

Cultural Commission January 7, 2013

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TARRANT §

CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Cultural Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 6:30 pm at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 7th day of January, 2013 with the following members present:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair
Ray Champney
Dr. Paul Davis
Tom Jacobsen
Lee Koch
Janice Vickery

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:

Beverly Griffith – Staff Liaison
Miranda McQuagge-Walden - Staff Liaison
Patricia Nolan – Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Alicia McGlinchey called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - **November 5, 2012 regular meeting.**

Dr. Paul Davis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 5, 2012 meeting; the motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Jacobsen. The motion passed 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Formulate the report to the City Council regarding the cultural assessment process.**

Ms. McGlinchey explained to the group that Mr. Champney was officially appointed to the Commission and welcomed him. She indicated that she had been working on the report but never had an epiphany. She explained that she organized her thoughts into the outline that had been distributed but knew that it needed work before going to Council.

Ms. Griffith suggested organizing the report following the application for the state designation. Mr. Champney asked the question about what are the expectations after we make our report.

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Ms. McGlinchey stated that was a tough question and she had been thinking about it, whether their focus should be to advocate or lay out the information to the Council.

Dr. Davis asked if the Commission would end after presenting the report.

Ms. McGlinchey said that based upon the duties they would continue to develop and implement the strategic plan. The purpose of reporting to the Council is to make sure the Commission is on the right track and not getting too far ahead of the Council.

Mr. Champney asked if it was important to define “why” a cultural district as part of the report.

The group generally discussed the benefits of having a cultural district.

Mr. Jacobsen said that the Commission has been on an interesting journey and that is perhaps as important as the destination or conclusions. He suggested the report could be organized into findings such as:

- Communication
- Field Trips
- Facilities
- Schools
- Artists

Dr. Davis said that it was clear the foundational concepts for a cultural district exist but they needed to figure out how to add to it.

Ms. McGlinchey said that as the Commission worked on the strategic plan she wanted to solicit more opinions from the community at large rather than just those groups that had a stake in the arts.

Ms. Griffith suggested that the Commission present their findings to the Council as part of a joint meeting rather than at a regular City Council meeting.

The Commission felt this would be good time and it would allow for more time and discussion.

Ms. McGlinchey said she was not comfortable with the Commission making an argument to Council to take certain actions such as the Levitt Pavilion or an arts center.

Mr. Jacobsen said the tone would be very important and that a list of all the possibilities that were mentioned would be more appropriate.

Mr. Champney agreed and said that the vision needs more work.

Ms. McGlinchey said the next step is to complete the report but it was very difficult to write a group report. She also stated she wanted to work on a list of anticipated questions from the Council.

Mr. Jacobsen indicated he would work on content for the PowerPoint which staff would then develop. He said he would be out of town and would not have that for the next meeting.

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Ms. Griffith offered to assist Ms. McGlinchey with the report and they planned to meet on January 18.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lee Koch motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Dr. Paul Davis and passed unanimously.

Approved:

Alicia McGlinchey, Chair