

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, October 4, 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 (ex. abs.)	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

Ms. Burton announced that City Council has formed a committee to consider access, rates and other issues dealing with the Carothers property and determined that two members of the Open Space Committee should be appointed to it. She asked Karen Tisdell and Sally Antrobus to serve on this committee. They agreed to the appointment.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Q and A with Mayor Glenn Royal on city issues affecting parks, trails and open space.

Mayor Royal thanked the members for their service to the community and gave an update on various city plans and activities. He suggested the committee plan for beautification along the expanded SH 146 corridor.

2.2 Update on the City's new website by LeaAnn Dearman.

Ms. Dearman demonstrated the various aspects of the city's new website. She stated that previously the city was spending money on the maintenance of four websites; now the city has one which can be maintained in-house. She stated that the trail map is pending, but will be on the site soon. Ms. Antrobus asked that the parks plan and trails plan be added to the site.

2.3 Discuss the various aspects of the Natural Playground including, but not limited to the following:

- **Fundraising** – Ms. Burton stated that to date total fund amount collected is \$7,190. Letters to Chamber of Commerce members is still pending.
- **Construction** – Ms. Cable stated that there is a possibility for a rock donation. Ms. Burton stated that the Rotary will build forts this weekend.
- **Recognition of donors** – no discussion of this item.
- **Distribution of brochures** – The distribution of brochures is ongoing.
- **Other** – There was no additional discussion.

2.4 Consider locations for planting trees.

Due to the absence of Mr. Coggeshall this item was deferred until the November meeting.

2.5 Update on wildflowers/grasses for Wildlife Park and Robinson Park. (Antrobus)

2.6 Update on potential park property located lakeside at the north Repsdorph right-of-way owned by Harris County. (Antrobus)

Ms. Antrobus stated that she has no new information regarding items 2.5 or 2.6.

2.7 Update by Helen Burton on the following items based on recommendations from Public Works Director Arthur Chairez and decisions of Council:

- **Process for eradication of Chinese tallow trees** – Arthur Chairez will order the Garlon and Ms. Tingle will contact him in regards to this issue.
- **Mural at the skateboard park** - The City Manager had no opinion on this matter. Ms. Tisdell stated that wasn't prepared to move forward on this matter and will look into it further.
- **Signs for protecting shell middens at Pine Gully Park** – The signs are now in place. Members determined they may plant yaupon instead of trifoliolate to block access to the middens.
- **Park mowing** – Mowing has ceased at Wildlife Park.
- **Committee name** – City Council agreed to the name change (Open Space and Trails Committee) and it will be official once the resolution is approved by Council.

- **Access to Carothers Gardens** – This was discussed at the last City Council meeting with the result of a committee being formed and consisting of Councilors Don Holbrook and Thom Kolupski, two staff members and two Open Space members as mentioned at the start of the meeting.

Ms. Burton stated that she would keep the committee updated on all of these items.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Tingle stated that the trail from Lakeside Drive to Repsdorph is moving along.

There were no other updates.

3.2 Approve minutes of the September 6, 2012 meeting.

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

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.

Ms. Antrobus noted that on Item 6 the permit is pending. She also suggested that Item 11, the Trails Plan be sent to Ms. Dearman for attaching to the website.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be November 1. Items for the agenda should include Items 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 on this agenda as well as reports on eradication of tallow trees, mural at skateboard park and Carothers Committee. Also, include an update on information conveyed to Ms. Dearman for the website.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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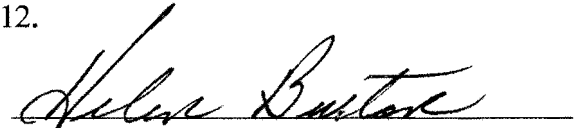
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Helen Burton, Chairperson


Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary