

Community Affairs Commission Minutes February 20, 2020

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 at the City Hall Conference Room, 2000-A Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas, Thursday, the 20th of February 2020 with the following members present:

Sal Caruso
Tracy Madewell
Terry Sullivan
Margaret Hall

Nichelle Dawkins
Josh Ulupano
Joshua Renken
Kimela Ledbetter

Constituting a quorum.

Others Present:

Meg Jakubik – City Staff Representative
Ruth Culver– City Council Liaison

Absent:

Storm Finley
Paola Mariscal

Robert Gagliardi
Maritza Riley

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Caruso called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

Chairman Caruso welcomed everyone. He shared greetings from Maritza Riley who has been ill and hopes to join us in March. During the Block Party report, Chairman Caruso announced that Mr. Gagliardi was elected to the Bedford City Council. He will be installed on the Council during the May 12 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

a) January 16, 2020

Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Madewell seconded the motion. The commission passed it unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Review and possible action regarding Subcommittee Director Reports:

a. Residential Outreach

The report was given by Committee Chair Margaret Hall. The next Residential Outreach is scheduled for March 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Movie Tavern. The theme of the meeting is Bedford and What Is Going On. Agenda topics include Mayor Boytor, an update on Bedford Boys Ranch Next Phase by Cissy Sylo, an introduction of Interim City Manager Clifford Blackwell, an Election reminder and an opportunity for questions at the end. Commission

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members are requested to arrive at 6:00 p.m. An email will be sent next week for social media promotion.

b. Business Outreach

The report given by Chairman Caruso. A Business Town Hall is scheduled for February 24. There has been a good response from businesses invited. Refreshments will be available at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting from 6:00-7:30 p.m. CAC members are invited to attend, along with the City Council and some staff members. Ms. Ledbetter will take notes.

c. Block Party

The next Block Party is scheduled for April 30 at Meadow Creek Elementary School. Chairman Caruso and Meg Jakubik will visit the school. Lots of community businesses have agreed to come. There was discussion of local businesses to be contacted about the event by Ms. Madewell and Mr. Ulupano. Representatives from the Police and Fire Departments will be there. Mr. Renken will be the grill master. Mr. Gagliardi will hand out the hot dogs. The Commission discussed having a voter registration table.

d. Awards Program

No report was given.

3. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Culver announced the opening of Soft Room #7 at the Police Department, which was funded by Project Beloved: The Molly Jane Mission. A soft room is a warmer, more comfortable room for rape victims to be interviewed by the police. Project Beloved also provides backpacks with hygiene items and clothes for rape victims to use after the hospital exam since their clothes are taken for evidence. The soft room will also be used for victims of domestic violence/abuse. The City bought stuffed animals to give out as well.

Councilwoman Culver encouraged all CAC members to go through the Citizens' Police Academy, which is held once a year by the Bedford Police Department. There is a Citizens Fire Academy also.

Councilwoman Culver reported the design of the Bedford Boys Ranch Next Phase is moving toward completion. A recent workshop on marketing the Boys Ranch found many Bedford citizens don't relate to the names "Boys Ranch" or "Senior Center." A VHS tape from a local TV station was found showing the boys and the buildings during the time the Bedford Boys Ranch was in operation.

4. Staff Liaison Report.

Meg Jakubik reported everything is prepped for Monday night's Business Town Hall. She has been working closely with Chairman Caruso on the event.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Caruso expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm of the CAC members present.

Ms. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Renken seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Sal Caruso, Chairman