

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Helen Burton	Chair
Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
John Coggeshall	Member
Monica Comeaux (excused absence)	Member
Debra Harper	Member
Karen Tisdell	Member
David Popken	Member
Meredith Brant	Assistant City Secretary

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Antrobus stated that while the feral hogs on the trails are a problem, there will continue to be hogs whether or not they are fed by citizens. Ms. Burton stated that she will soon be meeting with the Parks Director and will ask about the “do not feed animals” signs and the status of the hogs.

2.0 BUSINESS

2.1 Consider prioritizing parks and trails “wish list” including capital improvements.

Items which were considered for wish list were as follows:

- Kayak launch location as well as the cost for launch site, possibly Wildwood.
- Ms. Harper will get information on misting station.
- Create irrigation plan, determine placement and include new trail. Initially, Mr. Chairez had indicated that cost would be approximately \$300 which is below the minimum to qualify for CIP.
- Take inventory of city land.
- Expansion of parking in Robinson Park from the paved area to the pampas grass.

Motion was made by Ms. Tisdell and seconded by Mr. Popken

To expand parking in Robinson Park.

AYES: Burton, Popken, Tisdell.

NAYS: Antrobus, Coggeshall, Harper.

MOTION FAILS.

Motion was made by Mr. Popken and seconded by Mr. Coggeshall

To create a list of ten items appropriate for the CIP wish list and to email them to the secretary for inclusion at the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

2.2 Consider advisability of a dog park. (Comeaux)

Due to the absence of Ms. Comeaux, this item was not considered.

2.3 Update on trees.

Mr. Coggeshall stated that Apache Oil has a tree grant available which will be pursued. Also Trees for Houston will have trees available in the spring.

2.4 Determine location of benches removed from the library area.

Ms. Burton stated that the benches which measure 13 feet by 4 feet have been removed from the original site near the library to the warehouse. She added that the benches are so large they could be made into tabletops for some of the parks.

Motion was made by Mr. Popken and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

To install as tables at Pine Gully Park, Baybrook Park and Second Street Park.

AYES: Burton, Coggeshall, Harper, Popken, Tisdell.

NAYS: Antrobus.

MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

2.5 Update on the following: (Burton)

- **Happy Hiker event** – Ms. Burton stated that there were only 29 hikers this year and low numbers last year. She will talk to Ms. Cook about continuing the tradition of providing snacks and people to man the break station.
- **Meeting with City staff** – Ms. Burton will be meeting with staff soon.
- **Trail emergency markers** - The auger finally came in so markers will be installed soon.
- **Plants for Natural Playground in the area surrounding the seagulls** – Once Ms. Burton meets with staff she will let them know of the committee's choice of the white Indian Hawthorne to be planted around the seagulls.

3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.

Ms. Harper stated that the cannas need to be trimmed back in the butterfly garden.

3.2 Approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014 meeting.

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

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.

#5 – a new trails brochure is needed.

#12- will request renewed effort for getting volunteers after the first of the year.

#13 – no additional news on the informational sign.

3.4 Consider Action Items Checklist for Staff which is attached and made a part of this agenda.

There was no discussion of this item.

3.5 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates including the January meeting which falls on New Year's Day.

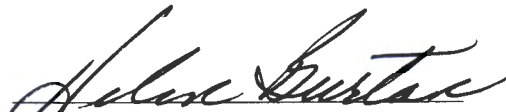
The next meeting will be January 8. Items for the agenda include:

- Discuss Carotherss plan
- Wish list items for CIP
- Advisability of a dog park
- Place trees on action items checklist
- Discuss feral hogs.

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


Meredith Brant
Assistant City Secretary




Helen Burton, Chair