

Cultural Commission September 14, 2015

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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 14th day of September 2015 with the following members present:

Tom Jacobsen, Chair
Debbi Savage
JoLynne Jensen
Josh Santillan
Roger Gallenstein
Lee Koch

Constituting a quorum

Others present included:
Wendy Hartnett
Jeff Florey, Staff Liaison
Ray Champney, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:
a) August 10, 2015**

Motion made by Josh Santillan and seconded by Roger Gallenstein to approve the minutes with edits. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival Discussion.**

Jeff Florey reported on the annual event and its record breaking success this year. Tom Jacobsen congratulated the City on another successful year and expressed his concern over the genre of music and its demographic pull. Roger Gallenstein brought up the issue of smoking at the festival. Mr. Gallenstein thought this might be a conflict of interest with the title sponsor's mission.

- 3. Community Roundtable Discussion.**

Mr. Jacobsen requested a representative of the Commission to attend the event. Mr. Gallenstein volunteered to attend to represent the Commission.

- 4. Report from 501(c)(3) representatives.**

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Mr. Jacobsen reviewed the prior meeting with City Management and clarified his confidence in the City's support of Commission endeavors. Mr. Jacobsen clarified that mission overlap is a reality and that the creation of a 501(c)(3) should become the focus before requesting more support. JoLynne Jensen revealed that she did not sense any enthusiasm on the City leadership's part and felt that they lacked a vision. Councilman Ray Champney explained that enthusiasm from City leadership comes in the form of funding and support, which the Commission has received. Mr. Jacobsen agreed with Mr. Champney and acknowledged his satisfaction with the City Attorney's clarification.

Ms. Jensen mentioned that nothing reflecting Cultural Commission programming was in the current "Bedford Connection" and that this was a problem. Mr. Florey explained that the Commission has never requested content in the magazine and that there was no new programming to include in the magazine. The Commission requested that there be a regular section in the "Bedford Connection" for Cultural Commission programming and a cultural calendar.

Ms. Jensen expressed her concern over whether creating a 501(c)(3) was necessary while another art non-profit exists in the City of Bedford. The Commission decided to pursue all future non-profit support through the Arts Council North East. Lee Koch will formally request this partnership at the next Arts Council North East board meeting.

5. 2016 ArtsFest Discussion.

The Commission decided to hold the 2016 ArtsFest on Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

Josh Santillan reported on the status of the current ArtsFront exhibition. Mr. Florey reported on the new installation at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m., Mr. Gallenstein made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Savage seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved:

Tom Jacobsen, Chair