

The Open Space, Beautification and Preservation Committee of the City of Seabrook met on Thursday, May 2, 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

Tom Gibbs, a Seabrook citizen, spoke concerning the artifacts retrieved from the shell middens at Pine Gully Park.

Ms. Burton stated that the artwork on the city website will be used for the trail map signs at Robinson and Meador parks.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that there is an owl nesting behind the loblolly pine on the trail.

2.0 NEW BUSINESS

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

- **Fundraising, including a report of April 7 event** – Ms. Burton reported that the April 7 event netted \$221. Currently there is \$8,800 available for the playground which is sufficient for completion of the project.
- **Construction update** – Boy Scouts want to build a labyrinth; Girl Scouts have plans to build a human sundial; a slide will be installed on the snake mound and a musical wall has been ordered.
- **Recognition of donors** – Ideas for donor recognition will need to be in place before a ribbon cutting for the park can be considered. Ms. Antrobus suggested that donor plates be attached to the pilings where the decorative seagulls are attached.

43 Motion was made by Sally Antrobus and seconded by Debra Harper

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45 To approve plaques attached to pilings for major donors and pavers for all
46 others.

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48 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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- 50 • **Playground dedication** – After some discussion, members determined
 - 51 that the dedication of the playground should be in the fall, possibly Labor
 - 52 Day weekend.
 - 53 • **Distribution of brochures** – no discussion on this item.
 - 54 • **Other**
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56 **2.2 Consider an Adopt-a-Park program for manicuring Mohrhusen Park, the**
57 **Butterfly Garden and the Veteran's Memorial.**

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59 Ms. Burton stated that the Parks Department has limited manpower and Mr.
60 Chairez had suggested that an Adopt-a-Park program might be considered. The
61 primary task would be to weed the gardens and flower beds.

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63 Ms. Tisdell stated that she would recommend to the Seabrook Association that it
64 adopt the Veteran's Memorial site.

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66 Motion was made by Sally Antrobus and seconded by John Coggeshall

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68 To have Ms. Antrobus prepare an agreement for work and maintenance of the
69 War Memorial.

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71 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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73 **2.3 Consider a list of projects appropriate for volunteers who wish to**
74 **contribute to the beautification and improvement in the city parks.**

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76 Ms. Antrobus stated that she would reformat the existing list. Mr. Coggeshall
77 stated that the website could be used as a tool for making the public aware of the
78 need for volunteers.
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2.4 Consider the installation of a wetlands informational sign at Robinson Park, a possible Scout project.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that the Boy Scouts fund their own projects and they may be willing to replace and design the wetlands sign, as well as the sign on Second Street and the railroad trestle sign. Mr. Coggeshall will approach the Boy Scouts about this project.

Ms. Burton stated that the artwork currently on the city website can be used for trail map signs at Robinson Park as well as Meador Park.

2.5 Consider improvements to the trail which runs along Hammer Street.

Ms. Harper stated that she would check out the trail and take pictures for next month's meeting.

2.6 Update on the following items:

- **Tree planting** – Ms. Burton stated that the trees are looking good.
- **Girl Scout projects, including plant labeling, creating sundial and planting willow tunnel** – These project are in progress.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

There were no additional comments concerning the parks.

3.2 Approve minutes of the April 4, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Sally Antrobus and seconded by Karen Tisdell

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.

#2 – Mr. Coggeshall stated that he will seek out other grants.

#6 – Ms. Tisdell stated that the bids for the Pine Gully project exceed the budget so Galveston Bay Foundation is trying to find funding for the remaining \$200,000.

#10 – Quarterly report to Council will be made in June.

#11 – The trails plan is now on the website.

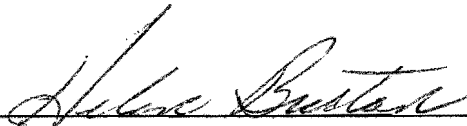
3.4 Consider agenda items and establish future meeting dates.

The next meeting will be June 6. Agenda items will include:

- Adopt-a-Park program
- Project list
- Sign at Robinson Park
- Any updates
- Appreciation luncheon for staff

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.


Helen Burton, Chairperson


Meredith Brant, TRMC
Assistant City Secretary

