

Cultural Commission January 20, 2014

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Cultural Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:39 pm at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 20th day of January 2014 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Tom Jacobsen
Jo Lynne Jensen
Barbara Speares
Debbie Savage
Lee Koch
Josh Santillan

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Staff Liaison
Ray Champney
Patricia Nolan

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a) January 6th 2014 regular meeting**

Alicia McGlinchey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting; the motion was seconded by Tom Jacobsen. The motion passed 7 – 0.

New Business

- 2. Finalize strategic priorities presentation**

The next council meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2014. The work session for the City Council meeting was changed and moved up. Originally, the next planning meeting was scheduled for February 3. The change in the schedule for the Council work session was discussed at length and the best course of action for the presentation to ensure that the Council could review the data in the presentation and understand the recommendations of the Commission in a timely manner.

Ms. McGlinchey shared that the Mayor offered to take the PowerPoint presentation and notes from the Commission meeting and distribute it to the Council.

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It was discussed that the January 28 Council meeting agenda is very full and not the best meeting to try to present the Commission recommendations.

Ms. Jensen shared her concerns that the March meeting is too far away to wait. It will already be one quarter into the one-year timeline that the Commission has put together for building a solid history of activities and events for the application. This could put the application process in jeopardy since this will delay progress that is needed.

Concerns were also shared that relying solely on the presentation to convey the work and recommendations of the Commission would not be adequate for the Council to understand.

Concerns were expressed that progress has already been made on the Master Parks Plan and the Bedford Central Development Zone that may conflict with or not consider, the work of the Commission. The longer the three "tracks" continue working separately on distinct goals and not working together, the higher the probability that the cultural application and cultural development will be in jeopardy or fall short of the goals set for the Commission by the Council and that the Council will not proceed as stated a year ago in the last meeting where the Commission findings were shared.

The sooner the next planning meeting is held with the Council, the sooner that the action plan and timeline can be reviewed, understood, and embraced by the Council and the action plan executed working closely with the CDZ and the Parks Department.

It was suggested that the next meeting be set soon with the City Council to review in person with the Cultural Commission.

The presentation slides were reviewed by the Commission members and changes made as needed.

It was decided that Ms. McGlinchey would be presenting the PowerPoint presentation slides to the City Council at the January 28 council meeting to walk through the recommendations. The purpose was to give before the Council meets with the Commission so they would have an opportunity to see the recommendations and ask any questions.

The Commission members were encouraged to attend the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m. by Ms. McGlinchey, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair