Community Engagement Committee

Boswell Municipal Complex - City Hall Court Room

210 SW 3rd Street

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/bryantarkansas

Date: November 16, 2026 - **Time:** 6:00 PM

Call to Order

Public Comments

Old Business

New Business

City Government

1. Proposed Initiative: Bryant Connects

Discussion of new initiative/direction for Community Engagement Committee. Committee to review brief in preparation for discussion Monday

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Council Comments

Mayor Comments

Adjournments

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Advance discussion brief | Monday, November 16, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall

A proposed new direction

The committee was created to extend City communication and support information booths at community events. We are exploring a more active, neighborhood-focused approach that makes better use of our monthly meeting time while respecting committee members' limited availability.

Proposed initiative: Bryant Connects. Rather than adding events to the calendar, the new public engagement gatherings would **take the place of our regular monthly committee meetings**, subject to any required ordinance changes and public-meeting procedures.

What would happen in 2027?

January–April: Four informal neighborhood conversations, one in each ward, led and organized by the Communications Manager. Locations may include restaurants, coffee shops, or other accessible gathering places. The Mayor may attend some sessions; others would be committee-led.

May–September: Build on what we learn, gradually involve committee members in leading sessions, and explore citywide conversations and community partnerships.

Fall: Introduce selected Bryant 101-style department learning opportunities, without requiring a multiweek course.

First four proposed dates

Ward	Date
Ward 1	Monday, January 25
Ward 2	Monday, February 22
Ward 3	Monday, March 15
Ward 4	Monday, April 19

What to consider before Monday

- What would make these gatherings valuable for residents?
- What neighborhood locations and contacts might help us reach new people?
- What level of participation is realistic for you as a committee member?
- What questions or concerns do you have about this direction?

Monday's goal: Discuss the concept and identify next steps. This is a working proposal, not a finalized calendar or approved ordinance change.