

Cultural Commission October 10, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Cultural Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in special session at 6:40 p.m. at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 10th day of October 2016 with the following members present:

Josh Santillan
Paul Davis
Lee Koch
Debbi Savage
Barbara Speares
Sabra Doggett
Joy Brandon

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Jeff Florey, Staff Liaison
Ray Champney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Josh Santillan called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a) Sept. 12, 2016 regular meeting**

Motion made by Lee Koch and seconded by Barbara Speares to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members were introduced – Sabra Doggett and Joy Brandon. Current members introduced themselves.

2. Central Arts of Bedford events discussion.

Mr. Santillan shared information about upcoming events – next show “Retrofusion”. In November, Bubba Flint and other artists would be in house – Tiki theme event. Need participation – classes, ideas. Arts School, arts incubator. Mr. Santillan explained Central Arts of Bedford events are planned for the 15th of every month and he is planning theme shows for each event.

At his makeup show he had a great turnout and will have another event soon. Hours of shows are usually 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Santillan needs volunteers, preferably ages 18 and up.

Mr. Santillan is pursuing a Christmas event in the Boy’s Ranch.

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3. Review and discuss FY 16/17 budget approvals.

Mr. Florey shared that City Council approved an additional \$5,000 for the festival budget bringing the total up to \$10,000. A one-day festival was approved and he went back and asked about a two-day festival but City resources could not be provided for two days so only one day was approved.

The concert series was not approved. Cost recovery was an issue and the Council did not want to approve a concert that was not free to the attendees.

A new stage was approved and will be utilized for the festival.

It was shared that when requests are presented to the City Council they should include a well thought out plan showing the return on investment. A survey should be done to follow up with the attendees for the Danny Wright event to see if the demand is there for future events.

Kimberley Horn – a survey was done. The City is working on widening of Harwood Road, wayscaping, and working to help the Cultural Commission and their goals.

4. ArtsFest Planning and discussion.

The date is April 8, 2017 and is the same date as the Easter egg hunt.

Mr. Florey said he would send out invites for the first planning meeting.

The Lion's Club has approached the City to host a pancake breakfast.

The Commission voted to approve the Lion's Club pancake breakfast on condition. They would not be able to have the breakfast where the artists would be and they would have to pay for their own expenses including a tent rental if they are outside.

The Commission decided the Arts Festival should be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. rather than run until 8 :00 p.m. as it did last year.

5. Report from the ArtsFest, Storefront Gallery and Arts Incubator Subcommittees with follow-up discussion.

Mr. Santillan shared that they may lose the storefronts next to the Central Arts location. He suggested that since the Commission had new members and had lost some members, it should look at re-visiting the subcommittees.

Ms. Koch shared that the Taste of Northeast is November 9th. Tickets are on sale and to come out and support the Taste!

Ms. Speares suggested ONSTAGE will donate a pair of season tickets for their silent auction.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Koch made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Savage seconded. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Approved:

Tom Jacobsen, Chair