

Bridging Bastrop Board Agenda
City Hall City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
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May 14, 2026

Agenda - Bridging Bastrop Board at 5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to the City Manager for research and possible future action. Profanity, physical or other threats are not allowed and may subject the speaker to loss of the time for comment, and if disruptive to the conduct of business, could result in removal of the speaker.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- **April 18** - Springfest (CANCELED)
- **April 28** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **April 30** - Work in Bastrop Event
- **May 1 & 2** - Bird Lovers' Weekend
- **May 2** - Derby Day at the Museum

- **May 2** - World Labyrinth Day: Walk as One Event

- **May 8** - F.A.M.E. Days: Nest Fest

- **May 12** - Regular City Council Meeting

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- **May 16** - Touch-a-Truck & Movie in the Park | Bob Bryant Park | 6:00 pm

- **May 17** - Lost Pines Art Center Spring Gala | 2:00 - 5:00 pm

- **May 20** - Sit with Sylvia | Convention Center | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

- **May 26** - Regular City Council Meeting

- **June 5** - F.A.M.E. Days: Freedom & Flourish | Pine Street | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

- **June 9** - Regular City Council Meeting

- **June 19** - Bastrop Juneteenth Banquet | Convention Center | 7:00 pm

- **June 20** - Bastrop Juneteenth - Parade, Freedom Festival, Street Dance

3C. Additional Announcements and/or Events from individual Bridging Bastrop Board Members.

4. **REPORTS**

4A. Post-event report on the Work in Bastrop Event held on April 30th.

5. **WORKSHOP**

5A. Discussion about the Accessibility Inventory Walk Initiative, including but not limited to the accessibility checklist.

5B. Workshop discussion on the current Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan and the priorities moving forward.

6. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

6A. Review, discussion, and possible action on the April 2026 Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.

6B. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the April 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.

6C. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance

to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, www.cityofbastrop.org and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Friday, May 8, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Victoria Psencik
Victoria Psencik, TRMC, Assistant City Secretary

Bridging Bastrop Board

Accessibility Inventory Walk Checklist

Location Information

- **Date:** *TBD*
- **Location/Address:** *TBD*
- **Type:** *City Facility* *Business* *Restaurant* *Other*
- **Reviewer Name:** _____

Sidewalks & Outdoor Access (Main Street)

- Sidewalks continuous without gaps
- Sidewalk width allows wheelchair passage ($\approx 36''+$)
- Surface even (no major cracks, slopes, trip hazards)
- Curb cuts present at intersections
- Curb cuts aligned with crosswalks
- Detectable warning surfaces (textured pads) present
- Crosswalk markings visible
- Pedestrian signals accessible (audio/tactile)
- Outdoor seating does not block pathway
- Temporary signage/merchandise obstructing access
- Accessible parking nearby
- Clear route from parking to entrance

Building Entry (Businesses & Restaurants)

- Step-free entrance OR ramp available
- Ramp slope reasonable and safe
- Handrails present if ramp/steps
- Door width wheelchair accessible
- Door easy to open (automatic/light pressure)
- Threshold low/flush

- Clear signage for accessible entrance if alternate
- Door hardware usable (lever vs knob)
- Entry lighting adequate

Interior Navigation

- Aisles wide enough for mobility devices
- Path clear of displays/clutter
- Seating options for different needs
- Accessible service counter height available
- Menu/materials readable (large print/digital)
- Noise level manageable
- Lighting adequate
- Flooring non-slip

Restrooms

- Accessible restroom available
- Door wide enough
- Grab bars installed
- Turning space available
- Sink reachable
- Mirror usable from seated position
- Changing table available
- Signage clear

City Facilities & Public Offices (City Hall, Library, etc.)

- Wayfinding signage clear from parking
- Reception desk accessible
- Seating available while waiting
- Public meeting rooms accessible

- ADA seating areas designated
- Assistive listening devices available
- Public forms accessible (digital/large print)
- Elevators available if multi-story
- Emergency exits accessible
- Staff aware of accessibility accommodations

Sensory & Inclusive Considerations

- Quiet spaces available
- Visual signage clear and simple
- Multilingual signage
- Staff interaction welcoming and patient
- Service animal friendly
- Options for people with low vision/hearing

Notes:



Building Belonging Through Connection, Communication & Collaboration

Item 5B.

We're creating an inclusive, connected Bastrop where every voice is heard, every story matters, and every resident can thrive.

GOAL 1: Engagement in activities forums, community gatherings, and events that promote mutual understanding, as well as encourage residents to connect with one another.

THEME: Lift Every Voice / COMMUNITY STORYTELLING & ENGAGEMENT

Key Actions: Engagement & Storytelling to Build Trust and Belonging, “VOICES of BASTROP”

- Launch **Community Storytelling** initiative: Capture short video stories at events and post on social media.
 - Community events and activities – veterans, cultural, family, youth and seniors (Partner with BEDC & BISD to create a student training program in engineering as well as to connect students to City career opportunities.)
 - Host **Work in Bastrop** events: Job training, hiring fairs, and skill-building programs.
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GOAL 2: Create strategies to distribute information to people of different cultures in culturally appropriate ways.

