

Community Affairs Commission Minutes January 21, 2021

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 pm via video conference call on Thursday, the 21st of January 2021, with the following members present:

Margaret Hall
Lucy Snearley
Cindy Almendarez
Maritza Riley
T.J. Manor

Josh Renken
Nicole Drouin
Josh Ulupano
Terry Sullivan

Constituting a quorum.

Others Present:

Meg Jakubik – City Staff Representative

Absent:

Amy Sabol- City Council Liaison
Kimela Ledbetter

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chairwoman Hall called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

Acting Chairwoman, Margaret Hall, welcomed the committee and provided some updates. Sal Caruso has resigned as Chairman and member of the CAC and Councilwoman Sabol will not be able to attend this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

a) November 19, 2020

Commissioner Snearley moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Renken seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Review and possible action regarding Subcommittee Director Reports:

a. Residential Outreach

Subcommittee Director Margaret Hall stated she recommended continuing with videos during this pandemic. Ms. Hall opened the floor for any suggestions for topics to include in the videos.

Commissioner Snearly suggested including history of Bedford. Commissioner Almendarez.

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suggested discussing history of the parks in Bedford. Ms. Jakubik will look into what documents and files the City has in their archives. It was suggested to include an interview with the new Development Director, Communications Direction and Police Chief, if hired by the time of video production.

b. Business Outreach

Commissioner Renken has officially resigned as Subcommittee Chair due to other priorities. The Bedford Connection will continue printing coupons indefinitely, on a monthly basis. There is a max of 14 coupons per page. Commissioners should continue reaching out to businesses, as this has had more success in gaining submissions. Coupon page does not have to be full, other content will be included if short of 14 businesses. Intent for this coupon page is to allow a proper space for Bedford Businesses to promote their services. Chairwoman Hall suggested to hold interviews with some businesses and include in Talk Bedford. Committee to create a list of potential businesses to choose from for an interview. Commissioner Almendarez suggested a volunteer opportunity with Mission Central.

The Commission was reminded that content for the Bedford Connections is due the 15th of each month for content that will be sent out the beginning the next month.

3. Council Liaison Report

There was no report.

4. Staff Liaison Report.

Ms. Jakubik reported that there is a Covid-19 Vaccine site at the Hurst Conference Center. Everyone must have an appointment with priority going to groups 1A and 1B priority. Registration is available online if eligible. She reported that there is a new Communications Director, and the Police Chief search continues. The City Council has had requests for zoning for liquor stores, which have been approved at recent Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Renken moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Manor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm

Margaret Hall, Acting Chairwoman