

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met in teleconference session on Thursday, October 1,
2 2020 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 – Ex. Absence	Member
9 Debra Harper	Member
10 David Popken	Member
11 Heather Cable	Member
12 Sean Landis	Deputy City Manager
13 Kevin Padgett	Public Works Director
14 Stephanie Guerrero	Executive Administrative Assistant

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

17 **1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

18 Member Coggeshall asked how the trail will work after the new houses on Todville are
19 finished being built. City Staff stated the trail alignment will not change.

20 **2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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22 **2.1 Discussion on Walk the Bay Event. (Committee)**

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24 Member Coggeshall presented his idea on the Walk the Bay Event as presented in
25 Attachment A.

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27 *Motion made by Member Coggeshall and seconded by Member Cable*

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29 *To do a one-time celebration event for the opening of the new trail and call it the Walk the*
30 *Bay Event*

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32 ***MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT***

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34 As a formality, this event will need a special event permit.

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36 **2.2 Discussion on extending the windbreak at the Butterfly Way Station. (Committee)**

37 Vice Chair Antrobus stated that the windbreak station is two green screens around 16 feet
38 long. The idea would be to put two more green screens to help plants and butterflies with the
39 wind control.

40 *Motion made by Vice Chair Antrobus and seconded by Member Popken*

41 *To proceed with extending the windbreak*

42 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

43 **2.3 Discussion on a pedestrian overpass on SH146. (Committee)**

44 Member Popken asked if there is another department in TXDOT that handles pedestrian
45 related projects since TXDOT is not willing to pay for that as part of the SH146 expansion
46 and what can Open Space do help the City move forward with a pedestrian overpass.

47 City Staff is not aware if there is another department within TXDOT that handles pedestrian
48 related projects. A grant may be needed for a pedestrian overpass. In the parks master plan,
49 there is a plan related to a pedestrian overpass. There will be some connections underneath
50 the overpass for pedestrians. The biggest issue presented with this topic is funding. It will
51 probably be a very expensive project to get a pedestrian overpass. Right now, it will be a
52 lighted intersection with ship cleat bollards which make for an inviting area but will not be a
53 continuation of the trail. City management is in agreement to see something like this happen,
54 but we must remember to comply with ADA when dealing with elevation changes. There is
55 no clearance for a catwalk. Because of utilities, there can never be tunnel. City Staff can
56 bring up a pedestrian overpass as a CIP Project and figure out funding.

57 The Keep Texas Beautiful grant money awarded to the City has been enrolled into the SH146
58 Expansion Project to add some additional landscaping.

59 Talking to the engineers who have extended the trails along Buffalo Bayou could give new
60 perspective to the pedestrian over pass since those trails have a bunch of crossing point from
61 two freeways.

62 **2.4 Discussion on the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. (Committee)**

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64 City facilities will be opening back up to the public soon. City Staff will ask the City
65 Manager for approval for the Luncheon. If the Committee is given the approval to host the
66 Luncheon, the two dates for the event are: Wednesday, October 21 at 11:30am or
67 Wednesday, October 28 at 11:30am.

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69 **2.5 Discussion on Fall Sweep. (Committee)**

70 Due to COVID, Fall Sweep will be a virtual event held on Saturday, November 7, 2020
71 which really does not hinder the event. Volunteers will meet at Brummer Hop Park for
72 supplies, the groups will go out on their own and leave the garbage bags along the roadway.
73 City Staff will go by and collect the garbage bags once the event is done.

74 **2.6 Update on the survey for Hester Creek. (Committee)**

75 There is currently some activity along Hester with pink stakes, clearing and surveyors. City
76 Staff was contacted about opportunities for different flood mitigation projects in areas within
77 Seabrook that have been affected for repetitive loss. It would be a partnership between the
78 City, Harris County Engineering, and Harris County Flood Control. Harris County is looking
79 into improving drainage. Some of the proceeds will come from the 2018 Harris County Bond
80 Program and part of the proceeds would be a match on the City. So to date, engineering
81 consultants were then selected by the County. They started to do a preliminary discovery of
82 surveying, drainage, geotechnical, environmental work for the project. The discoveries from
83 those surveys will be made by the County to the City on what they feel would best help these
84 areas prevent flooding from events at the 100 year level.

85 City Staff will get the number of houses of Miramar that flooded during Harvey. Since it is
86 not required to report flood damage, the report of number of Miramar houses that flooded
87 during Harvey will not be concrete.

88 The City tries to stay away from detention ponds because we want to evacuate our water as
89 fast as possible since water is coming from other communities – we do not want to hold
90 water.

91 **2.7 Update on Grants. (Committee)**

92 Member Popken received an email about Texas Birding Classic and a grant application for
93 birding related things. During bird counts, a very productive area has been the area of forest
94 to the east of the parking lot between Pine Gully and Carothers. This area would great to
95 install a bird line. Since this grant application deadline has passed, this item will be brought
96 back forth before the committee on August 2021 for discussion.

