

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at Seabrook City
2 Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda
3 items listed below.

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5 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

6 Helen Burton	Chair
7 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
8 John Coggeshall	Member
9 Monica Comeaux	Member
10 Debra Harper	Member
11 David Popken (exc. Absent)	Member
12 Heather Cable	Member
13 Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

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

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17 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

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19 **2. UPDATES**

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21 **2.1 Update on recent ongoing park activities and improvements.**

- 22 • The sprinkler system at Carothers Coastal Garden are broken.

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24 **2.2 Chair's update with meeting with City Staff.**

- 25 • The Committee does have enough brochures to hand out at Celebration Seabrook
- 26 • The City Manager is working with a landscaper and TxDOT to design under the
- 27 Seabrook/Kemah Bridge.
- 28 • The City received a grant to help fund a portion of the palm trees on Main St.
- 29 • The City is waiting on security clearance from the Port to place the osprey perch in
- 30 • The Port of Houston will be having a planting day with volunteer to add irrigation
- 31 around the berm
- 32 • Kid Fish is being held September 8, 2018
- 33 • The City is working on getting a drone movie made before and after shots of the trails
- 34 and parks

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36 **2.3 Update on removal of invasive species at Seabrook Prairie. (George Kyame)**

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38 The recent rain was beneficial to the prairie. After a complete survey of the prairie,
39 everything looks great. There are a few minor annoyances but Mr. Kyame is optimistic is he
40 can address the problem areas.

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42 **2.4 Update on the osprey perch.**

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44 Due to the rain, installation of the perch has been postponed.

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46 **3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

47 **3.1 Discussion on volunteer hours.**

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49 The Committee gave their volunteer hours to Chair Burton during the meeting to keep
50 records current.

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52 **3.2 Discussion on birding event to be held in Seabrook parks.**

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54 Member Popken presented verbiage for the press release to the upcoming birding event.
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56 **3.3 Discussion on trash cans, recycle cans, and receptacles for cigarettes in the Seabrook parks.**

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58 15 cigarette receptacles were received from a grant that the City applied for. A boy scout will
59 be building recycle containers to be placed in City parks.
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61 **3.4 Discussion on erosion at Pine Gully.**

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63 The supplies for this erosion project should be ordered soon.
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65 **3.5 Discussion on revegetating where the cane berm was removed in Meador Park.**

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67 No updated information at the time.
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69 **3.6 Discussion on a pollinator pathway.**

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71 From a liability standpoint, there would seem to be no identifiable difference between
72 growing flowers for pollinators and growing flowers for people to enjoy seeing. We should
73 avoid having any hives. We need plants but not hives. A pollinator pathway would not only
74 attract bees, but bats and moths as well.
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76 **3.7 Discussion on a seed library.**

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78 A meeting with the Seabrook Library will take place soon to brainstorm on establishing a
79 seed library. The committee members were encouraged to look around their homes to
80 collect some seeds for the seed library.
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82 **3.8 Discussion on possible developments under the Kemah-Seabrook bridge due to the**
83 **expansion of SH146, including the drawings of the bridge.**

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85 The City Manager is working with a landscaper and TxDOT on the design plan under the
86 Seabrook/Kemah Bridge.
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88 **3.9 Discussion on tree planting for 2019.**

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90 After a consultation with Trees of Houston, they will recommend what kind of trees would
91 be best to plant in the Seabrook area. Trees of Houston was impressed how the trees from

previous planting days have grown and lasted. They also stated they would help with watering the plants.

3.10 Discussion on kayak lunch.

Staff is looking to put a kayak launch on Main Street. Another spot mentioned that may a good spot for a kayak launch in the future is by the new Public Works facility.

3.11 Discussion on Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

The Appreciation Luncheon will be held on October 10, 2018. The committee members each stated what they will be bringing to the luncheon.

3.12 Discussion on the appearance of the park signs.

At the bottom of the park signs, some of the wooden boxes are rotten and need landscaping. It may be best to remove the wooden boxes all together.

Motion was made by Member Coggeshall and seconded by Member Harper

To remove all the damaged boxes and plants in Meador, Miramar, and Baybrook under the park sign.

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3.13 Discussion on Celebration Seabrook.

The committee members gave their time slot as to when they can be at their volunteer booth.

3.14 Discussion on Fall Sweep.

The Fall Sweep will be held November 3, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The committee is looking to clean up Pine Gully and NASA Rd 1. Keep Texas Beautiful will provide supplies for the event.

4. ROUTINE BUSINESS

4.1 Approve the minutes for the August 2, 2018 meeting.

Motion was made by Member Antrobus and seconded by Member Harper

To approve the minutes for the August 2, 2018 meeting

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on the Action Items Checklist.

No updated information at the time.

4.3 Consider and take all appropriate action concerning the recommendations to Public Works Directors on projects.

- Remove Trash Can at McHale Park

4.4 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.

By Committee consensus, the next agenda items include:

- Removing discussion on possible developments under the Kemah-Seabrook bridge due to the expansion of SH146, including the drawings of the bridge.
- Removing discussion on kayak launch.
- Adding parking at Hester Park.
- Adding update on grant funds from the Keep Texas Beautiful award.

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Helen Burton,
Chair


Stephanie Martinez,
Executive Administrative Assistant

