

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Seabrook City Hall,
2 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items
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6 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

7 Helen Burton	Chair
8 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
9 John Coggeshall	Member
10 Monica Comeaux	Member
11 Debra Harper	Member
12 Karen Tisdell	Member
13 David Popken (absent)	Member
14 Meredith Brant	Assistant City Secretary

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16 Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
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18 **1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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20 Ms. Burton stated that she had met a woman from Shore Acres who was seeking to get
21 trails, a butterfly garden and a playground for Shore Acres which was devastated by Ike
22 and has very little support or funding for such projects.
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24 **2.0 NEW BUSINESS**
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26 **2.1 Update on plantings at Baybrook Park.**
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28 Ms. Tisdell stated that trees and azaleas had been planted, but she would like to add more
29 trees. She added that the city crew who helped was wonderful. Ms. Burton stated that the
30 water supply has been installed. Ms. Antrobus stated that she would like to have bark
31 protectors to keep the deer at bay.
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33 **2.2 Update on plantings at Pine Gully pier. (Antrobus)**
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35 Ms. Antrobus stated that seeds had been planted, staff and put in plants and they had been
36 watered.
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38 **2.3 Update on Great Birding Trail signs. (Burton)**
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40 Chair Burton stated that thanks to Mr. Popken, Texas Parks and Wildlife is ordering new
41 birding trail signs for the city at no cost to the city.
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43 **2.4 Debriefing from joint meeting with City Council. (Burton)**
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45 All members present agreed that the joint meeting with City Council had gone well and

46 council members seemed pleased with the efforts of the committee.
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48 **3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS – The committee will discuss, consider, and if appropriate,**
49 **take action on the items listed below.**

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51 **3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**
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53 Ms. Harper stated that she had discovered a concrete base under the dirt at the butterfly
54 garden that makes it impossible for plants with a deep root system to flourish.
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56 **3.2 Chair’s Update on the following:**

- 57 • **Meeting with city staff** –Staff is currently hiring lifeguards and getting ready for
58 three big events: Lucky Trail Marathon, Easter Egg Hunt, and Trash Bash. The
59 bull pine in Pine Gully Park will soon be replaced by a large log-like structure
60 which will not be subject to the elements like the bull pine. Other projects include
61 a shade structure for the pool and trail maps.
- 62 • **Splash pad** - Ms. Burton stated that she had met with Kevin Padgett and he told
63 her that they are currently working on the splash pad parking lot, lighting will be
64 complete by the end of March and the area will be fenced off.
- 65 • **Comprehensive Master Plan** – No new information at this time.
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67 **3.3 Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting.**
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69 Motion was made by Ms. Antrobus and seconded by Ms. Harper

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71 To approve the minutes as written.
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73 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
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75 **3.4 Approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 Joint Meeting with City Council.**
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77 Motion was made by Ms. Antrobus and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

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79 To approve the minutes as written.
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81 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.
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83 **3.5 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**
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85 Item #12 – It was noted that the drift roses planted by Jessica were thriving.
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87 **3.6 Consider tasks for Parks staff.**

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89 Ms. Harper stated that instead of a hole in the butterfly garden, a swale should be created.

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91 Motion was made by Ms. Comeaux and seconded by Ms. Tisdell

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93 To request that staff trim down the hedge at Baybrook Park for visibility.

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95 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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97 **3.7 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.**

98 The next meeting is scheduled for April 7. Agenda items to include:

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- Night lighting for trails (Comeaux)
- Plantings at Pine Gully (Antrobus)
- Plantings at Baybrook (Tisdell/Harper)

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Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Meredith Brant, TRMC

Assistant City Secretary


Helen Burton, Chair

