

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, February 7, 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	VICE CHAIR
HELEN BURTON	CHAIR
HEATHER CABLE (Absent)	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL	MEMBER
DEBRA HARPER	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

Chair Burton stated that anyone who knows someone who might be interested in serving on the committee, please encourage them to submit an application so that they can be considered. She added that it is her understanding that Sean Riley had submitted an application with Open Space as one of his choices.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

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

- **Fundraising, including on-line donations and the fees incurred** – Ms. Burton stated that last month \$540 was contributed, to date a total of \$13,028 has been contributed. Ms. Burton stated that she would check into PayPal as a possible means of making online donations.
- **Construction, including the addition of a slide** – Ms. Burton stated that the tire snake is complete, large boulders are now in place as is the serpent mound. She added that the benches are in, but have not been delivered. She will speak to Kevin Padgett about having them delivered. The slide has not yet been installed due to the engineer of the project being ill. She stated that the sand pit will have to be moved because of drainage issues.

Debra Harper shared her ideas for the sensory garden. Ms. Burton stated that she would speak to Arthur Chairez about budget and suggested Ms. Harper get pricing on plants.

Ms. Burton stated that the pilings for the seagull statuary will be provided at no charge.

- **Recognition of donors** – Sally Antrobus suggested that the brass tree with engraved leaves, currently at City Hall, might be used for donor recognition.
- **Distribution of brochures** – No discussion
- **Other** – No discussion

2.2 Consider plan for Natural Playground fundraising reception. (Harper/Tisdel)

Karen Tisdel suggested that the event can be advertised in part by social media. Ms. Harper stated that April 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. has been penciled in on the Carothers Gardens calendar. There was additional discussion as to the type of event this should be and members agreed to consider this again at the March meeting.

2.3 Update on plans for planting trees. (Coggeshall)

John Coggeshall stated that TXU is delivering the trees on Tuesday, February 12 to the community service area at Pine Gully. On March 2nd at 10:00 a.m. the Mayor and Boy Scouts will gather for planting trees and publicity. The ceremony will be conducted at Meador Park and the next weekend the Boy Scouts will help with the tree planting in Pine Gully Park. Half the trees will go to Meador Park, two will go to the Veteran's Memorial and the rest to Pine Gully. Mr. Coggeshall stated that he will also contact the Girl Scouts for the project.

2.4 Landscaping plans for Carothers Gardens.

Ms. Burton stated that she is meeting with Sandi Rollins and Kevin Padgett tomorrow at Carothers to go over the items to be addressed on Saturday work day. She stated that everyone will need to bring their own equipment. Items on the list so far include: remove foliage around the electric box, tidy up area, lower the lantana, trim bushes along the walk way and weeding.

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

Ms. Antrobus stated that the bay trees are dying or injured along the property line at Carothers. She added that once a date is chosen, Parks staff will do the transplanting.

**2.6 Consider purchase of mulch and fertilizer for trees at the new overpass.
(Coggeshall)**

This item was deferred.

2.7 Update on the following items:

- **Eradication of Chinese tallow trees** – Ms. Burton stated that the arrival of spring will indicate whether the herbicide worked on the tallow trees.
- **QR Codes** – all QR codes are in place.
- **Planting at the Veterans Memorial** – plants and planting compliments of the City.
- **Prairie at Robinson Park** – the portion mowed is not owned by the city.
- **Thorny bush barrier at the middens** – looking for volunteers to take on this project.
- **Skateboard park graffiti** – Ms. Burton stated that this is an ongoing problem. Mr. Chairez has a list of mural painters and she will check with school art teachers as well.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Tisdell stated that the signage at the boat ramp needs to be repainted.

Ms. Harper stated that she would like for the boulders which are in the Carothers Gardens parking lot, to be removed.

3.2 Approve minutes of the January 3, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Sally Antrobus and seconded by Debra Harper

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.

Item #2 – Mr. Coggeshall stated that he had submitted grants to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission and would be contacting Senator Taylor and Representative Davis for any help they might provide.

Item #4 – Mention was made that vandals attempted to steal the pump from the Carothers property fountain and the continuing vandalism at the skateboard park.

Item #5 – This item is on hold.

Item #6 – Ms. Tisdell reported that the permit for Pine Gully has been issued.

Items #9 and #10 were not addressed.

Item #11 – Ms. Antrobus suggested that perhaps Ms. Dearman would write a press release concerning the Trails Plan in conjunction with the Lucky Trails Marathon which will occur in March.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be March 7. Agenda items will include the following:

- Natural playground items including online donations and sensory garden
- Tree planting
- Fundraising event
- Mural at the skateboard park
- Landscaping at Carothers
- Removing boulders at Carothers parking lot.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.



Meredith Brant, TRMC

Assistant City Secretary


Helen Burton, Chairperson