

Cultural Commission March 9, 2020

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The Bedford Cultural Commission met in regular session on March 9, 2020 with the following members present:

Thomas Jacobsen	Summer Finley	Alexis Perez	Sergio Santos
Josh Santillan	Donna Lively	Kimmie Hamm	Kim Brown
Terry Smith			

Amy Sabol – Bedford City Council
Wendy Hartnett – City of Bedford
Charlenia Castillo – City of Bedford
Cortney Beach – City of Bedford

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mr. Jacobsen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
a. February 10, 2020

The minutes for were approved with no changes by a motion by Ms. Hamm and Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

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

Ms. Hartnett – Said there was not much else to add to this subject since the last meeting.

- **Discussion, update and possible action of City Council action on subcommittees.**

Ms. Sabol – Explained briefly to Ms. Brown, and others who may have been curious, about the arts and entertainment subcommittee.

Mr. Jacobsen – Provided an update on the issue of subcommittees.

– Reminded the commission of the two categories agreed upon from the previous meeting: Project and Strategic Planning.

– Listed the last things talked about: a mural project, a plywood art project, and finally, the electrical box wrapping.

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– Hoped to rename and re-staff two subcommittees; the first being Self-directed Art (consisting of Mr. Santos, Mr. Santillan, Ms. Longoria and Ms. Hamm), and the second, Veterans Art (consisting of Mr. Jacobsen, Ms. Lively, and Mr. Santos).

Ms. Hartnett – Restated that the commission has to present to the council a more concrete plan for the mural, over one abstract, if to get them fully on board.

Mr. Santillan – Returned to one of the topics discussed, being the plywood project.

Mr. Santos – Wanted the commission’s input on the mural project.

Ms. Hamm – Suggested creative ideas for the mural.

Mr. Jacobsen – Made a motion to prepare a Bedford-focused mural at the pool.

Mr. Smith – Shared his opinion on what makes a mural (by his own observation)—said they are “more relevant, more artistic; more ‘selfie-useful’ for lack of a better word.”

– What can we do with the mural to help capture the imagination of people inside/outside of Bedford without sacrificing its central theme or historical context?

Mr. Jacobsen – Proposed we change the subcommittee’s name from Self-directed Art to Mural Art for next meeting.

– Discussed the work and extra hands needed for this year’s *ArtsFest*.

Mr. Santillan – Decided, together with the committee, to have a meeting on Saint Patrick’s Day; 09:00 AM at Hurst’s Central Arts.

▪ **Discussion, update and possible action on a Public Art Program.**

Ms. Hartnett – Said she received a call last Thursday (March 5th) from the beverage company, Sparkling Ice—one of our potential project sponsors.

▪ **Discussion, updates and possible action on upcoming art/cultural programming, including the City of Bedford Tree Lighting, ArtsFest, and Twilight Concerts.**

Listed off events to come: *ArtsFest* (April 4th, 10:00 AM ~ 02:00 PM), *HEB Reads* plus the *Chalk Walk* (both May 2nd, 10:00 AM ~ 01:00 PM). Also, in May, the *Twilight Concert* series—only on Fridays (May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th).

– What is expected of us at *ArtsFest*. Our time availability and commitment to one area at the event.

– What is expected of us at the *Chalk Walk* (part of *HEB Reads*): Our time availability and commitment to one or more recreational activities.

Mr. Jacobsen – Asked Ms. Sabol if the city had any backup plans should signs of the coronavirus appear in Bedford.

Ms. Hartnett – Documented three major subjects Mr. Jacobsen has prepared for next meeting’s agenda: 1) subcommittee updates, 2) strategic planning, and 3) discussion on the mural art project(?).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Ms. Hamm made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Mr. Santos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Thomas Jacobson, Chairperson