

**Bastrop Bridging Bastrop Board Agenda**  
Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 332-8800



**January 09, 2025**

**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 City Manager for research and possible future action.*

*It is not the intention of the City of Bastrop to provide a public forum for the embarrassment or demeaning of any individual or group. Neither is it the intention of the Board/Commission to allow a member of the public to slur the performance, honesty and/or integrity of the Board/Commission, as a body, or any member or members of the Board/Commission individually or collectively, or members of the City's staff. Accordingly, profane, insulting or threatening language directed toward the Board/Commission and/or any person in the Board/Commission's presence will not be tolerated.*

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at the Convention Center
- Joint City Council & Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at the Convention Center

- 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 26, 2024
- Coffee and Friends: Chat with the City Manager at the Public Library on January 8th

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- January 15th at the Public Library - Coffee & Friends: Building Savings and Wealth
- 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)

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

**4. REPORTS**

4A. Receive a report on updates regarding job training and workforce development initiatives tailored to community needs and partnerships with the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce and Workforce Solutions of Bastrop County.

**5. WORKSHOP**

5A. Review, discuss, and possible action on the Bridging Bastrop Board Work Plan to prepare for 2025 activities.

**6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- 6A. Consider and act to approve the Bastrop Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, November 26, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- 6B. Review, discuss, and possible action on the November and December Monthly Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.
- 6C. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion).

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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***Notice is hereby given of the possibility of a quorum of members from any City of Bastrop Council, Boards, and/or Commissions, at this Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting.***

***NO Council/Board/Commission action will be taken; NO deliberations will be held; and NO Council/Board/Commission business will be conducted.***

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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](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

      /s/Victoria Psencik        
Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary

# Bridging Bastrop Work Plan

***Success for the Bridging Bastrop Board for the current year can be defined as:***

## **Board Goals:**

1. Engagement in activities forums, community gatherings, and events that promote mutual understanding, as well as encourage residents to connect with one another.
2. Create strategies to distribute information to people of different cultures in culturally appropriate ways.
3. Work collaboratively with our partners.

## **Action Plan:**

Goal 1 will be accomplished as follows:

- Participate in Boards & Commissions Fair
- Where possible, have a “City Table” at community events; share information about City plans and opportunities
- Conduct resident surveys on various topics

Goal 2 will be accomplished as follows:

- Create a magnet or other informational piece describing services
- Create location map of where services are located
  - Update Bridging Bastrop web page on the City’s website
  - Create a printed list of locations for social services
- Create “Infomercials” about services that can be shown during Executive Session at Council meetings
- Build a welcome packet for new residents and publicize it
- Identify underserved areas in our community and their preferred method of communication

- Work with the City Manager to conduct surveys to gain feedback
- Identify Council policies and budgetary choices that negatively impact marginalized areas of the community

Goal 3 will be accomplished as follows:

- Identify and publish the “Partners List”
  - Help each partner create programs that are inclusive and relevant
- Include the “Partners List” on the new BRIDGING BASTROP web page on the City’s website
- Publish successes and analytics on the BRIDGING BASTROP web page

**To succeed, Bridging Bastrop Board needs the following resources:**

1. Staff: access to web page designer, a graphic designer, and access to a media content designer and the media site
2. Supplies: a budget to produce written materials
3. Other: