The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Monday, July 9, 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	VICE CHAIR
HELEN BURTON	CHAIR
HEATHER CABLE	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
DEBRA HARPER	MEMBER
JACKIE TINGLE	MEMBER
KAREN TISDEL (ex. abs.)	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 Discuss the various aspects of the Natural Playground including, but not limited to the following:

- **Fundraising** – Ms. Burton stated that she and Ms. Tisdel had been sending out letters to area industries/businesses, some which require a W-9, budget and financial statement. La Porte Tire has donated tires for the dragon. Rotary has pledged $1,500 and another $1,500 to build the forts. To date, other donations total $1,190.00.

  Ms. Cable suggested a golf tournament for fundraising. She added that it required little effort and was worth looking into. She will look into the specifics for such tournaments at the local golf courses.

- **Fundraising party** – Ms. Harper stated that she would contact the Clear Creek Winery to discuss the possibility of a wine tasting party.

  Ms. Burton stated that a decision will need to be made regarding this proposed event at next month's meeting.

- **Construction** – Ms. Burton stated that according to Arthur Chairez no trees will be planted in Pine Gully Park until after the construction of the playground is complete. The tire dragon will be constructed next Friday.

- **Recognition of donors** – Members discussed possible ways of recognizing donors, but no determination was made.

- **Distribution of brochures** – Ms. Burton stated that members have been distributing brochures throughout the community. It was suggested that the brochures be on display at the counter at City Hall.

- **Other** – No additional items were discussed.

2.2 Update on acquiring and planting trees. (John Coggeshall)

Mr. Coggeshall spoke to Arthur Chairez about planting trees provided by TXU, who advised waiting until fall to plant. Also, TXU needs information from the city on irrigation plans for the trees. Proposed sites for planting include: Robinson Park; Meador Park along the perimeter; Friendship Park near the playground equipment; Brummerhop Park once the field is established and Baybrook Park near the tennis courts.

2.3 Update on acquiring and planting wildflowers. (Jackie Tingle)

Ms. Tingle stated that November is the appropriate time for planting wildflowers. She added that a determination on whether to use an herbicide to kill the weeds needs to be made. Ms. Antrobus and Mr. Coggeshall stated that they are opposed to using herbicide. Ms. Tingle stated that she would get in touch with American Native Seed and report back next month.

2.4 Update on the cherub table (John Coggeshall)

Mr. Coggeshall stated that the core of the table base is very soft, although the cherubs are hardwood. He was able to cut out one of the cherubs and has temporarily placed it in the greenhouse at Carothers Gardens. He suggested everyone have a look at it. Ms. Antrobus will check it out and it will be further discussed at the next meeting.

2.5 Consider quarterly report to City Council.

Ms. Burton provided members with a list of the items she will report on. It was suggested that the items be prioritized based on importance/urgency. Ms. Burton will make the report to City Council on July 24.

2.6 Update on the trail from Lakeside Drive to Brummerhop Park.

Members were pleased with the sidewalks near Brummerhop Park running to Lakeside Drive and there was discussion concerning the trail behind Brummerhop Park, but no completion date for that project is known.

2.7 Consider the election of committee chair and vice-chair.

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

To elect Helen Burton as chair.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion was made by Ms. Cable and seconded by Ms. Harper

To elect Ms. Antrobus as vice-chair.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that he had visited the parks over the weekend and there were no issues to address.

Ms. Burton stated that a sign will be erected at the site of the area of Wildlife Park which will no longer be mowed to inform the public of the intent to create a managed meadow. She stated that she will place a QR code on it so that information can be accessed through the Texas Parks & Wildlife website. She added that it would be good to also provide information on Channel 16.

3.2 Approve minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Ms. Cable

To approve the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

No action was taken on this item.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

Members agreed to change the next meeting date to August 9.

Upon motion, Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of August, 2012.

Helen Burton, Chair

Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary