

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §
CITY OF BEDFORD §

The Bedford Beautification Commission met in regular session on October 21, 2019 with the following members present:

Patty Sinclair Glenn Mizell
Karen Jacobsen Marty Gear Yvonne Garcia
Constituting a quorum.

Also attending were:
Michael Boyter, Council Liaison
Don Henderson, Parks Superintendent
Brian TenEyck, Recreation Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Marty Gear, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

- 1. Introduction of new Beautification Commission Member Yvonne Garcia.**
- 2. Election of Secretary and Vice Chairperson.**

Karen Jacobsen nominated Bonnie Cooper as Secretary and Kimberly Payne as Vice-Chairperson. Motion seconded by Glenn Mizell and motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3. Consider approval of the following Beautification Commission minutes:
a) September 16, 2019 regular meeting**

Patty Sinclair indicated that there was an error in the listing of Michael Boyter as attending the meeting. Glenn Mizell motioned that the minutes be approved with the correction of removing Michael Boyter as attending. Patty Sinclair seconded and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Discussion and possible action on adding a clean-up day in November with Trash Busters.**

Trash Busters, a local trash collection company, has discussed with Marty Gear about doing a 3-city (Hurst, Bedford, Euless) community effort for a trash pick-up day on November 9, 2019. Keep Texas Beautiful promotes a “Fall Sweep” for community clean up. The request is to have Commission members assist in the pick-up by enlisting volunteer help. The Commission has all

the tools needed for volunteers to work - trash bags, litter picks, safety vests, water bottles, etc. The November 9 date would be in lieu of the normal November 16, 2019 Clean Up day. Marty will get in touch with Teen Court to let them know to send students on November 9 instead of November 16. Discussion was held regarding reaching-out to various groups to solicit assistance. Marty will contact Commission members with the final details. The central meeting point for Bedford will be the Boys Ranch BRAC on the north side where the Commission stores tools and start time will be 9 am on November 9, 2019.

5. Discussion and possible action on application for Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Community Achievement Award program.

Don Henderson reported that several city staff members have started the application for the Community Achievement Award. Several activities from all areas of the city are being included. The award includes a \$250,000 grant from TxDot that is to be used according to TxDot specifications. Deadline for the application is February 20 with the announcement made in March and the presentation awarded in June 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Discussion and possible action on changing future dates for Paper Shred event and Chunk your Junk/ Clean up Bedford day.

After discussing the pros and cons of changing dates, it was determined that it would be best to keep the event yearly dates as previously done:

Paper Shred – Fall Chunk Your Junk – Spring CRUD - Spring & Fall

Clean Up Bedford - revise to do more, perhaps 2-4 days, through-out the year - this event does not require city staff to set up or arranging for outside city trucks.

Proposed 2020 dates for these events will be determined at the next Commission meeting.

7. Discussion and possible action on budget for Library landscaping project.

City staff has been working on cleaning-up the landscape at the Library. Marty proposed a landscaping design for the front entrance of the Library that would add a fresh look to the Library. The proposal includes trimming out some of the current tall grass, adding pavers, large decorative pots near entrance, adding river rocks, crushed granite/sand to make the landscape more eco-friendly. Marty will discuss with the Library and Friends of Library the proposal and assistance with financial cost .

8. The next Bedford Boys Ranch workday will be Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

The event will be moved to November 9, 2019 at 9 am "Fall Sweep Event".

Staff reports. a.) Parks New playground at Carousel Park, 1100 Simpson Terrace will have ribbon cutting ceremonies on Saturday, October 26, at 9 am. Recent Paper Shred Day had 285 cars and 10,000# paper.

b.) Recreation /Senior Center – Goat Yoga Day had over 100 attendees, included Camp Gladiator Future Events: Boo Bash - October 26, 2019, 4-7 pm at BRAC - to include food trucks, music, bounce house and costume contest. Spotlight classes per month - adding Zumba, Yoga - Saturday classes, "Senior Prom", Family Nights Events will be posted on City Web site, Parks/Recreation Website, and Flyers

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Beautification Commission will be November 18, 2019.

Glenn Mizell requested the following items to be included for discussion at the November meeting:

1. Allocation of funds for supplies, tools, materials and other items deemed necessary for Beautification Commission to perform projects for the 2020 year.
2. Discussion and fund allocation of purchase for battery powered tools for Beautification Commission use (suggested or equal possible items: RYOBI 22-inch 18-volt Cordless Hedge Trimmer; RYOBI 90 mph 200 CFM 18-volt Cordless Leaf Blower; MANTIS 58-volt Cordless Tiller/Cultivator - all including battery and chargers)
3. Discussion of installation and fund allocation of electrical outlet charging stations for power tools at a location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, Patty Sinclair made a motion for adjournment of the meeting, Glen Mizell seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Marty Geer, Chairperson