

The City Council of the City of Seabrook and the Seabrook Open Space and Trails Committee met in special joint session on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in Seabrook Public Works Training Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

CITY COUNCIL

THOM KOLUPSKI

JACKIE RASCO

ROB HEFNER

TOM TOLLETT

MIKE GIANGROSS – ex. abs.

BUDDY HAMMANN

JOE MACHOL

MAYOR

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1

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MAYOR PRO TEM

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5

COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

SALLY ANTROBUS

DAVID POPKEN

JOHN COGGESHALL

MONICA COMEAUX

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NEHEMIAH JACKSON

JESSE JONES

CHAIR

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BRIAN CRAIG

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CITY MANAGER

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

CITY SECRETARY

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

CITY ENGINEER & ASST. DIR. PW

PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN COORD

Mayor Kolupski called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and established a quorum of members of all both bodies.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

2. WORKSHOP

2.1 Conduct a Joint Workshop with City Council and Open Space and Trails to discuss strategic priorities with particular focus on the draft FY 23 Capital Improvements Plan, Open Space & Parks Master Plan 2020, and Open Space & Parks Work Plan, and if necessary, consider and take all appropriate action on items discussed during this workshop. *City Council and Open Space and Trails Committee*

Members of City Council and Open Space and Trails Committee discussed the installation of a fence at Carothers Coastal Gardens between the City property and the adjacent residential properties. There was discussion regarding a fence with plants growing to obscure the fence or a natural barrier of thorn plants to discourage walking through from one property to the next. Staff is in the process of gathering fence estimates to bring to Council for further discussion and action.

For continued development of the Carothers Coastal Gardens, as proposed by the Carothers Task Force II, there was discussion on whether a new 501(c)(3) should be created or use the current Community Garden 501(c)(3). The benefits of a City partnership with a non-profit include future funding opportunities and possibly more competitive contractor/vendor rates. After much discussion it was agreed that Rhonda Thompson and Jesse Jones would draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Community Garden 501(c)(3) with details for ownership / responsibilities for each phase of the Carothers development, including the continuation of the Community Garden, for staff input and Council approval.

A brief discussion on current CIP Projects resulted in a recommendation by Open Space Member, John Coggeshall, to move SW1 (New Sidewalk Main to El Mar) and SW2 (New trails from OSV Subdivision to Main Street) up in priority on the five year CIP Plan.

The Open Space and Trails Committee discussed with Council that the Committee is recommending that a parking lot NOT be built near Pine Gully Bridge so that greenery in that area is not removed for the additional parking near the Pine Gully Trail entrance. Mayor Kolupski stated that the City is pursuing Harris County in widening the bridge, which may help with the parking issue.

For new project, the Open Space and Trails Committee would like to see prairie replanting near the Robinson Lift Station after the lift station project is completed. Seeding for prairie as well as volunteers planting may be found by partnering with Evenly Meador Library garden volunteers.

The acquisition of a portion of the land for sale near Hester Garden was recommended so additional parking could be added to Hester Garden. Gayle Cook, City Manager, noted that the property owner confirmed that the price is nonnegotiable and will not sell portions of the property.

Finally, it was recommended that covered structures be installed along sunny trails, with back to back benches along Robinson and the gully. Rotary is looking for Seabrook community projects to support, and the trail structures might be a good fit.

Mayor Kolupski asked the Open Space and Trails Committee to prioritize their current projects, so that Council has an opportunity to make determinations on priority on the CIP and funding.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Kolupski adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

Thomas G. Kolupski

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Mayor

Sally Antrobus

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Chair

Robin Lenio

Robin Lenio, TRMC
City Secretary

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Public Works Administrative Coordinator

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