

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, April 4, 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 5:02 p.m.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Patterson, Seabrook resident, spoke regarding the natural playground, the use of the Carothers property and parking at Robinson Park.

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 to date \$13,378 had been raised.
- **Construction, including the addition of a slide and zipline** – Ms. Burton stated that plans for the slide have been finalized and construction will soon begin, however, the zip-line is no longer an option due to the need for adult supervision at all times. She added that Ms. Cable had come up with the idea for a vegetation maze. Ms. Antrobus suggested that a rock maze be considered due to the low maintenance.
- **Recognition of donors** – Ms. Burton stated that the fundraiser donors should be acknowledged on the donor pavers.
- **Distribution of brochures** – Brochures will be available at the fundraiser event on Sunday.
- **Other** – Visiting guests at the meeting, Nick and Joe Cocchia, stated that members of Boy Scout Troop 848 would be available to contribute their services to the playground. Ms. Burton stated that she would contact him for further discussion.

2.2 Consider plan for Natural Playground fundraising event to be held on

April 7. (Harper/Tisdell).

Details and responsibilities for the event were discussed. Mr. Cocchia stated that he would check on the availability of an eight-burner grill for the hot dogs.

Ms. Harper named the businesses that had contributed raffle prizes for the event.

Members agreed to gather at 1:00 p.m. at the park and at Carothers to set up for the event. The cost of raffle tickets will be one for five dollars and five for twenty dollars.

2.3 Consider park assignments. (Burton)

Mr. Coggeshall stated that he would take Pine Gully Park and Ms. Burton stated that she would take Brummerhop Park until a new member is appointed to the committee.

2.4 Update on the following items:

Ms. Burton gave an update on each item.

- **Eradication of Chinese tallow trees** – The herbicide which was used on the tallows killed everything.
- **Mural at skateboard park** – Ms. Burton will contact the art teacher at Seabrook Intermediate, Ms. Conoway, to see if there is an interest in painting a mural. Joe Cocchia stated that the Cub Scouts might be available for this project.
- **Tree planting** – Ms. Antrobus stated that of the twenty trees transplanted, two-thirds of them are looking good, which is better than anticipated.
- **Girl Scout plant labeling** – The Girl Scouts are working on the labeling and expect to be finished by the end of May. They are also creating a sundial for Pine Gully Park and the Brownie Troop will plant the willow tunnel.
- **Update on report to Council** – The report was presented to Council in the form of a slide show which was well received. Mr. Coggeshall asked for an email reminder when reports will be given to Council.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Burton stated that the bathroom at Pine Gully Park has been painted.

3.2 Approve minutes of the March 7, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Debra Harper and seconded by Sally 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 2 – Mr. Coggeshall stated that Senator Taylor's office was sending a letter in support of the grant.

Item 6 – Ms. Tisdell reported that all permits had been issued for upper and lower Pine Gully and the projects will run concurrently.

3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be May 2. Agenda items will include:

- Natural Playground items
- Report on the April 7 event
- Updates
- Meyer/Hammer trail
- Routine items.

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

APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2013.


Helen Burton, Chairperson

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122 Meredith Brant, TRMC

123 Assistant City Secretary