

# **Community Engagement Committee**

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Conference Room 210 SW 3rd Street

YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/bryantarkansas">https://www.youtube.com/c/bryantarkansas</a>

Date: October 20, 2025 - Time: 6:00 PM

### Call to Order

# **Approval of Minutes**

- 1. September 15, 2025 Meeting Unapproved minutes
  - CEC Minutes Unapproved 09152025.pdf

## **Presentations and Announcements**

#### 2. Bryant Comprehensive Street Improvement Plan

GarNat Engineering and Volkert - Presentation on Street Improvement Plan and Survey The City of Bryant is committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation for all residents, businesses, and visitors. As part of our ongoing efforts to improve streets, sidewalks, intersections, and other transportation infrastructure, we are seeking your input on areas within the city that need attention. This survey is designed to help us identify problem areas—such as traffic congestion, roadway conditions, pedestrian safety, bike accessibility, and other transportation challenges. Your feedback will guide city leaders and planners as we prioritize improvements and develop long-term solutions for Bryant's transportation network. We encourage all Bryant motorists to share their experiences and concerns. By participating, you are helping us build a safer, stronger, and more connected community.

· bryant\_streets\_survey\_postcard.png

#### **Public Comments**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

### **City Government**

3. Town Hall - November 6, 2025 at Bishop Center

See attachment.

- Town Hall Overview 11\_6\_2025.pdf
- 4. Discussion Potential Cultural Event & NRPA Mini-Grant Opportunity

Background:

In previous meetings, the Community Engagement Committee has expressed interest in hosting a community cultural event. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has announced a mini-grant opportunity (up to \$2,000) to support events tied to the Kellogg Foundation's National Day of Racial Healing (NDORH) in January 2026.

This grant can fund new or existing events that promote racial healing, cultural celebration, or community connection. Eligible activities include:

 $Cultural\ or\ story telling\ events$ 

Family engagement activities or play days

Professional development or team-building opportunities for staff

History or equity learning sessions related to parks and recreation

Discussion Points:

Does the committee want to pursue this mini-grant opportunity?

If so, what type of event aligns best with Bryant's community values and current capacity?

Can we realistically plan and host an event by January 2026, or should we consider a later timeline?

Who would lead coordination and grant application efforts if we decide to move forward?

Next Steps:

Determine interest and feasibility, and identify potential event themes or partners to explore before the November 12 submission deadline.

# **Adjournments**

# **Community Engagement Committee Notes 09/15/2025**

**Members Present:** Yesenia Solis, Randy Robinson, Carolyn Geffken, Roderick Daniels, Rene Moseley, Anthony James, Daniel Daley

#### **Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Jordan Reynolds, Mayor Chris Treat, Ted Taylor, Moriah Winkel, Mark Smith

Council Present: Jack Moseley, Lisa Meyer, Wade Permenter

#### **Guests Present:**

Call to Order: 6:01 PM by Jordan Reynolds

# **Approval of Minutes**

- August 18, 2025
  - Motion by Randy, 2nd by Roderick

### **New Business:**

## • Rate Study Presentation

- Moriah Winkel presented the current rate study and outlined the upcoming proposed rate changes
- Committee members asked questions regarding:
  - The use of irrigation meters
  - The number of residents with minimum usage (approximately 70%)
  - The number receiving senior discount (approximately 30%)
- It was noted that residents who use under 5,000 gallons per month would see cost savings under the proposed structure
- o Committee was reminded of the Town Hall on September 18th

## Fall Fest

- Committee reviewed plans for the City's Fall Fest booth:
  - Jordan will have iPads available for residents to take streets survey
  - A member asked if Mayor Treat could respond to additional community questions via Facebook after the event - yes if we get questions

### Town Hall - November 6

■ The committee discussed logistics for the upcoming Town Hall at Bishop Center:

- A three-minute time limit will be set for resident's questions
- Mayor Treat will moderate

Adjourment: 6:21, motion by Randy; 2nd by Yesenia

Next meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025

YOUR TURN, BRYANT MOTORISTS: INFLUENCE WITH A CLICK!

Share your vision of progress for the streets of Bryant by completing our survey.





Comment Period: September 15 - November 16, 2025

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# **Town Hall Overview for Community Engagement Committee**

### Schedule:

6:15-6:30 | Welcome & seating;

6:30-6:40 | CEC & Ward Introductions

6:40-6:50 | Mayor's overview

6:50-7:30 | Open Mic Q&A Session

#### Materials:

- Jordan will bring:
  - Ward rep handout
  - Ward locator handout
  - Social media handout
  - Street survey handout
  - Meeting calendar handout
  - Post its if residents would rather write questions
  - o Pens
  - Camera
  - Laptop for powerpoint (if needed)
- Parks will provide:
  - Microphone
  - Screen
  - o HDMI

# **Community Engagement:**

(draft intro-who will take this on?)

Good evening, everyone—thank you for joining us for the City of Bryant's Community Engagement Town Hall. My name is [Name], and I serve on the Community Engagement Committee.

Our committee acts as an extended communication arm for the city—we help share important updates, gather feedback, and stay connected with residents across every corner of Bryant. We also lend a hand with city events, outreach efforts, and projects that bring our community together.

It's our job to make sure that when Bryant moves forward, every voice has a chance to be heard.

Before we get started, I'd like to introduce the other members of the Community Engagement Committee who represent each Ward. [Pause for introductions.]

We also have some representatives from other committees. If you serve on a committee, please stand and introduce yourself and tell us which ward and committee you represent.

Thank you all for being here tonight. It's exciting to see so many faces who care about the future of our city. With that, I'll turn it over to Mayor Chris Treat.