

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Seabrook Public
2 Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to
3 discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.
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5 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

6 Sally Antrobus		Chair
7 David Popken	- Ex. Absence	Vice-Chair
8 Heather Cable		Member
9 John Coggeshall		Member
10 Monica Comeaux		Member
11 Debra Harper		Member
12 Nehemiah Jackson		Member
13 Sean Landis	- Ex. Absence	Deputy City Manager
14 Kevin Padgett		Public Works Director
15 Brian Craig		City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director
16 Natalie Stephens		Public Works Administrative Specialist

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18 Chair Sally Antrobus called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

19 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20 Resident, Debra Harper thanked City Council and Public Works Director, Kevin Padgett, for
21 assisting with lumber and tree debris from Hurricane Nicholas.

22 Resident Sally Antrobus was pleased to announce spotting the increased return of White
23 Pelicans. She encouraged the committee to visit the Armand Bayou Sunset Tour.

24 Resident Sally Antrobus thanked Jesse Jones and Member Harper for being present during
25 the demolition of the Carothers Coastal Garden main building. She read a letter she
26 composed to the City of Seabrook elected officials regarding the sequence of events to the
27 point of the demolition of the Carothers Coastal Garden main building.

28 **2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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2.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on recommending Bayway Homes to be added to the Eco-Star Tree at City Hall for their support in tree planting in the City of Seabrook. (Committee)

Motion made by Chair Antrobus and seconded by Member Harper.

Commend Bayway Homes for their active and ongoing commitment to keeping Seabrook beautiful through planting and maintaining shade trees where they have been lost or are most valued for shading exposed hiking trail segments. When developers and City officials work together, everybody wins.

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2.2 Consider and take all appropriate action on recommending 2019 Open space & Trails Committee to be added to the Eco-Star Tree at city Hall for their efforts and success in being awarded the Keep Texas Beautiful Governor Community Achievement Award (GCAA). (Staff)

Motion made by Member Harper and seconded by Member Coggeshall

Approve the Agenda item as read.

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2.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on identifying TXDOT ROW for KTB GCAA 2022 grant application for city Council approval. (Committee)

Member Harper suggested area the committee had discussed before near Red Bluff right of way.

Member Coggeshall presented location ideas for possible GCAA grant awarded funds to be directed in TXDOT right of way. He suggested a trail head near the berm with Seabrook influence with an educational component that would serve as a welcome onto Seabrook trail system.

City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director, Brian Craig, presented maps highlighting TXDOT ROW.

Chair Antrobus inquired about TXDOT landscaping standards. City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director, Brian Craig will research the TXDOT design manual for possible clarification.

No motion was made

2.4 Consider and take all appropriate action on recommendations for best use of fallen trees at Carothers coastal Gardens. (Committee)

Chair Sally Antrobus propose to leave the fallen trees at Carothers Coastal Gardens where they lay for a unique opportunity to promote natural succession of growth.

Member Harper supported intentional plantings rather than a fallen tree within the Carothers Coastal Gardens to better fit in with the Carothers Task Force II garden design recommendation.

Member Jackson recommended that if the fallen tree was to remain on the Carothers property that the area be flagged as a work site.

Member Coggeshall did not recommend Carothers Coastal Gardens to be the place for the fallen tree to remain.

No motion was made.

2.5 Discussion on Tree Planting Day of Awesomeness. (Committee)

Member Coggeshall stated Houston Wilderness donated 100 super trees in 5-10 gallon containers, 14 species; 3-6 feet tall. January 8th will be the tree planting event date. Public Works Administrative Specialist, Natalie Stephens, will email individuals that have expressed interest in tree planting.

2.6 Discussion on Open Space and Trails committee terms and recruitment possibilities. (Committee)

Chair Antrobus reminded committee members that their term will be completed as of January 1, 2022.

Public Works Administrative Specialist Natalie Stephens, explained an email will be sent to current members of Open Space and Trails from the City Secretary regarding their interest in being reappointment to the committee. All applications for a seat on the Open Space and Trails committee will be returned to the City Secretary for City Council to review and appoint members at the December 1st City Council meeting.

Chair Antrobus stated a few ideas to improve the process of seeking volunteers. Advertising dedicated social for City Council members to talk with locals about volunteer opportunities. To change the interview process to be less intimidating to applicants. She recommended volunteers receive acknowledgment of appreciation and respect from City Council.

Member Harper recommended that these ideas be shared during Public Comments at a City Council meeting.

2.6 Update on parks' status or issues. (Committee)

Chair Antrobus encouraged the committee to attend the Livable Center Study presentation on November 16, 2021 at 5 PM in City Council chambers. Open Space and Trails committee should have a good understanding of this study since it is based on the location near the future lift station off of Main Street where the committee will be making recommendations.

Chair Antrobus recommends the committee to look into seeking the advice and design expertise of a master naturalist to assist in recommendations for future lift station off of Main Street.

2.8 City Staff update. (City Staff)

Public Works Director, Kevin Padgett updated committee on Eco Leaves completed for Helen Burton and mounted on the Eco tree at City Hall. The City is currently working on the engraving of the recommended park staff and will now include an Eco-leaf for Bayway Homes.

Public Works Director, Kevin Padgett updated committee on Hurricane Nicholas damage to the City of Seabrook. There was coastal debris, a few trees down in the parks, and damage to McHale and Pine Gully pier. McHale pier's string and pilings are salvageable and the City will be able to rebuild. Pine Gully pier's pilings are damaged and will need to be completely reconstructed. The City is researching possible funding partnerships with TPWD, FEMA and possible project funding through Commissioner Garcia's office. The City is interested in replacing Pine Gully pier with sustainable flow through material.

2.9 Update on volunteer hours. (Committee)

Committee members will submit their monthly volunteer hours to Natalie Stephens for record keeping.

2.10 Approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting. (Stephens)

Motion made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Comeaux.

To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.

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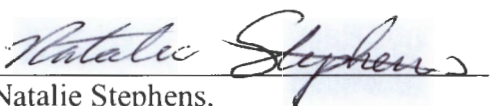
2.11 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. (Committee)

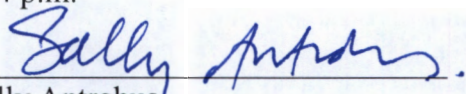
The next Open Space & Trails meeting will be held tentatively on November 11, 2021 at 5 PM.

By Committee consensus, the following will be added to the October Agenda.

- Consider and take all appropriate action on Community Garden (Committee)
- Consider and take all appropriate action on recommending on fallen trees at Carothers Coastal Gardens.

Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.


Natalie Stephens,
Public Works Administrative Specialist


Sally Antrobus,
Chair