

**Joint Workshop with Bastrop, TX City Council
and Bastrop Public Library Board**
Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers
1311 Chestnut Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
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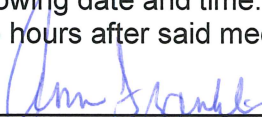


Special Workshop Agenda – February 15, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

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1. Call to Order
 - a. City of Bastrop City Council – Mayor Schroeder
 - b. Bastrop Public Library Board – Mary Jo Jenkins, Chair
2. **WORK SESSION**
 - 2A. Receive and participate in information regarding the Bastrop Public Library and the Bastrop Public Library Board.
 - 2B. Discuss Council's Identified Focus Areas and List of Priorities as it relates to the Bastrop Public Library.
3. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. City of Bastrop City Council – Mayor Schroeder
 - b. Bastrop Public Library Board – Mary Jo Jenkins, Chair

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 of 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, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

Joint Council Workshop

February 15, 2018



City of Bastrop

Our Vision

Bastrop - a welcoming community with a compassion for our diversity, a tapestry of people, arts, and structures; preserving our history and character while embracing progress around our unique environment.

Our Mission

To continuously strive to provide efficient and proactive services that enhance our quality of life and achieve our vision



City of Bastrop Focus Areas

Fiscal Responsibility	Economic Vitality	Communication
Prepare and manage budget; fiduciary responsibility.	Create sustainability by leveraging tourism; infrastructure renewal and investment; enhancing public/private partnerships; efficient planning & development processes; and fostering an inclusive & diverse environment that encourages entrepreneurial ventures.	Support and enhance open 2-way communication between the City and its residents and businesses.
Uniquely Bastrop	Organizational Excellence	Multi-Modal Mobility
Maintain and enhance our historic community feel by leveraging the unique combination of community, cultural and recreational assets that make Bastrop a special place to live and work.	Organizational governance; progressive operational efficiency; employee and citizen volunteer recognition.	Improved mobility for all modes of transit; manage traffic congestion.
Community Safety	Unique Environment	Manage Growth
Keep citizens, businesses, and visitors safe.	Continue beautification and natural areas, green spaces, parks, river, and landscaping.	Plan for and manage growth, development, and redevelopment to maintain Bastrop's unique feel and character.



Bastrop Public Library Board

The Library Board is an advisory board created by the Bastrop City Council.

Board members are volunteers from the Bastrop community who share the responsibility of representing people in the library area and making recommendations to the City Council and to library staff in the supervision, management, and operations of the Bastrop Public Library.

All Library Board decisions are subject to the directives and policies established by the Bastrop City Council.



Bastrop Public Library

Our Mission

The mission of the Bastrop Public Library is to provide free and unrestricted access to informational, educational, cultural and recreational library materials and services in a clean, comfortable, secure environment for people of all ages.

Our Vision

The Bastrop Public Library aspires to be a vital and innovative resource that enhances the quality of life, encourages life-long learning, and provides a welcoming community environment for our diverse population.



2017 Accomplishments

- Creation of a MakerSpace Program
- Increased event / program attendance
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Halloween Family Friendly Fun Trail
 - Annual Christmas Open House
- Building Community Partnerships
 - Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas
 - CAPCOG Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area
 - Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Community Partner Program
 - CEN-TEX Family Services, Inc. Head Start Programs
 - Combined Community Action, Inc.
 - Workforce Solutions, Rural Capital Area
 - American Red Cross
 - Literacy Volunteers of Bastrop
 - Lost Pines Garden Club
 - Bastrop Independent School District
 - Bastrop County Genealogical Society
 - Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA
 - City Departments ~ Bastrop Parks & Recreation,
Bastrop Police Department, Bastrop Main Street



What We Are Doing In 2018

- Establishing policies and procedures for successfully managing, and maintaining the City's FEMA Emergency Shelter
- Reimagining our physical space to create a permanent MakerSpace area
- Expanding STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) programming
- Continuing our tradition of providing educational and entertaining programming
 - Early literacy storytime
 - Activities for tweens and teens
 - Increasing programs for adults
 - Supporting independent learning with the Summer Reading Program
 - Partnering with other agencies and departments
- Increasing our community engagement by creating a new staff position: Library Associate – Communications
- Starting a dialog with community groups about Library services
- Using social media and mobile technology to increase the library's visibility



The Future

- Implement passive and directed MakerSpace programming for all ages
- Continue to provide educational and entertaining programs for youth
- Offer regularly scheduled informative and enjoyable programs for adults
- Increase community partnerships
- Gain marketing and media knowledge to better serve our community
- Actively pursue feedback to improve Library services and activities

