The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas in Room 204 to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

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| SALLY ANTROBUS | MEMBER |
| HELEN BURTON | CHAIR |
| HEATHER CABLE (absent) | MEMBER |
| JOHN COGGESHALL | MEMBER |
| DEBRA HARPER | MEMBER |
| DORI NELSON (arrived late) | VICE-CHAIR |
| KAREN TISDEL | MEMBER |
| MEREDITH BRANT | ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY |

Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## 1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Burton stated that Ms. Nelson wanted a review of the committee's mission statement so that should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

## 2.0 NEW BUSINESS

*Ms. Nelson arrived*

### .2.1 Consider landscaping around the gazebo at Robinson Park overlooking the gully. (Cable)

Ms. Burton stated that in Ms. Cable's absence, each member should go to the site, make note of any suggestions and bring back to the February meeting for discussion.

### 2.2 Update on committee activities, including establishing a site for a seedling nursery. (Burton)

**AND**

### 2.4 Consider a plan for a community/ornamental garden.

Ms. Burton stated she had spoken with Arthur about the possibility of a seedling nursery and his concern is that the public will start calling if things start to get overgrown and are not kept up. Ms. Burton suggested that the site should be carefully chosen.

Member suggestions include:

- Look at Baytown's nursery for ideas.

- A seedling nursery for landscape plants could be located behind the casita at Carothers Gardens.
- Consider plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies.
- Consider plants that will not be eaten by animals.
- Consider availability to water, light, and accessibility for those who tend the plants, but will keep out rabbits and deer.
- The city property across from Carothers was suggested as a possible location.

Ms. Burton suggested that members look for potential sites for this project and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

**2.3 Consider recommendations for the cherub table which is currently at the Carothers property.**

Ms. Burton stated that the table, which is exposed to the elements, is deteriorating and cumbersome. Ms. Nelson stated that she would store the table with the city's permission. Ms. Burton stated that she would speak to the City Manager concerning the table and whether Ms. Nelson could store it for the city.

**2.5 Consider quarterly report to be given to City Council on January 17.**

Ms. Burton reviewed items for the quarterly report at the City Council meeting. She also reminded everyone to contact Arthur, Kevin or Saul regarding any park issues.

**3.0 OLD BUSINESS - The Committee will discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.**

**3.1 Update on proposed staff appreciation luncheon. (Antrobus)**

Ms. Antrobus suggested Wednesday, March 7 for the Appreciation Luncheon. Ms. Brant stated that she would reserve the Carothers house for that date and ask Arthur for the number to be in attendance.

The following items will be on the menu:
Brisket (Ms. Burton)
Slaw (Ms. Nelson)
Barbecue (Mr. Coggeshall)
Corn soufflé (Ms. Harper)
Potato salad (Ms. Tisdel)
Drinks (Ms. Antrobus)
Dessert (Ms. Cable)

Ms. Antrobus also suggested that Councilor Giangrosso, a previous Open Space member, could officiate.

**3.2 Consider natural playground equipment as a possible option for replacement of existing playground equipment in Pine Gully Park. (Cable)**

Ms. Burton stated that Ms. Cable will make a presentation on this item at the January 17 City Council meeting.

**4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

**4.1 Approve minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting.**

Motion was made by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Ms. Antrobus

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

**4.2 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**

The checklist was reviewed, but no action was taken.

Ms. Burton stated that she would ask Mr. Templin to contact the Port regarding their plans and Ms. Antrobus stated that she would circulate the Port's fact sheet.

**4.3 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.**

The next meeting will be February 2 and agenda items will include:

- Review of the mission statement.
- Landscaping around gazebo.
- Recommendations for seedling nursery.
- Ornamental/vegetable garden.
- Staff Appreciation luncheon.
- Reports concerning quarterly report to council, wish list, natural playground presentation and the Open Space Master Plan.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 2$^{ND}$ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

Helen Burton
Helen Burton, Chair

Meredith Brant
Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary