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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on August 15, 2016 with the following members present:

Marty Geer, Chairperson  
Erin Blackman  
Bonnie Cooper  
Bucky Geer  
June Gravley  
Patty Sinclair  
Dewey Tennant  
Constituting a quorum.

Also attending was:  
Dr. Roy Turner, Council Liaison  
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent  
Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Marty Geer, Chairperson, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:31pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- 1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
  - a) **June 20, 2016 regular meeting.**  
June Gravley moved that the minutes be approved as written, Bucky Geer seconded.  
The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. **Discuss Onstage Theater outdoor bench replacement.**  
Don Henderson told us that he had located benches that resembled those placed in the Boys Ranch Park. They are sold at Lowe’s and will cost \$124 per bench, but they will have to be ordered and will take 2 months to receive. He asked if that was acceptable and asked for our approval to order those benches. The Commission members agreed.
- 3. **Discussion on September 9, 2016 deadline to reapply for new term on the Commission.**  
Chairperson Marty Geer reminded us that September 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to reapply for commissions and committees. She has been in touch with Kathy and Sam Fairchild (Sam will be seeking membership on another committee) and Mrs. Geer herself, as well as her husband Bucky, have already reapplied. Others whose commission is up are Bob Gough and C.W. Koellman. Mrs. Geer stated that she would contact both of them to remind them of the deadline and urge their participation again for the next 2 years.

**4. Discuss the CRUD Cruiser event September 17<sup>th</sup> at Meadowpark.**

Workers for the CRUD Cruiser event on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> should arrive by 8:30am as the lines for this event form quite early. Event times are 9am-11am. Mrs. Geer requested that the electronics collection be set up at the far end of the parking lot so those who are only recycling electronics will not have to wait in the lines and can leave from the mid lot exit. This will help to alleviate some of the congestion.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. Finalize and decide on approval of television recycling.**

Don Henderson explained to us that according to Jeff Florey, DFW Recyclers, the company who has been doing the recycling for us, has agreed to match the \$5 per set (instead of a per inch fee) that is charged by the other company vying for the job. Since DFW Recyclers have already set aside the dates for our events, we agreed at the last meeting, to continue to use them if they would match the amount. Therefore, DFW Recyclers will continue to do our electronic collection and recycling this year.

Dewey Tennant made a motion that the Beautification Commission pick up the \$5 per TV cost for recycling. Bucky Geer seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion was passed with one opposition

**6. Discuss Beautification Business Award nominations.**

Mrs. Geer told us that we should look around at the city and bring nominations for the Business Recognition Awards to the next meeting. She stated that the Old Bedford School would be a nomination. Dr. Turner inquired if we would ever consider giving the **City of Bedford** a recognition award for the new signs and park improvements that have recently been done. Patty Sinclair stated "I wouldn't" and tried to explain that the purpose of the award is to recognize **private businesses** within the city that improve the looks of the city, not the city improving the city itself.

**7. Report on Community Garden.**

Erin Blackman reported that Marty Geer has been planting and pulling weeds a lot lately. The tomatoes and squash will be finished growing soon and need to be harvested. She told us that the sun has been very hot on the plots so a cover has been put over them and they have been sprayed for weeds. We did have 5 plots but 1 was given up to the Waitlist as it was a lot for us to take care of and there were many people waiting for the opportunity to grow their own food.

Thus far this year, we have harvested and donated tomatoes/okra/eggplant/squash/bell peppers/and lots of other peppers too. We will be planting beets, radishes and potatoes soon. Mrs. Blackman asked for help watering the plots and passed around a schedule for commission members to volunteer for that. She said that she will take Labor Day week but that others are needed after that time.

**8. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 8:00 am.**

Since the next workday falls on the same day as the CRUD Cruiser Event, we may only need 2 to supervise at the Boys Ranch Park that day. Chairperson Geer will talk to the Teen Court liaison to find out how many teens we will be having help on that day.

We are need of spraying more often for weeds but the Mexican Petunias, Lantana, and Daffodils that were planted are all doing well.

There will also be a workday this Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Boys Ranch at 8:00am and help will be needed for clean up early on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings after the Blues Fest event. Teen Court kids are utilized but others are also highly appreciated.

**NEXT MEETING**

**9. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on September 19, 2016.**

Mrs. Geer mentioned at the next meeting, we will be talking about the educational offerings to the residents and also about changing the Clean Up Bedford Day location to the Boys Ranch Park instead of Meadowpark. It will also be election of officers. Patty Sinclair stated that she will not be in attendance as she will be out of town. Mrs. Geer and Bucky Geer as well as others stated that they may also be unable to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, Dewey Tennant made a motion for adjournment. Bucky Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

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Marty Geer, Chairperson