

1 The City Council and the Open Space and Trails Committee met in a special joint meeting on
2 Tuesday, February 09, 2016 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss
3 and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.
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5 **THOSE PRESENT FROM CITY COUNCIL WERE:**

6 GLENN R. ROYAL	MAYOR
7 ROBERT LLORENTE	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 1
8 MIKE GIANGROSSO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 2
9 GARY JOHNSON – Ex. Abs.	MAYOR PRO TEM & COUNCIL PLACE NO. 3
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11 MELISSA BOTKIN	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 4
12 GLENNA ADOVASIO	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 5
13 O.J. MILLER	COUNCIL PLACE NO. 6
14 GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
15 SEAN LANDIS	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
16 ROBIN HICKS	CITY SECRETARY
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18 **THOSE PRESENT WERE FROM THE OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WERE:**

19 Helen Burton	Chair
20 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
21 John Coggeshall	Member
22 Monica Comeaux	Member
23 Debra Harper - Ex. Abs.	Member
24 Karen Tisdell	Member
25 David Popken	Member
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27 **THOSE PRESENT FROM CITY STAFF WERE:**

28 Kevin Padgett	Assistant Director of Public Works
29 Saul Garcia	Parks Maintenance Superintendant
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31 Mayor Royal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
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33 **1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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35 No one came forward to speak and there were no comments or announcements from
36 members of City Council or the Open Space and Trails Committee.
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38 **2.0 NEW BUSINESS**
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40 **2.1 Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the review and update of**
41 **goals of the Open Space and Trails Committee for the fiscal year 2015/16.**
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43 Each member of the Open Space and Trails Committee presented a topic for discussion
44 regarding items needed for continued improvements to City Parks for the benefit and
45 enjoyment of both residents and visitors.

46 The items discussed were as follows:

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A kayak launch has been discussed in the past and there seems to be interest in such an activity. The boat launch under the bridge is not ideal, as there is competition from power boats that make launching boats at that location more difficult. A place where there is calm water is important, and people would need rails to hold as they get into the kayak and push off away from land.

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Current playground equipment in various parks is very old, and in some places the equipment is rusted, and equipment needs to be replaced.

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A Trail System Master Plan has been drafted, and the idea was to have hikers go through all the Seabrook Parks, through Pasadena, and all the way to Armand Bayou. Seabrook received grant money in 2013 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the money needs to be used before it expires to extend the trail to Highway 146.

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There is not enough lighting on the trails for early morning and late night use. Cars cannot see hikers, and overall safety might be a factor. There are options for lights that do not interfere with maintenance and upkeep of the parks, including solar and LED lighting, with designs for lights that are secured in the ground, so that they are level with the trail.

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The East Meyer trail could connect east and west, which would bring people to the area to use the trail and will serve the greatest number of residents. Some sort of suspended structure could serve as a tourist attraction. Denton has a similar design and could serve as a model.

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A park is needed at the Red Bluff / Green Plaza new commercial hub. A new park would provide beautification to the area and could be a place for holding lots of activities and events. It's also an ideal spot for people to park and jump on the trail system.

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Several trees have been donated to the City in the past couple of years, and last year's trees are doing ok, but a simple irrigation system is needed to ensure the donations are well cared for and thrive. PVC piping with drip holes that can be manually turned on and off would suffice.

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The Coastal Birding signs are in bad shape and Council's financial support would be appreciated for purchasing new signs. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is reviewing all birding sites across the State, and all signs could be replaced by that Department at no cost, but the review is not yet completed.

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The City Manager and the Open Space and Trails Committee has made application to borrow the Google Trekker, so that Seabrook can use the equipment to take pictures of the trails system, which would then be shared on Google maps.

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The Mayor and members of City Council expressed appreciation for the hard work that the Open Space and Trails Committee has done and for the volunteer time put in by the volunteers who assist with keeping the parks and trails clean, safe and beautiful. Council had no opposition with the items discussed and agreed with the need and importance of each item.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mayor Royal adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of March, 2016, by the Open Space and Trails Committee.


Helen Burton, Chair

Approved this 15th day of March, 2016, by the City Council.


Robin Hicks, TRMC
City Secretary




Glenn Royal, Mayor