

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, November 1, 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	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 Public Works Director Arthur Chairez is present to provide input on various agenda items. In order to accommodate Mr. Chairez, those items will be taken out of order.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

2.8 Discuss/consider possible uses for the property adjacent to Brummerhop Park.

Mr. Chairez stated that this area is now called Monroe Field. He stated that it has not been determined what type of field it will be. His intent is to spread out dirt, pick up roots and excess concrete, then plant rye grass, put up backstops and see the type of use the field gets. He also suggested that a test spot should be tried with the herbicide prior to treating the whole area for the eradication of the tallow trees.

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

- **Fundraising** – Ms. Burton stated that to date the committee has raised \$7,190 and anticipates a donation of \$5,000 from the Port. Also, the Seabrook Association has pledged \$1,000 for the playground.
- **Construction** – Ms. Burton commented on how nice the trails look. Mr. Chairez stated that a meeting is scheduled to discuss benches for the playground. Soon paver stones will be placed, then a determination will have to be made concerning appropriate plants for the circle. Mr. Chairez stated that he would like recommendations for edging of the sand pit which would also be safe for children. Suggestions for consideration for the center of the circle included bronze statues,

wood carving or a fountain. Mr. Chairez stated that electric and water sources are available, but a fountain was not feasible due to the close proximity to salt water. Members will bring back information concerning bronze statues and wood sculptures to the December meeting.

- **Recognition of donors** – not discussed.
- **Distribution of brochures** – Brochures were distributed at the recent Arts Fair.
- **Other** – not discussed.

2.2 Consider possible uses for logs donated to the City. (Cable)

Mr. Chairez stated that the logs are in fact log siding and are of no use to the City.

2.3 Consider locations for planting trees.

Ms. Burton stated that the Parks Master Plan has ideas for locations of trees. Ms. Antrobus suggested that members should go through the plan, make a list and prioritize.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that he and Mr. Chairez had identified the areas where irrigation was available. The trees provided by TXU must be irrigated.

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

To have Mr. Coggeshall meet with Mr. Chairez to coordinate and determine tree planting efforts.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Ms. Antrobus stated that she must move about ten trees from her yard and stated that they may work to fill in the gap at the Carothers property or could be planted at Pine Gully once construction is complete.

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

Ms. Antrobus stated that mowing has not ceased at Wildlife Park. If mowing continues it will be useless to plant seeds for wildflowers and grasses. She suggested mowing a delineated area for the trail.

Ms. Burton stated that she will discuss the mowing with Arthur.

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

To mark the delineated area for mowing with spray paint.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

Ms. Antrobus had nothing to report on this item.

2.7 Update by Helen Burton on the following items:

- **Process for eradication of Chinese tallow trees** –This item was addressed earlier by Mr. Chairez.
- **Mural at the skateboard park** - Ms. Tisdell had nothing to report.
- **Carothers Gardens committee** – Ms. Antrobus stated that the committee had met twice; there is a dual issue of marketing and accessibility with the focus on more frequent use of the property. Councilor Holbrook will take recommendations to Council.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

The trail along Lakeside to Brummerhop Park is finished.

Ms. Harper said she would like to see further development of McHale Park.

3.2 Approve minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Antrobus 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.

Ms. Tisdell reported according to Bob Stokes of Galveston Bay Foundation, the permit concerning the Pine Gully grant (item 6) is slated for November 15.

Ms. Burton stated that she will give the quarterly report (item 10) to City Council on December 4.

In relation to the trails plan (item 11), Ms. Antrobus stated that the trails map is not yet on the website. Also, the meeting time should be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

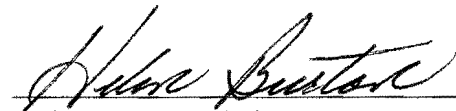
3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting date is December 6. Agenda items should include:

- Natural Playground with the addition of a slide for consideration
- McHale Park
- Trees location
- Update on cessation of mowing.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.


Helen Burton, Chairperson


Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary