

The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Monday, February 9, 2015 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	Member
Debra Harper	Member
Karen Tisdell	Member
David Popken	Member
Meredith Brant	Assistant City Secretary

Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vic Madamba of Seabrook spoke about the monarch butterfly population and ways in which it could be increased. He stated that planting green milk weed and antelope horn milkweed are preferable to tropical milkweed.

Chair Burton stated that the little free library has been moved to City Hall grounds due to vandalism, but it has had no traffic. LeaAnn will inform the public of its new location in the newsletter.

2.0 BUSINESS

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

Members discussed the "wish list" and determined that each member should consider all priority lists, make modifications listing in order of priority and send to Ms. Brant by next Monday. She will then compile the top ten and submit to members for discussion at the March meeting.

2.2 Consider advisability of a dog park. (Comeaux)

Chair Burton stated that there are issues associated with dog parks and a location might depend on final plans for the new animal shelter and public works facility. Plans have not been finalized at this time.

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

To discontinue discussion of a dog park and instead members may choose to place it on the priority list.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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48 **2.3 Consider the installation of an osprey nesting platform. (Antrobus)**
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50 Ms. Antrobus gave a history of efforts made to create nesting platforms by Armand
51 Bayou which did not attract the ospreys. She was told if the ospreys were not breeding
52 here they do not require nesting platforms.
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54 Mr. Coggeshall stated that he would speak to Mr. Padgett concerning the possibility of
55 approaching the Port about erecting a platform near the expanse of concrete at Pine
56 Gully.
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58 **2.4 Update on the following: (Burton)**

- 59 • **Meeting with city staff** - Ms. Burton stated that she will be meeting tomorrow
60 with Saul and Kevin to discuss the planter on SH 146 and the volunteers who
61 wish to maintain it.
- 62 • **Trail emergency markers** – nothing new to report on the trail markers.
- 63 • **Feral hog situation** – traps have been set out to capture hogs.
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65 **3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**
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67 **3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**
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69 Ms. Harper stated that she had cleaned out the butterfly garden.
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71 Ms. Antrobus stated that she had planted wildflower seeds next to the pier parking lot at
72 Pine Gully.
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74 **3.2 Approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting.**
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76 Motion was made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Ms. Antrobus
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78 To approve the minutes as written.
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80 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
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82 **3.3 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**
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84 Item #5 – The trail is complete.

85 Item #10 – The next report will be given to Council on March 3.

86 Item #12 – Volunteers have offered to plant and maintain the planter at SH 146.
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3.4 Consider Action Items Checklist for Staff which is attached and made a part of this agenda.

No new items were added to this list.

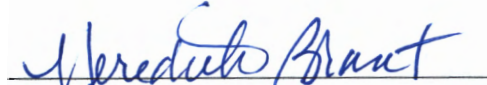
Ms. Brant suggested that this list be added as an item to the checklist rather than an agenda item and separate list attached to the agenda. Members concurred.

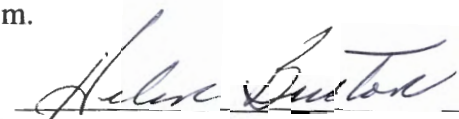
3.5 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.

Items for consideration at the March 5 meeting include:

- Wish list
- Updates
- Volunteer to-do list
- Routine items

Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Meredith Brant
Assistant City Secretary


Helen Burton, Chair

