

The Open Space and Trails Committee met in on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 5:05 p.m. at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas, Room 204 to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Helen Burton - absent	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
Heather Cable - absent	Member
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux	Member
Debra Harper	Member
Karen Tisdell	Member
Joyce Bice	Acting Committee Secretary

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Antrobus reported that there had been damage to the gate at Pine Gully. She suggested that reflectors be attached to the gate for added safety. Also, there had been reports of high water on the trails.

Ms. Tisdell stated that high waters should be expected until the construction on the jetties is complete. She added that the start date for the jetties project is October 14.

2.0 BUSINESS

2.1 Discuss/consider planting at the perimeter of the fire training grounds.

Ms. Antrobus stated that staff will install soaker hoses and a timer for irrigation of any foliage to be planted.

Motion was made by Mr. Coggeshall and seconded by Ms. Harper

To purchase thirty (30) oleanders to plant along the berm of the fire training ground.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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

- **construction update, including Scout projects** – The slide has not yet been installed.

- **sensory garden** – There are issues with the sensory garden in that there is no way to easily irrigate the area, grass is coming up through the pavers and no determination has been made as to the appropriate plants for the area.
- **recognition of donors**
- **playground dedication** –Members discussed how to best promote the dedication and determined they would ask Ms. Cable to pass on the information to city staff for publicity of the event.

2.3 Consider the disposition of a wetlands informational sign at Robinson Park, a possible Scout project.

After some discussion, Mr. Coggeshall stated after the trails are complete would be the time to address the information sign. He suggested doing nothing until then.

Ms. Harper suggested this item be placed on the Action Item Checklist.

2.4 Discuss/finalize plans for the upcoming Happy Hikers event.

It was determined that Ms. Tisdell and Ms. Burton will purchase the snacks and drinks for the Hikers. Ms. Antrobus and Ms. Harper will man the snack station.

Mr. Coggeshall suggested that this item be discussed at the meeting on November 7.

2.5 Report on the parks volunteer program.

Volunteers projects currently include the gazebo, Friendship Park and the skateboard park..

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Antrobus stated that the deer are damaging the protectors around the trees at Carothers. Ms. Harper suggested that youpon or holly be planted between the trees as a protective barrier.

Ms. Antrobus stated that she will get with the Parks Department to find out the frequency of mowing and the parameters of mowing Robinson Park.

Ms. Harper stated that McHale Park now has curbs and driveway. The gardens at Hester have been freshly mulched.

3.2 Approve the minutes of the August 1, 2013 meeting.

Motion was made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Ms. 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.

#9 - The "Wish List" is complete.

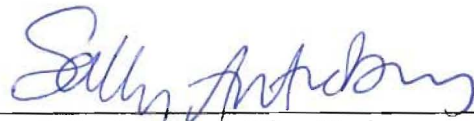
3.4 Consider upcoming meeting dates and agenda items.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 7. Items for the agenda include:

- Planting along the perimeter of the fire training grounds
- Happy Hikers
- Planting along new trail at Robinson.

Upon motion, Vice Chair Antrobus adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of November, 2013.


Sally Antrobus, Vice Chair


Joyce Bice

Acting Committee Secretary