

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Seabrook Public Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Helen Burton	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux – Ex. Absence	Member
Debra Harper	Member
David Popken – Ex. Absence	Member
Heather Cable	Member
Sean Landis	Deputy City Manager
Brian Craig	City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director
Stephanie Guerrero	Executive Administrative Assistant

Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Burton stated the Open Space Committee received a letter about corn being left out to attract deer within the City but instead the corn is attracting hogs. The letter is being reviewed by City Staff for further action.

Jesse Jones, 1421 Todville, stated he is near the Pine Gully entrance every day and noticed 17 raccoons near the entrance of Pine Gully because they have become accustomed to being fed. The individual feeding the raccoons is ignoring the posted sign that states “Do Not Feed the Wildlife.” Because of the presence of these raccoons in this area, they are leaving a mess.

Greg Businelle, 3921 Breezeway Ct., spoke to an individual from Trees for Houston and stated the City of Seabrook can receive a donation of trees to plant.

Vice Chair Antrobus expressed that a lot of people within the City put out corn to feed the wildlife at their home and that the hogs present a greater issue than the raccoons.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2.1 Discussion on parking and theft at parks. (Committee)

The parking area at the entrance to the Pine Gully trail is becoming a dangerous area as vehicles are hanging over into the road on Todville. There is no room for a vehicle to maneuver properly in this parking lot. City Staff is currently working on a presentation for some kind of resolution for this area of concern.

2.2 Discussion on Fall Sweep. (Committee)

Fall Sweep took place on Saturday, November 7, 2020 and had more attendees then last year which made for a successful event.

2.3 Discussion on grants. (Committee)

Member Coggeshall stated a delivery of 100 5-gallon trees is set for December 28, 2020 for the annual tree planting day. The tree planting day is set for January 2, 2021. City Staff will have mulch available for the tree planting day.

2.4 Discussion on a mowing schedule for Seabrook prairies. (Committee)

Chair Burton reached out to Mr. Kyame who cares for the Seabrook Prairie and he suggested for City Staff to mow the prairie anytime from late December through January.

2.5 Update on the edible forest. (City Staff)

No updated information at this time.

2.6 Approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Open Space and Trail Committee meeting. (Guerrero)

Motion made by Vice Chair Antrobus and seconded by Member Popken

To approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Open Space and Trail Committee meeting

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

2.7 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. (Committee)

The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2021.

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Helen Burton

Helen Burton,
Chair

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