

Community Affairs Commission Minutes June 16, 2016

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

CITY OF BEDFORD

The Community Affairs Commission of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 2000-A Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, TX on Thursday, the 16th of June, 2016 with the following members present:

Joy Brandon
Sal Caruso

Roy Savage
Karla Setser

Steve Grubbs
Margaret Hall
Mark Massey - left @ 6:35 PM

Terry Smith
Doug White

Others present:

Meg Jakubik - City Staff Liaison - Strategic Svcs Mgr; Steve Farco - City Council Liaison - present by 5:45 PM; left @ 6:35PM

Absent:

Gary Morlock
Mary Frazier

Joe Zavala

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Roy Savage.

OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

Chairman Savage – we must focus on moving ahead in a positive manner. Not focus on negatives. Thanked everyone for showing up in the heat. CAC will continue to work as outreach for the City and community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review/revise and approve minutes of the following Community Affairs Commission meetings:

a) May 19, 2016

Exhibit A - Minutes (May 19, 2016 meeting of CAC)

Motion by Ms. Brandon, and second by Mr. Caruso, to approve the minutes as written.

Motion approved: 9-0

NEW BUSINESS

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2. Discussion and possible action on the Community Affairs Commission Awards Program.

Mr. Caruso thanked Mr. Smith, Mr. Zavala and Ms. Jakubik for their assistance in working out the details for this awards program.

Ms. Jakubik reported that had been discussion regarding eligibility of various commission volunteers and if background checks would be required. It was decided there would not be background checks and all volunteers with the exception of the CAC members would be eligible for consideration. Subcommittee will be aware and watch for any ballot box stuffing.

Roy Savage recused himself and left the room while discussion ensued on the naming of the award(s).

Mr. Caruso suggested naming the awards after Katie Savage, Mr. Roy Savage's wife, who initiated the CAC in early 90's and was very active in the community. Considerable discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. Brandon to consider possibility of two different names – one for each award. No second. Further discussion followed.

Motion by Ms. Brandon to table the naming of the Business award and name the Residential award the Katie Savage award. Second by Mr. Smith.

Motion approved 8-0. (not present: Savage)

Mr. Savage was called back into the meeting.

Further discussion followed for possible names for the Business award including French Harralson (Stonegate Pools) and Bill Ridgeway (Economic Development HEB). It was decided to get more info and input on early influential business leaders to consider.

Exhibit B: CAC Awards Timeline – Some discussion on timeline. Ms. Jakubik will email City department heads and key volunteer heads by next week for residential nominations. (Business will be sent out by July 11th.)

Nominations will be by city and boards only. CAC Sub-committee will narrow to 3 and all CAC will vote on award winner.

3. Discussion and possible action on cancelling the July Community Affairs Commission meeting.

Minimal discussion regarding so many vacations and family activities in July. Motion by Mr. Massey to cancel July Meeting; Ms. Brandon –Second.

Motion passed 9-0

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4. Review and possible action regarding Subcommittee Director Reports:

a. Residential Outreach (Joy Brandon)

Ms. Brandon – no report at this time. Next one **9/22/16**. Register: 6:30PM; Mtg: 7:00-8:00PM

Ms. Setser reported on information from Tarrant County DA's community outreach program. She knows Sherry Olsen and is willing to talk to her about a 15-20 minute presentation at our next Residential Outreach. They can or could discuss such things as white collar crime, fraud, elder abuse, credit card scams, etc. It was decided that she will reach out to Ms. Olsen for more info to likely add to agenda for next Residential meeting.

i. Block Party

Mr. Caruso provided detailed update for the next Block Party scheduled for **9/29/2016**. It was discussed that it will run from 5:30 – 7:30PM. Location is **Bell Manor** which will also include **Oak Creek Apartments** and all residents in that area.

The school has 750 students and with the residents plus apartment residents, so we could have up to 500 attendees. School will provide tables and chairs but we may have to do the set up. Only consideration the school requires is that school sponsors be allowed to be vendors at the event.

Sub-committee (primarily Mr. Caruso) has lined up an impressive number of vendors including (but not limited to): Posado's, Applebees, Sylvan Learning, Kroger, Fred's Downtown Philly, Camp Bedford, Rita's, Crazy Cowboy, Hwy 55, 6 Stones, Rosako's, Shipley Donuts, Celtic Pub, etc.

b. Business Outreach

Mr. White reported that next Business Outreach will be **10/14/16**. We will put notice on website earlier this time. Ms. Jakubik confirmed this. Timeline will follow later.

c. Faith Based Outreach

Mr. Massey requested a list of churches in Bedford from Ms. Jakubik since it is no longer on the City website. She will get what she can.

6Stones has increased their Block Parties and CAC could participate if we want to. Police Chief has indicated he wants to be more involved. 6Stones has helped provide the book, To Transform a City, to City Manager, Mayor, etc. This illustrates their premise 'transformation comes from within not from government – through the community.

6Stones has regular Pastor's Round Table meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our Police Chief came to the last one. 6Stones does a Block Party on National Night Out also.

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BAMA (Bedford Apartment Managers Assn) is rekindling also.

Faith based goal is to bring everyone together.

Kenny Price left 6Stones and has his own ministry but is having a Block/Park party coming up also.

5. Council Liaison Report (Steve Farco)

Mr. Farco reported that the first Crime Free Award will be presented next Thursday to Windmill Terrace. (Fully certified – all phases)

4thFest is coming. It will include Ribbon-Cutting Celebration for the Boys Ranch Park. Maybe CAC could help promote next year to get business involved, etc.

Mr. Farco reviewed the new sign ordinance that was passed in December. Changes on window dressing, portable signs, lighting, etc. This will be going into effect and businesses will need to be informed. Some won't be happy and we have heard from people at Residential and Business Outreach.

He discussed the 3 Tier System for apartment complexes. #1 – 2 inspections/yr; #2 – 3 inspections/yr; #3 – 4+ inspections per year. If not fixed (improved findings) can be condemned.

Bedford is moving forward. Great things are happening. Reminded that changes don't happen overnight. Bedford is light years ahead from a few years ago. Staff changes, etc. which means it takes time. We have a great Council -- may disagree but members move forward with no hard feelings.

It was asked if true that Roger Gibson was leaving. Mr. Farco stated that he had resigned effective sometime after first of 2017. He took on a challenge and has done a lot for Bedford. He will be sorely missed.

Lots of things in early negotiation stages for Bedford. Petros (Central & Harwood will be beautiful!), El Pollo Loco, Central & 183. Businesses love dealing with Bedford and our people but it takes time. Bill Syblon, Economic Development is highly respected.

Bedford Commons – looking for developer, lots of talk and interest. Design criteria in place so interested businesses must adhere to criteria in order to move in. There is interest in an anchor position.

6. Staff Liaison Report (Meg Jakubik)

Ms. Jakubik asked for a volunteer to rough out an article for Bedford Connection and have to her next Tuesday or Wednesday. Ms. Brandon volunteered.

Mr. Grubbs asked if Ms. Jakubik could have a rundown of expenses to date by August Meeting so that we could see what funding is there for signage. She agreed.

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She has spoken to Natalie and CAC cannot have its own Facebook page. However, can work with Roger and Kelli to promote a Business of the Week on the City page. Will need approval.

Shop Bedford First is now house managed and in a holding pattern.

City of Bedford is looking at options for website update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Grubbs and second by Ms. Brandon.
Motion approved: 8-0 (not present: Massey)
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Exhibit A - Minutes (May 19, 2016 meeting of CAC)
Exhibit B – CAC Awards Timeline 2016

Approved by Roy Savage, CAC Chair

Submitted by Margaret Hall
