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The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on September 19, 2016 with the following members present:

- Marty Geer, Chairperson
 - Bonnie Cooper
 - Bucky Geer
 - June Gravley
 - Dewey Tennant
 - Bob Gough
 - Sam Fairchild
- Constituting a quorum.

Also attending was:
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Jeff Florey, Events and Cultural Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:**
 - a) **August 15, 2016 regular meeting.**
Bob Gough moved that the minutes be approved as written, Bonnie Cooper seconded. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Discuss New dates for Clean Up Bedford Day in 2017.**
Chairperson, Marty Geer, asked the Commission members to voice a preference for a date in spring for Clean Up Bedford day. As many events are already planned for the month of April, (Easter, Good Friday, Easter Egg Hunt; etc). Jeff Florey and Marty Geer will make appropriate plans for April 22, 2017 with the following Saturday, April 29, 2017 as an alternate date.
3. **Discuss Paper Shred Event on October 8, 2016.**
No comments on this event reported. However, Marty Geer began a report on CRUD Cruiser event held on Saturday, September 17, 2016. That day was also a workday so members were divided into two groups to work the CRUD Cruiser at Meadowpark and the other half went to the Boys Ranch for the monthly workday. Marty Geer, CW Koellman, Sam Fairchild and Dewey Tennant worked at the Boys Ranch workday with 7 teen court volunteers. Bob Gough, Bucky Geer, Patty Sinclair and Jeff Florey managed the Crud Cruiser event. Don Henderson reported 144 cars came through and 20-25 vouchers were

issued. There was a discussion of having more than two CRUD Cruiser events a year, but that is not practical. The cost to the city is \$47 per car. 35 TV's were also collected.

4. Discuss educational programs like gardening and others.

Chairperson, Marty Geer brought to everyone's attention to an article published in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram in last Thursday's paper about the City's recycling. The article was passed around the table. This coincides with the discussion about Recycling in Bedford. Suggestions were made to be more proactive there should be more articles in the Bedford Connection. The commission will have a table at the Residential Round Table to be held at the Old Bedford Library on Thursday. They will be handing out literature at the event. Jeff Florey shared with the Commission the Recognition Certificate presented to him at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference. We are officially part of the Keep Texas Beautiful Organization.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss Beautification Business Award nominations.

Three businesses were nominated for this year's Beautification Business Award. Davis Family Dentistry, 2213 Harwood, 76021, 817-382-8869 – Best Improved Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 2121 Airport Fwy, 76021, 817-571-4696 – Superior Landscaping Arbors on Forest Ridge Drive, 2200 Forest Ridge Drive, 76021, 855-873-8979 – Overall Appearance The three businesses were discussed. Bob Gough made a motion that all three would receive an award. Sam Fairchild seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion.

6. Report on Community Garden.

Chairperson, Marty Geer reported the garden has lots of weeds because the heat and vacations have slowed work on the up keep of the garden. Dewey Tennant harvested some vegetables and donated them to the 6 Stones Food Bank. Discussed fall planting and what is growing now.

7. Discuss the plans for the Bedford Boys Ranch workdays with the next workday scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 8:00 am.

Dewey Tennant cautioned everyone to be aware of the fire ant danger at the entrance to the Boys Ranch that he encountered on the last work day. It was reported ant poison has been applied but be cautious when working in flower beds.

NEXT MEETING

8. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be held on October 17, 2016.

Chairperson, Marty Geer reminded everyone that the meeting will again be at the Old Bedford Library. Don explained that due to extensive damage to the OBS building that the meetings will be at this facility until further notice.

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.

Marty Geer, Chairperson