

Cultural Commission February 11, 2019

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The Bedford Cultural Commission met in regular session on February 11, 2019, with the following members present:

Thomas Jacobsen Sergio Santos
Summer Finley Joseph Cartwright

Wendy Hartnett- Special Event Manager
Amy Sabol- City Council Liaison
Charlenia Walsh – City of Bedford
Cortney Sims – City of Bedford
Kimmie Hamm – Trinity Arts Guild

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mr. Jacobsen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
 - a. January 14, 2019**

The minutes for were approved with no changes by a motion by Mr. Cartwright and Mr. Santos seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and update on Phase Next/Old Bedford School.**

Subjects Addressed by: Ms. Hartnett

Attended stakeholder meetings (results pending).
Mar. 12th – Council Meeting, 6:30 PM.
Feb. 23rd – Open House at the Boys Ranch, 1:00~3:00 PM.
Receiving key to the new Old Bedford School.

- 2. Discussion on the goals of the current Cultural Commission members.**

Subjects Addressed by: Ms. Hartnett, Mr. Santos, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Cartwright

Arts Council contract expired.
Next meeting may take place at Bedford’s Arts Council building.

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Phase Next is moving quickly with the survey at the moment.

Prioritize art and culture facilities.

Spoke on the public arts issue (the issue being the lack of money).

Maybe attend council for funding for the next budget cycle.

A track system for Bedford City Hall was purchased.

Considered a theme—one that reflects the history of Bedford—so as to help stage art in different locations.

Still at grassroots level with our art, but have shaped it into our own and are improving.

Our objectives and communication as a commission still in question.

For example: How do we get word out to our schools, our neighborhoods, etc. on our activities, among other things.

3. Discussion and possible action on a Public Art Program.

Subjects Addressed by: Ms. Hartnett, Mr. Santos, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Cartwright

- Discussed more on the public art program.
- Covered the topic of money needed; an estimate of \$20,000 a year being our starting point. Also spoke of a multiyear plan.
- Revisited the 'Bees Project'—present a vision and a plan.

4. Discussion, updates and possible action on upcoming art/cultural programming.

Subjects Addressed by: Ms. Walsh and Ms. Hartnett

- Talk on what to expect at the ArtsFest, such as African drumming, Chinese line dancing, the Polynesian performance(s), etc.
- Reminded of the date of the ArtsFest which is Mar. 30th—All Must Try To Attend.
- Every third Friday of May is [the] Twilight Band.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Mr. Cartwright made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Thomas Jacobson, Chairperson