

**CITY OF BASTROP**  
**REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 13th, 2025**

The Bridging Bastrop Board met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 13th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, with the following action taken to wit:

**Board Members Present**

Chair Sheila Lowe  
Nancy Wood  
Carly Bartee  
Cedric Williams  
Karen Knight

**Staff Present**

Sylvia Carrillo  
Tanya Cantrell  
Victoria Psencik

**Board Members Absent**

Mary Moody

**Other Board Members Present**

Keith Ahlborn, Planning & Zoning Commission

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Sheila Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with a quorum present.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)**

No comments were submitted.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:**

- Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Fisherman's Park
- River of Lights in Fisherman's Park
- Wassail Fest & Small Business Saturday in Downtown Bastrop
- Celebrating Minority Heritage and Historic Architecture at the Kerr Community Center
- Holiday Rendezvous Gala at the Convention Center (Museum & Visitor Center)
- Holiday Historic Homes Tour in Downtown Bastrop (Museum & Visitor Center)
- Kerr Community Center Anniversary
- Lost Pines Lighted Christmas Parade in Downtown Bastrop
- Holiday Movies in the Park at Fisherman's Park

- Sit with Sylvia held on November 26th, 2024 and January 29th.
- Coffee & Friends at the Public Library:
  - \* Chat with the City Manager was on January 8th and Building
  - \* Building Savings and Wealth was on January 15th
- January 16th - Joint Workshop with City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission
- January 20th - Bastrop County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Walk
- January 22nd - Town Hall Meeting in the Council Chambers: Short-Term Rentals
- January 29th - Comprehensive Plan Update
- January 31st - Bastrop TX Mardi Gras Ball at the Convention Center
- February 1st - Bastrop TX Mardi Gras Downtown Festivities: Parade, Music, Gumbo Cook-Off, and more
- February 8th at the Public Library - AARP TaxAid (all month)

**3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:**

- February 17th & 24th at 5:00 pm - Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings at the Convention Center (P2 Rural & P3 Neighborhood Code Amendments)
- February 22nd - Community Clean-Up and Participation: City Council to be out in the community working
- March 4th & 11th at 6:30 pm - City Council Meetings at the Convention Center (P2 Rural & P3 Neighborhood Code Amendments)
- Every 3rd Saturday of the month is Music in The Museum from 12pm-2pm, and it is free admission

**4. REPORTS**

- 4A. Received report with updates on Work in Bastrop, April 30th at the Convention Center from 6pm-7:30pm. Discussed benefits of engineering track with BISD.

## 5. WORKSHOP

- 5A. Reviewed, discussed and possible action on the Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan to prepare for 2025. Added action items under Goal #1 & #2 and assigned due dates for the timeline of work.

**MOTION:** Chair Sheila Lowe called for a vote to accept the Work Plan with the new additions, Nancy Wood was first, Carly Barteer seconded, vote passed unanimously.

- 5B. Discussion regarding the Executive Office of the President - Office of Management and Budget's recent memorandum on Temporarily Pausing Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Program.

-- Discussed the need for reaching out and contacting community partners to see how their funding is affected and what support they might need. Sylvia and Sheila will create a list for board members to call and a google sheet to document findings.

## 6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 6A. Consider and act to approve the Bastrop Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, November 20th, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** Board Member Nancy Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board minutes from the November 20th, 2024 Regular Meeting. Board Member Carly Barteer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6B. Reviewed, discussed, and possible action on the November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025 Monthly Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department. Discussed the benefits of showing a career path, moving from entry level to more advanced roles within the city and the training that is available as needed to support those paths.

- 6C. Discuss and possible action on a partnership with the City of Bastrop Parks and Recreation Department's event titled, Bridging Neighbors: A Cultural Community Event with Movies in the Park on Saturday, May 3rd. Invite Recreation Coordinator Cami Reddell to come to March meeting to discuss more with board and let us know how we can partner with them.

- 6D. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion).

NONE

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon receiving a motion from Chair Sheila Lowe, a first from Nancy Wood and a second from Cedric Williams to adjourn, the February 13th, 2025 Regular Meeting was adjourned at **7:20pm**. without objection.

**APPROVED:**

---

Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

**ATTEST:**

---

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary