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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on June 20, 2016 with the following members present:

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

Also attending was:
Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:36pm and thanked all who came to workday on Saturday, Erin, Bob and June, as it was very hot! She mentioned that the kids were pretty good workers too.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
 - a) **May 16, 2016 regular meeting.**
Bucky Geer moved that the minutes be approved as written, Dewey Tennant seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. **Discuss and decide on approval of CRUD Cruiser flyer.**
A draft of the new CRUD Cruiser flyer was distributed to Commission members. It was decided that it looked good, but two small changes were suggested. One was that the phrase “until full” needed to be swapped with the phrase, “until the cruiser is full”, and the other recommendation being that the phrase “\$1 an inch” be corrected to read “\$1 per inch”.
- 3. **Discuss clean up after events.**
Jeff Florey explained to us that help is always needed to clean up the Boys Ranch Park the morning after 4th Fest as well as the Labor Day Blues Fest. Teen Court volunteers are typically utilized and since the BBC has a relationship with the teen court, he asked if the

Beautification Commission would like to assist. Volunteers are requested to meet at the BRAC on Tuesday morning, July 5th, between 6-7am. There will be about 10-15 kids. For Blues Fest in September, clean-up help will be needed the morning after every night of the festival.

4. Discuss Beautification Business Award nominations.

BBC members were advised to look for businesses to nominate for Recognition Awards. Please have those nominations ready for the August meeting.

5. Discuss Beautification Commission article for the Bedford Connection deadline June 28.

Erin Blackman agreed to write an article for the Bedford Connection. She will send it to Marty Geer, Chairperson by Wednesday so that it can be considered for publication in the next edition. 2016 dates for the Crud Cruiser and Shred It Events will be included.

Patty Sinclair suggested that a "ditty" be submitted monthly for publication on the Water Department Bills. June Gravley recommended that the topics should be "Keeping Bedford Beautiful" staying with the theme of "Keep Texas Beautiful", since Bedford is a part of that program.

6. Discuss electronic recycling companies that will include televisions.

Jeff Florey told us that a new company, "Innovative Electronics Recycling" would like to work with the BBC during special events and has made the offer to recycle televisions for only \$5. The current company, "DFW Recyclers", charges \$1 per inch for television recycling. A discussion followed with Commission members suggesting that since we have a relationship with DFW Recyclers, we need to find out if they will match the price of the competitive offer. Bucky Geer made a motion that DFW Recyclers be approached about matching the offer of \$5 per TV. Dewey Tennant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sam Fairchild made a further motion that we give Jeff Florey the authority, should DFW Recyclers refuse to negotiate down at least to a cap of \$10 per TV, to change our recycling partner and move on to Innovative Electronics Recycling. Bucky Geer seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discuss potential for offering educational programs to Bedford residents.

Jeff Florey distributed a list of Texas Master Naturalists and their particular specialties. He explained that these people are willing to come give talks and present ideas that we could sponsor for the residents. He did suggest that we NOT provide the same programs as 6 Stones. A meeting on Thursday morning is planned with the 6 Stones and the Community Gardens Master Gardeners about what programs to offer. More information will follow.

8. Report on Community Garden.

Erin Blackman reported that we now have 1 ½ empty plots and that grass has overtaken 1 entire bed. The onions are gone and something, probably squash, needs to be planted. She proposed a possible workday at the community garden. It was decided that, those who could help, meet at the gardens at 7:30am on July 1st.

9. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 8:00 am.

There will be no workday in July, due to the heat and vacations. Marty Geer will check to see what seeds she has and what tomatoes, okra, and flowers can be transplanted from the greenhouse to the Community Garden and the Park flower beds.

Patty Sinclair opened a discussion on the purchase of up to 4 benches for the Onstage Theater area. The benches currently around the theater are in horrible shape and detract from the new park surroundings and landscaping. She felt that since the BBC maintains the flower beds in the vicinity on workdays, the BBC should replace the benches outside the theater to make the park and the theater look a bit nicer. She passed around a couple of pictures of benches that she found on sale, but after some discussion, about wood vs. all-metal benches, June Gravley made a motion to purchase up to 4 all-metal benches, for up to \$500, for the outside area around Onstage Theater. Bucky Geer seconded the motion and the motion passed. Don Henderson would be asked to locate and purchase the benches for installation.

NEXT MEETING

10. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on August 15, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Patty Sinclair made a motion for adjournment. Sam Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson