

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

SALLY ANTROBUS (ex.abs.)	VICE CHAIR
HELEN BURTON	CHAIR
HEATHER CABLE	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
DEBRA HARPER	MEMBER
JACKIE TINGLE	MEMBER
KAREN TISDEL	MEMBER
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Consider plants, grasses and trees appropriate for Wildlife Park, Robinson Park and Pine Gully Park. Mark Kramer of Armand Bayou will discuss and make recommendations.

Mark Kramer of the Armand Bayou Nature Center stated that he had been given a tour of the parks and he made recommendations for the parks. He stated that in the Wildlife Park several methods could be employed to revert back to coastal prairie plants and grasses. He added that this could only occur where the land is managed. He made recommendations on how to get plants in, how to manage them and the use of herbicides. Concerning Robinson Park, Mr. Kramer suggested that this is the best location for highlighting the coastal prairie. He recommended the Coastal Prairie Partnership as a source of information on local rare grasses and wildflowers. He stated that in Pine Gully Park the amount of fill dirt, salt levels and other factors can be detrimental to tree growth. While trees are dormant in January and February is the best time in which to plant. He stated that an organization, Trees for Houston, provides tree advice as well as free trees.

Motion was made by John Coggeshall and seconded by Heather Cable

To discontinue mowing at Robinson Park and post an informational sign for the public.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Members agreed to delay planting trees and Jackie Tingle will look into the possibilities for Wildlife Park.

2.2 Consider the signs which identify each park for future refurbishment or replacement.

Mr. Chairez stated that he had met with the sign company and would get pricing for new park signs.

Ms. Cable stated that the wooden boxes around the bases of the signs are rotten. She recommended removal of the boxes, clean out weeds and salvage plants. She stated that this would be easier than weeding.

Motion was made by Heather Cable and seconded by Debra Harper

To remove the boxes and clean out the area around signs at each park.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

2.3 Update on Natural Playground brochure.

Ms. Burton distributed the new brochures.

2.4 Update on funding for Natural Playground.

Ms. Burton stated that the Rotary has committed to \$1,500 and wants to build the forts. There is also the possibility of receiving an additional \$1,500 from the Rotary Club. She stated that Jeremy Hood of the Seabrook Rotary Club has advised on materials and is getting pricing for construction of the forts. A letter has been written concerning funding requests and Ms. Tisdale, Ms. Tingle and Ms. Burton will work on fundraising.

It was suggested that a donation jar be set up in city hall with the permission of the city manager.

Motion was made by Jackie Tingle and seconded by Karen Tisdal

To set up a thermometer visual aid in the city hall lobby showing a goal of \$50,000 and updating progress every two weeks.

84 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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86 Ms. Burton explained that setting the goal at \$50,000 will allow for maintenance and
87 landscaping.

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89 **2.5 Update on construction of Natural Playground at Pine Gully Park.**

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91 Ms. Burton stated that the next step will include the installation of the granite trail.

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93 **2.6 Update by Heather Cable on Hester and Robinson Parks.**

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95 Ms. Cable gave a slide show presentation showing the progress made at the parks.

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97 **2.7 Consider recommendations by Jackie Tingle for additional clean-up around Hester**
98 **Park and Robinson Park.**

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100 Ms. Tingle stated that the pyracantha is worth saving and she would like to see lotus
101 plants growing at the secret pond.

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103 Motion was made by Jackie Tingle and seconded by Heather Cable

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105 To replant lotus plants at the secret pond in Robinson Park.

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107 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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109 Ms. Tingle also suggested that the rocks be raised to showcase them, possibly in the fall.

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111 **2.8 Update by John Coggeshall on the trees in Pine Gully including the replacement of**
112 **dead trees.**

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114 Mr. Coggeshall suggested delaying any action on trees until the playground had been put
115 in and then talk to Mr. Chairez about irrigation.

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117 Members should email suggestions for tree placement to Mr. Coggeshall.

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119 **2.9 Update on cherub table.**

4.1 Approve minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by John Coggeshall and seconded by Debra Harper

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.

There was no discussion of this item.

4.3 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 9 instead of the regular meeting date of July 5 to allow for those who may be out of town for the holiday.

Agenda items should include:

- Natural playground
- Wildlife Park report from Jackie Tingle
- Showcase trees at Hester Park
- Update on the cherub table
- Hosting a reception as a fundraising effort
- Update on the trail from Lakeside to Brummerhop Park.

Upon motion, Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of July, 2012.



Meredith Brant, TRMC

Assistant City Secretary


Helen Burton, Chair