

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Seabrook Public  
2 Works and Animal Control Complex Training Room, 1100 Red Bluff Road, Seabrook, Texas to  
3 discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

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5 THOSE PRESENT WERE:

6	Sally Antrobus		Chair
7	David Popken	- Ex. Absence	Vice-Chair
8	Heather Cable	- Ex. Absence	Member
9	John Coggeshall		Member
10	Monica Comeaux		Member
11	Debra Harper		Member
12	Nehemiah Jackson		Member
13	Sean Landis		Deputy City Manager
14	Kevin Padgett		Public Works Director
15	Brian Craig		City Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director
16	Natalie Stephens		Public Works Administrative Specialist

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18 Chair Sally Antrobus called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

19 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20 Chair Sally Antrobus invited the committee to attend the September 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting  
21 for the Carothers Task Force II presentation. Members were asked to arrive in time for a  
22 5:45 PM photo prior to the 6 PM meeting.

23 **2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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25 **2.1 Update on Livable Center Study and Waste Water Treatment Plant retrofit.**  
26 **(Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager)**

27 Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager, updated committee on the Livable Center Study being  
28 near completion. Soon there will be a presentation for Seabrook Committees and the public.  
29 This study was funded by an HGAC grant and will include recommendations as well as  
30 action steps and funding sources to complete the bench mark tasks. The Livable Center Study  
31 footprint includes the area of the current Waste Water Treatment Plant.

32 The City received a grant for the Waste Water Treatment Plant retrofit requiring the current  
33 WWTP location to be an open space area where a lift station will remain. Staff is seeking  
34 Open Space and Trails committee to propose plans for the site through the CIP process. The  
35 WWTP retrofit is estimated to be a 24-36 month project to start near the end of 2021.  
36 Underground lines will need to run from the current WWTP along Todville towards Red  
37 Bluff. Additionally, another lift station is required to be located in a portion of the Prairie  
38 near Robinson Park. However, the City wants to reestablish areas of the prairie that are  
39 disturbed.

40 Chair Sally Antrobus recommended that the fenced lift station be surrounded by trees and  
41 brush.

42 **2.2 Update on Monarchwatch.org Milkweed Grant. (Chair Antrobus)**

43 Chair Sally Antrobus stated the Milkweed Grant opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be out of town  
44 near the deadline and looks for committee and staff to aid in submitting the grant.  
45 Committee will need to finalize planting recommendations. Member Harper will take  
46 pictures of areas at Baybrook Park that she recommends for milkweed plantings. Committee  
47 will need to reach out for volunteers to help with the milkweed planting.

48 Member Harper suggested volunteers first be found to help with clearing overgrown  
49 vegetation at Hester Butterfly Garden in the evenings or a weekend in October after a rain.  
50 After which, the volunteers may be approached to help with the milkweed planting.

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52 **2.3 Consider and take all appropriate action on organizing Park Social event. (Committee)**

53 Chair Sally Antrobus discussed options for a Park Social also known as Staff Appreciation  
54 Lunch to recognize the hard work of the Public Works Department.

55 Director of Public Works, Kevin Padgett stated the Public Works crew would enjoy to BBQ  
56 for the Park Social.

57 *Motion made by Member Harper and seconded by Member Jackson.*

58 *Park Social BBQ lunch will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 1 PM at the Public*  
59 *Works and Animal Control complex building.*

60 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

61 **2.4 Consider and take app appropriate action on recommending Saul Garcia, Rogelio**  
62 **Robles, Juan Lara, Jose Rodriguez, Joey Silva and Jose Salazar to be added to the Eco-**  
63 **Star Tree at City Hall. (Committee)**

64 Chair Sally Antrobus propose to recognize the Park Department staff by adding a gold leaf  
65 with their name onto the Eco Star Tree located at City Hall. Leaves can be presented to the  
66 Park staff at 4 PM at the Public Works and Animal Control complex.

67 *Motion made by Member Harper and seconded by Member Jackson.*

68 *Gold Eco-Star leaves engraved with current Park Department staff as stated to be presented*  
69 *to staff at 4 PM on an available date at the Public Works and Animal Control complex.*

70 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

71 **2.5 Update on parks status or issues. (Committee)**

72 Chair Sally Antrobus requested the City to get rid of the yellow jackets located by the  
73 hanging baskets at Carothers.

74 Friendship trails to link to Lake Mija sidewalks near water tower

75 Member Coggeshall mentioned trail puddling at Wildlife Refuge may require boarding and  
76 drainage pipe.

77 Member Harper suggested that a natural trail loop be added to Hester Garden to avoid  
78 sinkhole area. Parks Department will meet with Member Harper on site.

79 **2.6 Update on volunteer hours. (Committee)**

80 Committee members will submit their monthly volunteer hours to Natalie Stephens for  
81 record keeping.

82 **2.7 City Staff update. (City Staff)**

83 Public Works Director, Kevin Padgett updated committee regarding Harris County repairs  
84 for outfalls north and south near Hester Garden as well as the sinkhole near Pine Gully  
85 Bridge. Harris County Engineers are finalizing plans and they will procure a contractor to  
86 make the repairs. Harris County will put up more permanent barriers once repairs begins not  
87 allowing any foot traffic. It will be a construction zone with the parking lot used as a staging  
88 area. Harris County reported that there will be some minor changes such as the alignment of  
89 the sidewalk portion along Todville near Hester Gully bridge pedestrian passage.

90 Public Works Director, Kevin Padgett reported the KTB Restoration after Winter Storm Uri  
91 grant was not awarded to the City.

92 **2.8 Approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.**  
93 **(Stephens)**

94 *Motion made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Comeaux.*  
95 *To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2021 Open Space and Trails Committee meeting.*

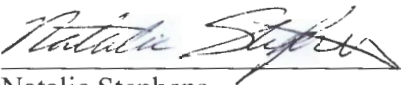
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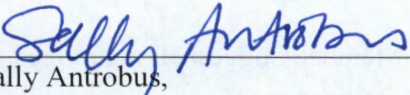
97 **2.9 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. (Committee)**

98 The next Open Space & Trails meeting will be held tentatively on October 7, 2021 at 5 PM.  
99 By Committee consensus, the following will be added to the October Agenda.

- 100 • Consider and take all appropriate action on identifying TXDOT ROW for KTB  
101 GCAA 2022 grant application for City Council approval. (Committee)
- 102 • Consider and take all appropriate action on recommending Bayway Homes to be  
103 added to the Eco-Star Tree at City Hall for their support in tree planting in Seabrook.  
104 (Committee)

105 Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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110 Natalie Stephens,  
111 Public Works Administrative Specialist

  
Sally Antrobus,  
Chair