

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, August 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 (ex. abs.)	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

Ms. Burton stated that the Parks Department is one man short at this time.

Ms. Antrobus inquired about city recycling.

Ms. Tisdell stated that people are still digging about in the shell middens and the area has been mowed. Ms. Burton suggested calling the Parks Department as a reminder that the area around the middens should not be mowed.

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 to date \$3,390 had been raised for the playground and other donations are expected. She added that she is working on a press release to send to the Marketing Manager. Ms. Tisdell, Ms. Tingle and Ms. Antrobus agreed to get in touch with various news media contacts for additional fundraising publicity.
- **Fundraising party** – Ms. Cable stated that a gold tournament is a possibility, but she has no additional information at this time.

Ms. Tingle suggested that a firm commitment for a party or event with a timeline, targeted invitees and other plans should be implemented.

- **Construction** – Ms. Burton stated that the tire dragon has been constructed except for the teeth which still need to be cut. Members have met with Gulf Coast Limestone about the gravel and rocks needed for the project.
- **Recognition of donors** – Ms. Burton stated that Crown Trophy would like to donate plaques or other forms of recognition.
- **Distribution of brochures** – Ms. Burton stated that members continue to distribute brochures throughout the community.
- **Possible new tire projects** – Ms. Cable suggested other uses for the tires and showed pictures for other projects. She stated that La Porte Tires donated all the tires for the snake and is willing to donate more for other projects.
- **Other** – No additional items were discussed.

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

Ms. Tingle stated that she had contacted American Native Seeds and the wildflower mixes recommended for this area included “coastal prairie mix”, “hummers-singers” and “butterfly retreat.” She stated that based on her experience the wildflowers cannot compete with the existing grasses. She added that the manpower required in this effort may not be worth the expense of the seeds, although a trial garden at Robinson Park might be feasible due to its visibility and availability of water.

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

To try a limited experiment by distributing wildflower seed at Wildlife Park and expending no more than \$50.

AYES: Antrobus, Burton, Cable, Coggeshall, Tisdell.

NAYS: Tingle.

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Ms. Antrobus agreed to be in charge of this project.

2.3 Recommendations on the cherub table (John Coggeshall)

Mr. Coggeshall stated that the cherub he was able to cut from the table is ready for hanging. He suggested a bare spot on the wall to the right of the door inside the greenhouse at the Carothers property. Members concurred with Mr. Coggeshall's suggestion and recommended disposal of the table.

2.4 Consider providing rest stop support for the Houston Happy Hikers event and a contribution in the amount of \$75 for snacks and water.

Ms. Burton stated that she spoke with the City Manager about funding for the event. The city will reimburse expenditures up to \$75. It was determined that Ms. Burton and Ms. Tisdell will shop for the snacks and Ms. Cable, Ms. Antrobus and Ms. Tisdell will man the snack station on the day of the event.

2.5 Discuss the name of the Committee.

Ms. Burton suggested that a formal name change should wait until the fundraising for the park was complete due to all the printed materials which currently name the committee as the Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee.

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

To change the committee name to Open Space and Trails Committee.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Ms. Burton stated that she would include the name change on the quarterly report to Council and suggest it be considered at a future City Council meeting.

2.6 Discuss the signs at Robinson and Hester Parks.

Ms. Cable stated that there is a sign in Hester Park that still references it as a project of the Garden Club which no longer exists. Also, the sign at Robinson is missing. She suggested that the replacement signs should read, "Another Project by the Open Space and Trails Committee."

Mr. Coggeshall volunteered to make the signs. Ms. Burton suggested that he wait on the signs until Council has approved the committee's name change.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Tingle stated that they are restoring the trail from Lakeside to Brummerhop Park.

3.2 Approve minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Coggeshall and seconded by Ms. Burton

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.

Item 1 is complete and was removed from the action items checklist. On Item 2, Mr. Coggeshall clarified that no funds were currently available rather than "closed."

Two items were added to the list: Happy Hikers and Informational Signs at Robinson Park.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be September 6. Agenda items should include:

- Consider a mural for the skateboard park.
- Consider plan and timeline for any fundraising events including donations for a silent auction/selling raffle tickets.
- Removal of Chinese tallow trees from Brummerhop Park.

Upon motion, Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Approved this 6th day of September, 2012.



Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary



Helen Burton, Chair