

Bastrop Bridging Bastrop Board Agenda

City Hall City Council Chambers

1311 Chestnut Street

Bastrop, TX 78602

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July 10, 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 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:

- **May 17th** - Bridging Neighbors Event in Bob Bryant Park
- **May 19th** - Delgado Park Community Meeting
- **May 27th** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **May 28th** - Sit with Sylvia Evening Session at Film Alley
- **May 29th** - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

- **June 7th** - Special Mayoral Runoff Election
- **June 7th** - PRIDE Weekend
- **June 10th** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **June 12th** - Runoff Election Canvass and Swearing-In of Mayor Ishmael Harris
- **June 21st** - Bastrop Juneteenth Celebration on Main Street and in Fisherman's Park
- **June 24th** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **June 25th** - Sit with Sylvia Morning Session at City Hall
- **June 27th & 28th** - City Council Retreat in Rockport, TX
- **June 28th** - Pet & Pal Parade, Freedom on Wheels, North Main Game, and Big Bang! Celebration
- **July 8th** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **July 9th** - African American Cultural District Town Hall at City Hall starting at 6:30 pm

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- **July 17th** - Get Involved! Bastrop (Community Volunteer and Resource Fair) at the Convention Center from 6:00-8:00 pm
- **July 19th** - Corvette Invasion Event at the Convention Center from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **July 22nd** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **July 29th - Aug 2nd** - Bastrop Homecoming & Rodeo at Mayfest Park. Parade on Aug 2 in Downtown Bastrop at 10:00 am
- **Aug 12th** - Regular City Council Meeting
- **Every 3rd Saturday** - Music in the Museum from 12 - 2 pm (Free Admission)

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

4. REPORTS

- 4A. Receive an update on the Bridging Bastrop Board Facebook page.
- 4B. Receive a report on the surveys collected at the Bridging Neighbors Event held on May 17th.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 5A. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, May 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.
- 5B. Review, discussion, and possible action on the May and June Employment Records from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department.
- 5C. Discuss and take action on the decisions made at the June 5th Bridging Bastrop Workshop regarding the Work Plan amendments and the Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan.
- 5D. Discuss and review the demographics of the City of Bastrop Boards and Commissions and take possible action on how the Bridging Bastrop Board can assist with the promotion of vacancies.
- 5E. Discussion and possible action to advance the Bridging Bastrop Work Plan initiative focused on providing equitable financial education and homeownership opportunities to Bastrop residents across diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, and also veteran services.
- 5F. Discuss items from the May 19th Delgado Park Community Meeting and take possible action on how the Bridging Bastrop Board can support the Parks and Recreation Board.
- 5G. Individual Requests from Bridging Bastrop Board members for particular items to be listed on future agendas (no group discussion).

6. 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: Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/Victoria Psencik
Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary

CITY OF BASTROP
REGULAR BRIDGING BASTROP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 15th, 2025

The Bridging Bastrop Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 15th, 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
 Karen Knight
 Cedric Williams

Staff Present

Tanya Cantrell
 Victoria Psencik
 Andres Rosales
 Kerry Fossler, City Council Liaison

Board Member(s) Absent

Mary Moody - present virtually

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 5:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

No comments were submitted.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3A. Update and Discussion on Past Events:

- April 12th - SpringFest in Fisherman's Park: over 1,300 guests with great First Responder representation and involvement.
- April 12th - Shred Day at First National Bank
- April 12th - Museum's Make 'N' Take - Lanterns for Paul Revere's Ride
- April 17th - Colorado River Fundraiser at Neighbor's Kitchen & Yard: Good turn out, \$10k raised for legal funds
- April 21st - Joint Council and Regular Bastrop EDC Board Meeting
- April 22nd - Regular City Council Meeting
- April 24th - Joint Council and Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: comprehensive plan, future land use map

- May 3rd - City Council, Mayor, and School Board Elections:
Mayoral Run Off June 7th, early voting starts May 27th

- May 13th - Regular City Council Meeting

3B. Update and Discussion on Upcoming Events:

- May 17th - Bridging Neighbors Event in Bob Bryant Park at 6:00 pm
(rescheduled from May 3rd)

- May 19th - Delgado Park Community Meeting

- May 27th - Regular City Council Meeting

- May 28th - Sit w/Sylvia at Film Alley 6:30 pm

- May 29th - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

- Every 3rd Saturday - Music in the Museum from 12 - 2 pm (Free Admission)

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

NONE

4. REPORTS

4A. Received a report on the outcome of the job training and workforce development initiatives tailored to community needs and assignments from the Work in Bastrop Job Fair held on April 30th: 274+ job seekers, 34 employers represented, second one planned for next year in April again, positive reception by seekers and employers alike. Discussed making a directory of businesses for job seekers to see a list before and after the event. Discussed TX State Technical College's offer to partner with further events, suggested getting them in front of the EDC and connecting with Dory or Angela.

4B. Received an update on the Bridging Bastrop Board Facebook page: It is active, Sheila is managing it and sharing posts from The City.

4C. Received a report on Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) partners regarding the President's Executive Office - Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum on Temporarily Pausing Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs: no change.

4D. Received a report on the updates made to the Bridging Bastrop Board 2025 Work Plan from the March 19th Board Meeting: Agreed to have a Special Workshop Meeting on 6.5.25 @ 5:30pm to discuss items on work plan.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5A. Consider and act to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board Meeting minutes from the Thursday, March 19th, 2025, Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Nancy Wood moved to approve the Bridging Bastrop Board minutes from the March 19th, 2025 Regular Meeting. Board Member Carly Barteel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5B. Reviewed and discussed on the March and April Employment Reports from the City of Bastrop Human Resources Department: Sheila asked for an annual report from Tanya, she will bring a draft to the next meeting. Discussed the new City Secretary hire. Discussed Board Member Cedric to work for BPD in upcoming months.

5E. A. Discussed the action the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council took related to public notices for development permits issued in neighborhoods: March 25th council amended notices, published and personal notifications will be sent to citizens.

B. Discussed including the items from the March 19th meeting, and how the Bridging Bastrop Board can support outreach efforts for these neighborhood meetings: personal notifications will be given, board will wait to act.

5C. Discussion and possible action to confirm board volunteers surveying the public at upcoming events and request printed surveys:

- Bridging Neighbors Event rescheduled to May 17th: To Be Determined

5D. Discussed advancing the Bridging Bastrop Work Plan initiative focused on providing equitable financial education and homeownership opportunities to Bastrop residents across diverse socioeconomic background: All City representative to come to next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Upon receiving a motion from Board Member Nancy Wood and a second from Board Member Karen Knight to adjourn, the May 15th, 2025 Regular Meeting was adjourned at **7:03pm**. without objection.

APPROVED:

Sheila Lowe, Bridging Bastrop Board Chair

ATTEST:

Victoria Psencik, Assistant City Secretary