

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First
2 Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

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4 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

5 Helen Burton	Chair
6 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
7 John Coggeshall	Member
8 Monica Comeaux	Member
9 Debra Harper	Member
10 David Popken	Member
11 Heather Cable	Member
12 Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

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14 Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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16 **1.0 PRESENTATIONS**

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18 **1.1 Presentations on removal of invasive species at Seabrook Prairie. (George Kyame)**

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20 No updated information at the time.

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22 **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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24 No speaker came forward to give public comments and no updated information at the time from
25 the Committee or staff.

26 **3.0 UPDATES**

27 **3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**

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 - City Staff is still on board with removing the berm cane
 - Most of the seedlings from the Tree Planting Day are thriving

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30 **3.2 Chair's update on meeting with City Staff.**

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 - Possible Annual Pelican Release
 - Red Bluff Expansion will begin August 2018
 - Possible kayak launch under the Red Bluff bridge at Taylor Lake
 - Recommended recycling at Meador Park and Miramar Park
 - The Keep Texas Beautiful grant money will be used for landscaping along SH146
 - The Egg Hunt and Trash Bash events were very successful
 - The Oak Trees in front of Walgreens need to be relocated before construction begins

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38 **4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

39 **4.1 Discussion on a "Keep Texas Beautiful" Grant Application.**

40 The Committee won first place and was awarded \$160,000. The funds must be used for
41 landscaping along a TXDOT highway.

42 Member Popken came back with many ideas after judging the grant in Austin that might benefit
43 the City. Those ideas include:

- 44 • A monthly newsletter attached with the water bill with messages about upcoming City
45 events and push waste/recycling messages
- 46 • Initiate City sponsored educational classes for residents
- 47 • Provide welcome bags for new water customers that include brochures about recycling,
48 park amenities, volunteer opportunity, etc.
- 49 • Consider a voluntary donation section in the water bill to park improvements
- 50 • Consider the creation of a community garden
- 51 • Reach out to Seabrook businesses for affiliate partnerships
- 52 • Provide recycling containers at all City school and City sponsored events
- 53 • Ban the use of Styrofoam food products in any City sponsored event

54 **4.2 Discussion on a birding event to be held in the City of Seabrook's Parks.**

55 Motion was made by Member Popken and seconded by Member Antrobus

56 To approve regular birding events throughout the City

57 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

58 **4.3 Discussion on making Baybrook more inviting, including the grooming of the hedge.**

59 An arbor and trail are still waiting to be put in at Baybrook Park but all the plants seem to be
60 blooming.

61 **4.4 Discussion on planting native wild flower seeds along Hester Creek.**

62 The planting will need to be done in the fall.

63 **4.5 Discussion on the feasibility of a city wide composting program.**

64 No updated information at the time.

65 **4.6 Discussion on trash cans and recycle cans in the Seabrook parks.**

66 The City Manager suggested placing recycling can at Meador Park and Miramar Park.

67 **4.7 Discussion on the relocation of the wetlands sign under the Kemah-Seabrook Bridge due to**
68 **the expansion of SH146.**

69 The City Manager suggested that the Committee be proactive and move the sign before
70 construction begins so the sign is not misplaced or thrown away.

71 Upon Committee consensus, the sign will be moved to Pine Gully Park.

72 **4.8 Discussion on Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event.**

73 The Keep Seabrook Beautiful Trash-Off event will take place on April 28, 2018 from 9:00 am to
74 11:00 am. Registration for the event will take place at the Seabrook Community House. NASA
75 RD 1 is the selected clean up area.

76 **5.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

77 **5.1 Approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting.**

78 Motion was made by Member Antrobus and seconded by Member Comeaux

79 To approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting

80 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

81 **5.2 Consider and take all appropriate action concerning the Action Item Checklist.**

82 Chair Burton gave an overview of the upcoming quarterly report to City Council.

83 **5.3 Consider and take all appropriate action concerning recommendations to Public Works
84 Director on projects.**

85 No updated information at the time.

86 **5.4 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.**

87 The next meeting date is May 3, 2018.

88 By Committee consensus, the next agenda items include:

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- 90 • Add report of Trash-Off event
 - 91 • Add Relocation of trees located in front of Walgreen
 - 92 • Add interpretive look about SH146

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Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Helen Burton,
Chair

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