

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, March 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	MEMBER
JOHN COGGESHALL (absent)	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

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

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 there are security issues related to Pay Pal that prohibits use as a means of on-line payment.
- **Construction, including the addition of a slide** – Ms. Burton spoke with Mayor Royal recently who stated that Rotary has some concerns about liability issues related to the embankment slide. She will email the Rotary President to inquire about the status of the slide.
- **Recognition of donors** – Ms. Burton tasked members with coming up with ideas for paver designs to recognize donors.
- **Distribution of brochures** - ongoing
- **Other**

NOTE: Public Works/Parks Director Arthur Chairez joined the meeting 5:05 to update members on agenda items 2.1, 2.2, 2.7 and 3.1.

Mr. Chairez stated that there is a zip-line at Clear Lake Park that might be a model for the natural playground (Item 2.1). He encouraged members to take a look at it and provide feedback to staff. In response to members' questions

regarding signs for the upcoming fundraiser (Item 2.2), Mr. Chairez recommended Sign Quick for good and inexpensive work. He added that the prairie at Robinson Park (Item 2.7) had been mowed as per the plan to have it mowed once a year. He commented that there was quite a rat infestation in the grass and complaints from neighbors. In response to the possibility of removing the boulders from the Carothers parking lot, Mr. Chairez stated that the boulders on the parking lot serve the purpose of keeping vehicles off the grass. Regarding the striping at the boat ramp (Item 3.1), Mr. Chairez stated that the cost of \$3,000 for re-striping at this time is prohibitive.

Committee members commended Mr. Chairez and his staff on all their hard work and the great job they are doing in the parks.

Mr. Chairez left the meeting at 5:27.

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

Details discussed for the "Fun Day Fundraiser" include the following:

- Date of event is Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Press release and other publicity with the help of LeaAnn Dearman, Rebecca Collins
- Entertainment provided by Scott Gamblin
- Door prizes
- Signs
- Hot dogs – set-up, the number needed, determine whether funds can be taken from the playground fund or ask for donations
- Volunteers, staff and others
- Installation of a zip line, if possible
- Get playground map prints made for park and Carothers house
- Girl Scout and Boy Scout participation
- Sangria (wine donated) and light hors d'oeuvres for Carothers house
- \$5 for hot dog plate
- Have jar available for donations.

2.3 Update on tree planting project. (Coggeshall)

Ms. Burton stated that the tree planting will be complete this Saturday.

2.4 Consider park assignments. (Burton)

Ms. Burton stated that she will check on Brummerhop Park and once there is a new member he/she can be assigned Pine Gully and Brummerhop Parks.

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

Ms. Antrobus reported that twelve trees had been planted on the north boundary at Carothers Gardens. Suggestions were made for watering and maintenance of the trees to assure their survival and growth.

2.6 Consider labeling of plants along the trail by Girl Scouts. (Burton)

Ms. Burton stated that the Girl Scouts will be labeling the plants at Robinson Park with tiles which have a painted depiction of as well as the name of each plant.

2.7 Update on the following items:

Ms. Burton gave an update on each item.

- **Eradication of Chinese tallow trees** – These are the tallows at Brummerhop Park and spring will tell whether the herbicide worked on getting rid of them.
- **Work day at Carothers** – The work day was very successful.
- **Mural at skateboard park** – A suggestion was made to have the skaters do the painting.
- **Prairie at Robinson Park** – The prairie has been mowed.
- **Thorny bush barrier at the middens** – Ms. Antrobus stated that she would take care of this.
- **Removing boulders at Carothers parking lot** – Boulders will remain per Mr. Chairez.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**

Ms. Burton gave an update:

- Citywide Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 30
- The Seabrook Lucky Trail Marathon is March 16 and 17
- New signs around town including Monroe Field, a new baseball practice field.

3.2 Approve minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Cable and seconded by Ms. Antrobus

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 #6 – Ms. Tisdell stated that the General Land Office (GLO) permit has also been issued.

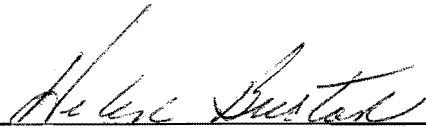
Item #10 – Ms. Burton presented a slide show which she will show to Council. It highlights the Committee's activities for the last quarter.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be April 4.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.



Helen Burton, Chairperson



Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary