

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, January 3, 2013 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 (Absent)	VICE CHAIR
HELEN BURTON	CHAIR
HEATHER CABLE (Absent)	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
DEBRA HARPER	MEMBER
JACKIE TINGLE (Absent)	MEMBER
KAREN TISDEL	MEMBER
MEREDITH BRANT	ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY

Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Burton stated that half of the area designated as coastal prairie had been mowed, not by the city, but by a neighbor of the property.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

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

- **Fundraising** –Ms. Burton stated that there had been two recent donations and a small amount contributed at the Art Consortium event. She added that the committee had previously discussed having a reception in the spring as a fund raising event. After some discussion it was determined that Ms. Tisdell and Ms. Harper will coordinate efforts for an April reception including checking available dates for the Carothers property, determining menu, drinks and entertainment; the guidelines for on-premise alcohol consumption, the requirements for police officers to be present at the event. A plan for the reception will be submitted at the February meeting.
- **Construction, including the possibility of adding a slide** – Ms. Burton stated that the Rotary Club plans to install a slide once the weather improves. Ms. Burton plans to meet with Arthur Chairez at Frasier's to look at the available statuary. Ms. Harper stated that mulch is ready for the sensory garden.
- **Recognition of donors** – no discussion
- **Distribution of brochures** – no discussion

- **Other** – Members suggested that Channel 16 may be a venue for promoting the natural playground.

2.2 Update on plans for planting trees.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that TXU will be delivering trees in late February or early March. He suggested getting the scouts involved in the process as well as getting media coverage. Ms. Burton stated that she would get in touch with Ms. Dearman to send out a press release.

2.3 Update on transplanting oaks from Antrobus garden to Carothers property. (Antrobus)

Due to the absence of Ms. Antrobus, this item was not discussed.

2.7 Update by Helen Burton on the following items:

- **Eradication of Chinese tallow trees** – Ms. Burton stated that the trees have been treated and the success of the treatment will be known in the spring.
- **Mural at the skateboard park** - This item is not an issue and should be removed from the agenda.
- **QR codes** – Ms. Burton stated that new QR codes will be installed as soon as the weather is dry and warm. The new codes include the trails map and animals of Texas which link directly to the city website.
- **Planting at the Veterans Memorial** – Ms. Burton stated that some of the plants requested were not available in flats, so the planners of the memorial are reconsidering their options. The dedication is tentatively planned for January.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Harper stated that a portion of the trail next to Robinson Park has become swampy with the rain. Installation of an alternate trail or moving the existing trail could be considered. Mr. Coggeshall mentioned that the Seabrook cemetery also floods.

Ms. Tisdell stated that once the Corps permit is issued and the plug in Pine Gully alleviated, the water will flow out to the bay eliminating the flooded areas. She added that

79 Bob Stokes of the Galveston Bay Foundation is optimistic about the permit and will give
80 an update soon. Ms. Tisdell suggested that Mr. Stokes might come to a future meeting to
81 discuss this issue.

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83 Mr. Coggeshall stated that recreation trail grants up to \$200,000 have become available
84 and he plans to meet with the city manager to discuss pursuing grants.

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86 **3.2 Approve minutes of the December 6, 2012 meeting.**

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88 Motion was made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

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90 To approve the minutes as written subject to the correction on line 85 where the word
91 “both” is misspelled.

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93 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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95 **3.3 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**

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97 The checklist was reviewed, but no action was taken.

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99 **3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.**

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101 The next meeting is February 7. Agenda items include:

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 - Natural playground
 - Planting trees
 - Transplanting from Antrobus garden to Carothers property
 - Landscaping at Carothers Gardens
 - Plans for fundraising reception
 - Purchase of mulch and slow-release fertilizer for trees at the new overpass. Mr.

108 Coggeshall volunteered to do the work.

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112 Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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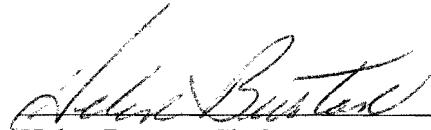
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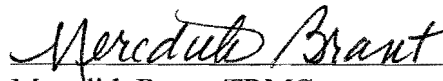
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Helen Burton, Chairperson


Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary