

Cultural Commission July 13, 2020

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The Bedford Cultural Commission met in regular session via Zoom on July 13, 2020 with the following members present:

Thomas Jacobsen	Donna Lively	Sergio Santos
Josh Santillan	Kimmie Hamm	Kim Brown

Wendy Hartnett – City of Bedford
Charlenia Castillo – City of Bedford

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mr. Jacobsen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Consider approval of the following Cultural Commission minutes:**
a. March 09, 2020

The minutes were not available for and will be reviewed at the August 10, 2020 meeting.

BUSINESS

- **Discussion and update on Phase Next/Old Bedford School.**
 - Ms. Hartnett – Provided the following update on Phase Next:
 - 7/31/2020 – all buildings at the park must be vacated
 - 8/1/2020 – asbestos containment will begin
 - Gas line was being moved the week of July 3
 - Project is at 100% Design Draw and will move to construction plans
 - Construction is planned to start in September but may be delayed a couple of weeks due to Covid.
 - Old Bedford School is shut down until sometime in 2021.
 - Onstage will not have any shows until 2021
 - Ms. Harnett announced that Mr. Rob Gagliardi is the council liaison and Ms. Sabol has moved to be the liaison for the Community Affairs Commission. Mr. Gagliardi was not able to join the meeting due to having surgery.
- **Discussion on Draft Strategic Plan**
 - The draft Strategic Plan for the Commission was provided prior to the meeting for members to review.
 - Mr. Jacobsen provided the following comments/revisions to the plan:

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- Under Mayor & City Council – add a bullet point requiring city contractor(s) who will perform construction on further cultural projects, specifically the Arts & Entertainment facility, to seek input from the Cultural Commission at appropriate intervals of the project.
 - Under City Staff & Cultural Commission responsibilities – both have “Identifying grant opportunities”. Suggestion was to clarify under Cultural Commission that it would read “Identify grant opportunities and provide input and support to the City grant writer”
 - Everyone agreed the plan with the revisions would be taken to City Council for approval on August 11, 2020.
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- **Arts Project List**
 - **Signal Box Art Wrap Project – Presentation**
 - A PowerPoint presentation was given by Mr. Santos. The presentation outlined the size of the signal boxes, the number in the city, proposed locations for the art to be done and a cost estimate from North Richland Hills, which has a similar project. Cost estimates have been asked from two companies but were not received in time for the meeting.
 - Ms. Hamm would like to submit images of art to be included in the voting by the Commission members. She will send the images to Ms. Brown who will update the voting document.
 - Ms. Hartnett will check with Kenny Overstreet, Director – Public Works, to see if there is a map of where all 27 signal boxes in the city are located. If there is no map, Ms. Hartnett and Ms. Brown will create one from the locations provided by Mr. Overstreet.
 - **Roy Savage Pool Mural – Presentation of mural proposal**
 - Mr. Santillan gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed mural for Roy Savage Pool. The presentation provided the steps the Commission will need to take to move forward with the project as well as a mockup of the mural.
 - The mural will allow the public to help paint it if they so desire.
 - A motion was made by Mr. Santillan and seconded by Ms. Hamm to approve both art projects and move forward to finalize the details and present to the City Council on August 11, 2020.
 - **Linear Trail+**
 - Mr. Santillan explained that he has been placing art along the linear trail (on the north south portion of the trail between Cummings and Harwood) on the Willow Bend side.
 - There are approximately 20 pieces of art in place plus 3 more in the works. The art is painted on plywood pieces that are 4’ by 3.5’.
 - Art includes 2 sculptures by Dr. Davis DDS. Neighbors have placed a bench and picnic table along this area as well.

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- Mr. Santillan has bought solar lights and wrapped trees along this area. It costs about \$15 to wrap two trees with lights.
- Mr. Santillan has shown this to Mr. Gagliardi. Due to the darkness of the trail along this section, Oncor will be approached to see what they can do to help make it safer with lighting.
- Ms. Hamm is interested in painting a piece to be placed and Mr. Santillan will get her a piece of plywood to paint.
- **Discussion on an Arts Donation program similar to the City of North Richland Hills (Reference: <https://www.nrhtx.com/FormCenter/Parks-Recreation-8/Cultural-Arts-Donations-69>)**
 - Ms. Brown explained how she found the North Richland Hills donation site.
 - Ms. Hartnett stated that the form can be easily set up on the City of Bedford website but will need to figure out how to accept donations, either through PayPal or Square. She will find out from North Richland Hills how their form works to accept donations.
 - Members present thought this was a great idea to help raise funds to use for Cultural Commission arts projects.
- **Discussion, updates and possible action on upcoming art/cultural programming, including the City of Bedford Tree Lighting, ArtsFest, and Twilight Concerts.**
 - Ms. Hartnett presented information on the Sparkling Ice Musical Playground that will be constructed in front of Old Bedford School close to the tree. Sparkling Ice agreed to provide a concrete pad for the playground, making it wheelchair accessible. There will be 8 musical apparatus and picnic tables. This project is worth about \$40,000. Ribbon cutting, if allowed at the time, will be September 15 & 16, 2020.
 - Sparkling Ice also has a contest going on that identified Rosakos BBQ as a hometown hero. Voting can be done every day through the end of July. If Rosakos wins, they will be given \$10,000. He is one of 3 finalists with the other two being in Florida.
- **Next meeting will be on Monday, August 10, 2020.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Ms. Hamm made a motion for adjournment of the meeting; Mr. Santillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Thomas Jacobson, Chairperson