

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Seabrook City Hall,  
2 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items  
3 listed below.

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5 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

6 Helen Burton	Chair
7 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
8 John Coggeshall (exc. abs.)	Member
9 Monica Comeaux (exc. abs.)	Member
10 Debra Harper	Member
11 Karen Tisdell	Member
12 David Popken	Member
13 Alesia Hammock	Administrative Assistant

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

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17 **1.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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19 **2.0 NEW BUSINESS**

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21 John-Michael Perkins, the City's Marketing Specialist, explained some of the proposed  
22 plans for the use of Carothers Gardens, which include activities such as cooking classes  
23 and painting classes.

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25 **2.1 Consider night lighting for trails. (Comeaux)**

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27 Chair Burton stated that solar powered lights are going in at Mohrhusen Park on a trial  
28 basis. In the past the cheaper lighting has been installed on the trails, but it has not been  
29 effective.

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31 **2.2 Consider new trail enhancement additions. (Burton)**

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33 Chair Burton stated that the Parks and Wildlife grant for trail enhancements cannot be  
34 used for any structures, so members will need to re-think the enhancements. After some  
35 discussion, a motion was made.

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37 Motion was made by Karen Tisdell and seconded by David Popken

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39 To recommend the grant monies be used to purchase two alligator/snake warning signs, a  
40 footbridge and trail extension, two water fountains, two new signs with pedestals, two  
41 dog waste stations and the waterline as an in-kind contribution from the City.

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43 **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

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46 **2.3 Consider options for alligator sign warnings. (Burton)**  
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48 After some discussion, members agreed that the signs should be snake and alligator  
49 silhouette signs, black on yellow and should be located at Pine Gully trailheads.  
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51 **2.4 Consider options for rerouting the Baybrook Park trail. (Harper)**  
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53 Mr. Popken suggested that extending the trail toward the fence line and away from the  
54 road would be more desirable.  
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56 Ms. Harper stated that rather than a rerouting, the trail would be an extension of the  
57 existing one and would allow for another route on the trails.  
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59 Ms. Tisdale stated that she is in favor of building the extension closer to the road,  
60 particularly since it is shorter and less complicated.  
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62 Ms. Harper stated that the plans should be taken to Mr. Padgett to see which plan is more  
63 feasible.  
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65 **2.5 Consider the old sign under the bridge and requesting aid from Galveston Bay  
66 foundation to replace it. (Tisdal)**  
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68 Ms. Tisdal stated that she had checked with Galveston Bay Foundation and they have a  
69 sign available which they can install.  
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71 **2.6 Update on purchase of seedlings (Coggeshall)**  
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73 Chair Burton stated that the seedlings have been ordered.  
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75 **2.7 Update on new park benches. (Burton)**  
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77 Chair Burton stated that the park benches have been installed on Main Street and the  
78 others should be installed soon.  
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80 **3.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS – The committee will discuss, consider, and if appropriate,  
81 take action on the items listed below.**  
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83 **3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**  
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85 There were no comments on this item.  
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90 **3.2 Chair's Update on meeting with City Staff. (Burton)**  
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92 Chair Burton stated that the following items were discussed in the meeting with City  
93 Staff:

- 94 • Arbor Day in January
- 95 • Security lights installed in Mohrhusen Park
- 96 • August 13 is movie night at Meador Park
- 97 • Smart Meters for the water department are being installed
- 98 • Seabrook Rotary is donating more new benches.
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100 **3.3 Approve the minutes of the July 7, 2016 meeting. (Brant)**  
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102 Motion was made by Ms. Harper and seconded by Ms. Antrobus

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104 To approve the minutes as written.

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106 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.  
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108 **3.4 Consider Action Items Checklist which is attached and made a part of this agenda.**  
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110 #19 – Sign will be replaced by Galveston Bay Foundation.  
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112 **3.5 Consider tasks for Parks staff.**  
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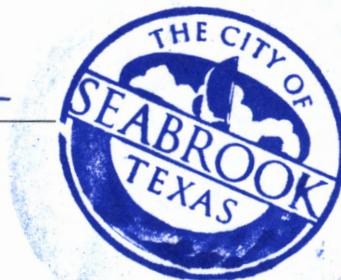
114 No additional tasks were assigned.  
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116 **3.6 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.**  
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118 The next meeting is scheduled for September 1.  
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121 Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.  
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127 *Meredith Brant*  
128 Meredith Brant, TRMC  
129 Assistant City Secretary



*Helen Burton*  
Helen Burton, Chair