

Education Celebration 2006

Education Celebration is an event that coincides with Texas Public Schools Week. In 2006, Texas Public Schools Week will be the week of March 6. The suggested date for Education Celebration is Tuesday, March 7, with a rain date of Thursday, March 9.

The general planning committee, which is composed of City of Beeville personnel, personnel from the Beeville Police Department and school officials have discussed for several years the possibility of changing the location of the Education Celebration from downtown Beeville to the Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The police department is very helpful in trying to keep skateboards and bicycles off the street area where Education Celebration is held. However, it is difficult with all of the different streets that have access to Washington Street. In 2004, a junior high student broke his leg very badly due to a skateboard accident during Education Celebration. Skateboards and bicycles were still a problem last year

In 2005, we had a new problem. One of the building tenants on Washington Street is a church. During most of Education Celebration, the pastor of the church used a loud speaker to evangelize. The problem with this was that it was so loud, the AC Jones teachers who had their tables in front of this building were unable to carry on conversations with parents who wanted more information about the high school programs. The high school teachers left early because they were not able to effectively work their booth/table.

If Education Celebration were moved to Veterans Memorial Stadium, these problems would not occur. There are limited entrances to the field so that bicycles and skateboards could not be brought in. There are no businesses in the stadium, so problems with that would not occur. The Environmental Services department has assured me that electricity and everything needed could be provided to the stadium. Other non-profit organizations, such as colleges, the Red Cross, scouting organizations, etc., would still be most welcome to the event. In addition, there would be more room at the stadium than downtown and more available parking.

Please consider this option. It will be brought to the board as an action item in the next two months. Thank you.

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