

**Cultural Commission November 9, 2015**

**STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT §**

**CITY OF BEDFORD       §**

**The Cultural Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in special session at 6:48 p.m. at the Bedford Public Library, 2424 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on the 9th day of November 2015 with the following members present:**

Tom Jacobsen, Chair  
Dr. Paul Davis, Vice Chair  
Debbie Savage  
Josh Santillan  
Roger Gallenstein  
Barbara Speares

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 6:48 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:  
a) September 14, 2015**

Motion made Paul Davis and seconded by Roger Gallenstein to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2. Elect a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary.**

Paul Davis nominated Josh Santillan Vice Chairperson and Debbie Savage seconded. Nomination approved unanimously. Barbara Speares was nominated as secretary. Nomination approved unanimously.

- 3. Discussion and possible action on the Chamber of Commerce and alternate positions.**

It was shared that Michael Wells mentioned the Chamber of Commerce position on the Commission could revert to a position for a resident of Bedford and remove the Chamber position. Tom Jacobsen made a motion to recommend the Commission change the position to a resident. Debbie Savage seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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It was also suggested that the two alternate positions be changed to full time positions. Tom Jacobsen made the motion to change the alternate positions to full time positions. Roger Gallenstein seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Discussion on Bedford Central Plaza and Silver Dollar Winery Events.**

On April 16, 2016, there will be an event in the Bedford Central Plaza. Brad with the store front near Cowboys is in discussion with Jeff Florey and the City. Gator Storefronts – Mr. Florey is waiting to hear back from the landlord.

Silver Dollar Winery – On the first Saturday of every month, they will sponsor a “Sip and Shop” and include local vendors.

### **5. Bedford Connection article review and discussion. .**

### **6. Report from the ArtsFest, ArsFront, and Arts Incubator Subcommittees with follow-up discussion.**

Jeff Florey shared that the ArtsFest Committee had met and started plans. Mr. Florey also covered the StoreFront Committee, including discussion of pursuing storefront property in the City and working with the various property owners.

Councilmember Champney will be making a presentation to the council on the 501(c)(3) issue. Cultural District terms and conditions and funds raised need to be dedicated to the Cultural District.

Based on feedback from the Cultural Commission, the City has hired a grant writer for the City. They will write all grants for the City and will also include the Cultural District.

Discussion on the application for a cultural designation – a letter of intent should go out in January and the application will be worked on by the new grant writer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:55 p.m. Tom Jacobsen made a motion to adjourn and Paul Davis seconded. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Jacobsen, Chair