97 **2.8 Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Open Space and Trail Committee**
98 **meeting. (Guerrero)**

99 *Motion made by Vice Chair Antrobus and seconded by Member Harper*

100 *To approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Open Space and Trail Committee meeting*

101 *MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT*

102 **2.9 Establish future meeting dates and agenda items. (Committee)**

103 The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2020.

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105 Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Helen Burton

Helen Burton,
Chair

Stephanie Guerrero

Stephanie Guerrero,
Executive Administrative Assistant

ATTACHMENT A

Walk to The Bay

Idea :

To celebrate the new trail coming to Seabrook. We will have a “walk” on the new area, and also options for the current trails.

All walkers are given a trail card which they must get validated as they walk

- Trail card is the size of a business card, that looks like a very simple version of the map on the next page

If they get 3 stamps on their card they receive the fabled “Walk to the Bay Pelican” Pin

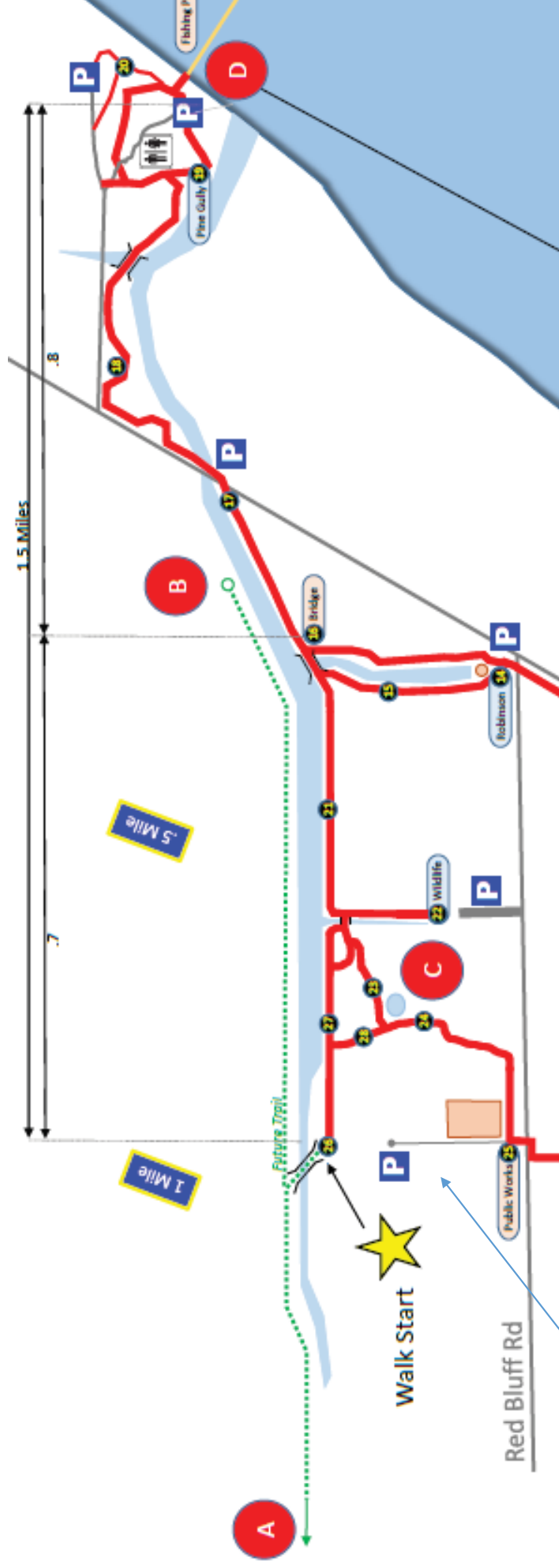
To get a stamp, walk to the area shown on the map where you will be greeted by a couple of folks at a table. They have a pelican rubber stamp. They stamp your card, say hello, and then you are off to the next table.

- Stamp A) Open Space Table
- Stamp B) Astronaut Table (will get Astronauts who use the trails to support)
- Stamp C) Parks/City Table
- Stamp D) TBD table

If they get a Pine Gully Stamp at D) they receive the even rarer, super duper “Golden Walk to the Bay Pelican” Pin

- Same pin as above just a different color

Walk to The Bay



- Plenty of Parking on the roads in Public Works/Fire Training area

Walk to The Bay

Idea Continued :

- Since the Walk to Pine Gully will be 1.5 miles (one way), Robby will have the city van down there ready to shuttle folks back to public works
- Police person at Toddville (like in Lucky Trails)
- You could even have the trail end at Carothers (oh hooooo, now more people know about it), although at the Bay would be very good too
- At the start of the Walk, someone says a few words and folks can head off into one of 3 directions, thus keeping trail overcrowding lower

Walk to The Bay



American Flag Pin

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★★★★★ 97 REVIEWS

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\$2.49	\$2.19	\$1.79	\$1.59	\$1.39

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