THEME: Speak the Language of Community / CULTURAL COMMUNICATION & ACCESS

Key Actions: Culturally Responsive Communication & Resource Access, “LANGUAGE of BELONGING”

- Train **Community Ambassadors**: Liaisons from diverse cultural backgrounds to share resources and feedback.
 - Identify underserved areas in our community and their preferred method of communication, word of mouth and paper, then Facebook, Community Impact/utility bill inserts
 - Build a **Multilingual Resource Hub**: Ensure translated, accessible info on city and partner websites.
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GOAL 3: Work collaboratively with our partners.

THEME: Power in Partnership / PARTNER COLLABORATION & SHARED SOLUTIONS

Key Actions: Strengthening Connections with Community Asset & Support Partners, “BRIDGES not SILOS” or “BETTER TOGETHER”

- Launch **Partner Spotlight Series**: Monthly 1:1 interviews + articles with photo for FB and city site.
- Include the “partners list” on the new bridging Bastrop board web page on the city’s website (link to easy access)
- Publish successes and analytics on the bridging Bastrop board web page (.opengov)
- Collaborate to **co-host community events** (job fairs, housing/healthcare access events).

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 16, 2026

The Bridging Bastrop Board met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, 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
 Karen Knight
 Nancy Wood
 Sandra Ervin

Staff Present

Assistant City Secretary Victoria Psencik

Board Members Absent

Mary Moody
 Eboni Smith
 Terika Taylor-Williams

City Council Members Present

Kerry Fossler

Other Board Members Present

Keith Ahlborn, Planning & Zoning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Lowe called the Regular Bridging Bastrop Board meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- **F.A.M.E. Days – Women of the World**
- **Park Improvements Groundbreaking Ceremonies**
 - **Minerva Delgado Park**
 - **Mayfest Park**
 - **Fireman's Park**
 - **Fisherman's Park**
- **City Council Public Hearing / First Reading for Code Rewrite**
- **Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting**
- **2026 YTexas Regional: Bastrop**
- **Chamber of Commerce Teeing Off Golf Tournament**
- **Easter in the Park + Movie Night**
- **F.A.M.E. Days – Sunset on Pine**
- **City Council Public Hearing / Final Action for Code Rewrite**

- Work in Bastrop Job Fair Event

No formal action was taken on Item 3A.

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- April 18 – SpringFest 2026
- April 28 – Regular City Council Meeting
- April 30 – Work in Bastrop Event
- May 8 – F.A.M.E. Days: Nest Fest
- May 12 – Regular City Council Meeting

No formal action was taken on Item 3B.

3C. Additional Announcements and/or Events from individual Bridging Bastrop Board members.

- April 19 – Bastrop Scholarship Fundraiser at Watterson Hall
- May 1 and 2 – Bird Lovers’ Weekend
- May 2 – Kentucky Derby Party at Museum
- May 2 – Ardor Wood Farm’s Community Labyrinth Experience
- May 17 – Lost Pines Art Center Spring Gala from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

No formal action was taken on Item 3C.

4. WORKSHOP

4A. Discussion about the Accessibility Inventory Walk Initiative, including but not limited to the accessibility checklist.

Ideas that were discussed during the workshop:

- The inventory walk was postponed from April 7th due to lack of board participation
- The board discussed moving the walk initiative to October to align with National Disability Employment Awareness Month’
- The focus will still be on the City buildings then take the initiative to the Downtown businesses
- The board will be reviewing the inventory checklist

No formal action was taken on Item 4A.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Review, discussion, and possible action on the March 2026 Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.

Human Resources Director, Tanya Cantrell was not present. Assistant City Secretary Pscencik handed out the Board the March 2026 reports as well as the requested residency composition of the current city employees.

No formal action was taken on Item 5A.

5B. **Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the March 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.**

MOTION: Board Member Ervin moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the March 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. Board Member Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5C. **Discussion and possible action regarding the following volunteer commitment:**

- SpringFest (April 18) – which surveys to conduct and Work in Bastrop event promotion

- Work in Bastrop (April 30) – which surveys to conduct and other volunteer duties

The Board decided to conduct a survey with the attendees at each event.

Board Members to be at SpringFest – Council Member Fossler, Chair Lowe, and Board Member Wood. Board Members to be at Work in Bastrop – Board Member Knight, Chair Lowe, Board Member Wood, and Board Member Ervin. The goal is to have all Board Members present at the Work in Bastrop event since the board is a partner.

No formal action was taken on Item 5C.

5D. **Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas.**

Individual Requests made by the Board Members:

- Work Plan finalization (strategic plan task assignments)

No formal action was taken on Item 5D.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion and a second to adjourn, the April 16th Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. without objection.

APPROVED:

Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary