Geer made a motion for adjournment. C.W. Koellman seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

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Marty Geer, Chairperson