

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, February 2, 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:

SALLY ANTROBUS	VICE CHAIR
HELEN BURTON	CHAIR
HEATHER CABLE	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
DEBRA HARPER	MEMBER
KAREN TISDEL (absent)	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

Tom Gibbs, Seabrook, stated that he had spoken with Bob Stokes of the Galveston Bay Foundation about protecting the shell middens. Mr. Stokes advised that clay and vegetation could be a solution and would be preferable.

Ms. Burton stated she had received an email from Dori Nelson voicing concern about the rusty state of the containers for the doggy refuse bags. Also there was mention of the rust on the iron bridge. Ms. Burton stated that she would speak to Arthur about these concerns.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Review of committee Mission Statement.

Ms. Burton stated that this item was placed on the agenda at Ms. Nelson's request to determine if the committee activities were in keeping with the mission.

There was no further discussion on this item.

2.2 Consider the list of deer resistant plants which might be appropriate for Carothers Gardens and other parks.

Ms. Burton stated that she had gone to Bay Area Nursery and was told of a deer repellent called "Shake Away" and if the Parks Department is interested they may discount the cost for the city.

Ms. Antrobus suggested that planting for the deer away from the house might provide a solution.

After discussing the various plants which are deer resistant and available,

members determined to buy 8 begonias, 4 foxtail and 4 lantana to plant around the fountain at the Carothers property. Mr. Coggeshall stated that he would do the planting.

2.3 Consider recommendations for a seedling nursery.

Ms. Burton stated that she had checked out the area alongside the community service area and it was wet and soggy.

Ms. Antrobus stated that she had visited with Camille of the Baytown nursery and Camille recommended that members wait until spring to visit the nursery. Members determined that they would schedule visits during the month of March.

Other considerations for a seedling nursery include:

- Location
- Planting in the ground or in pots
- Access to water
- Whether to make

Members determined to consider this issue again in April.

2.4 Consider recommendations for a community/ornamental garden.

Members discussed the possibility of creating a managed meadow in Wildlife Park by planting alfalfa grass. This would give deer a place to graze and would allow seedling trees to flourish in an area which is not mowed.

A managed meadow will be further discussed as an agenda item at the March meeting.

2.5 Update on reports, recommendations and requests made at the City Council meeting on January 17.

All members present were also at the January 17 meeting, so there was no need to present an update.

2.6 Review park assignments and update as needed.

Park assignments are as follows:

Sally Antrobus – Wildlife Park and Carothers Gardens
Helen Burton – Mohrhusen, Wildwood and Brummerhop Parks
Heather Cable – Meador, Miramar and Robinson Parks
John Coggeshall – Pine Gully, Second Street and Friendship Parks
Debra Harper – Hester's Garden and McHale Park

Karen Tidel – Baybrook Park and the Boat Ramp.

2.7 Elect a Vice-Chair.

Motion was made by Debra Harper and seconded by Heather Cable

To elect Sally Antrobus as Vice Chair.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

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

Ms. Cable presented a plan for the gazebo. She suggested cleaning out the existing beds, installing a weed barrier and replanting. The area around the gazebo would be landscaped and the habitat moved. If installed properly, the landscaping could be easily maintained. The water could be aerated with large boulders or logs installed for turtles.

Mr. Coggeshall agreed that the dead and invasive plants should be removed.

Ms. Antrobus and Ms. Burton voiced concerns about the ability of staff or volunteers to be able to maintain the landscaping.

Motion was made by John Coggeshall and seconded by Heather Cable

To remove only the dead and invasive plants.

AYES: Burton, Cable, Coggeshall, Harper, Tidel.

NAY: Antrobus.

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

3.2 Update on proposed staff appreciation luncheon. (Antrobus)

Ms. Antrobus gave an update on the plans for the luncheon and requested a list of attendees from staff. She also suggested that Arthur or Kevin make introductions of employees at the luncheon.

Ms. Brant stated that she would send out a list of the employees once she has confirmed with Arthur.

4.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS – The committee will discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

4.1 Approve minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Heather Cable and seconded by John Coggeshall

To approve the minutes as written

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

No action was taken on this item.

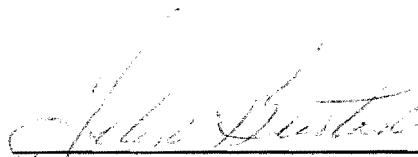
4.3 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1 and agenda items should include:

- Expand Wish List to include Pine Gully
- Consider aspects of a managed meadow
- Discuss appreciation luncheon
- Update on Robinson Park.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH, 2012.



Helen Burton, Chair



Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary