

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §
CITY OF BEDFORD §

approved

The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on October 19, 2015 with the following members present:

- Marty Geer
 - Bucky Geer
 - Sam Fairchild
 - Erin Blackman
 - Kathy Fairchild
 - Bob Gough
 - Dewey Tennant
 - C.W. Koellman
 - June Gravley
- Constituting a quorum.

Also attending was:
Eric Valdez, Community Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Geer, Chairman, called the Commission meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

NEW MEMBERS / OFFICER ELECTIONS

1. Introduction of newly appointed Beautification Commission member.

June Gravley introduced herself to other Commission members, who in turn told June a little about themselves.

2. Consider and act upon appointment of a vice chairperson and secretary to the Bedford Beautification Commission.

Erin Blackman made the motion that Sam Fairchild be appointed as Vice Chairperson and that Patty Sinclair be appointed as Secretary. Dewey Tennant seconded.
The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**3. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
a) September 21, 2015 regular meeting.**

After correction of a title to Vice Chairperson and spelling of Jeff Florey, C.W Koellman moved that the minutes be approved, as written and amended. Bob Gough seconded.
The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss publication of Bedford Connection magazine deadline date is November 12, 2015.

Several suggestions were made concerning articles for the Commission's space in the *Bedford Connection*. These included Beautification awards, Meadow Creek Elementary School tree planting, the results of recycling events and a possible Adopt-a-Street program. Also discussed was an Adopt-a-Park program, but it was decided that any such program would need to be coordinated with Parks and Recreation Board. Chairperson Geer invited members to volunteer their writing skills.

5. Discuss assisting Meadow Creek Elementary with tree planting.

The Texas Trees Foundation in conjunction with public radio/TV station KERA has awarded Meadow Creek Elementary School numerous saplings which will be planted by volunteers on October 31, 2015 at 2:30 pm. The PTA president and the principal of the school heard about the Tree North Texas Grant Program, submitted a detailed application, and won a competitive grant program. Members of the Commission are encouraged to attend the tree planting, wearing their trademark green shirts. The *Star Telegram* has been notified of the event and has indicated it will provide coverage. The planting will occur on the same day as the school's Fall Festival

6. Discuss joining the Keep Texas Beautiful organization.

After a detailed discussion by the Commission of the benefits, obligations and costs of becoming a member, Sam Fairchild made a motion that the Commission recommend to the City Council that the City applies for membership in Keep Texas Beautiful and pays the \$100 annual membership fee. A question was asked about the City's current involvement with NCTCOG's Smartscape program; Eric Valdez will investigate and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Discuss presentations for Bedford Beautification Award recipients.

The five recipients of the award have been contacted and have agreed to accept the award. After the City Council has finalized the award, dates for presentation will be set, hopefully in the first half of November. New sign design proofs were presented and approved by consensus; the City will order five signs which can be reused for future recipients.. There will also be an article of the awards in the *Bedford Connection*.

8. Discuss results of Paper Shred Event on October 10, 2015.

170 cars were processed during the 4 hour event. A total of 700 lbs. of e-waste and 15,000 lbs. of paper documents were shredded. Everyone appreciated the delightful City crew and how smoothly the material was handled. Commission members also distributed recycling brochures to citizens who brought shredding material.

9. Report on Community Garden.

A rather large harvest of eggplant, okra and peppers was realized. The pumpkins are still growing and are not quite ready for picking. It was suggested that we investigate ways to mitigate the growth of grass and weeds in the beds, hopefully by applying mulch.

10. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

The workday is set for the third Saturday, or November 21, 2015. Plans include placing mulch in the beds surrounding the buildings at the Bedford Boy's Ranch

NEXT MEETING

11. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on November 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, C.W. Koellman made a motion for adjournment. Bucky Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm


Marty Geer, Chairperson