



TREE AND LANDSCAPE PACKET

September 14, 2023

TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport Tree and Landscape Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on agenda items can electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/BoardsCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code to the right. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the Community Planner by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Chair will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

2. Deliberate and act on the August 10, 2023 minutes as presented.
3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$28, 388.00 for the purpose of purchasing trees and educational items for the Arbor Day Events being held in November 2023.
4. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the educational signs to be used at Arbor Day and other events.
5. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Rockport Arbor Day Event Prep/Plan.
6. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding street closure of Main Street for Arbor Day Event.
7. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213 ext. 225 or fax (361) 790-5966 or e-mail citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Monday, September 11, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.

Carey Dietrich

Carey Dietrich, Community Planner / Asst Director Building & Planning

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

On this the 10TH day of August 2023, the Tree and Landscape Committee of the City of Rockport held a Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Rockport Service Center, 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas and notice of meeting giving time, date and subject having been posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

Members Present

Shelly Steckler-Chairperson
Laura Denham
Carla Rinche-Belaire
Ginger Easton Smith
Karen Rester
Linda Frank
Andrea Hattman-Council Liaison

Members Absent

Warren Hassinger

Staff Members Present

Carey Dietrich, Asst Director Bldg. & Dev, Community Planner, Building Official
Tara Doyle, Building and Development Technician
Judy Emerson, Code Enforcement
Belinda Garcia, Administrative Assistant
David Lowell, Building Inspector
Robert Decker, Building Inspector
Mike Donoho, Public Works & Bldg. & Dev Director

Guest(s) Present

Five (5)

Call to Order

1. Chairperson Steckler called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Workshop Agenda

2. Deliberate and act on the July 13, 2023 and July, 25 2023 minutes.

Chairperson Steckler asked for motion to accept minutes. **Motion to approve made by Member Linda Frank. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding proposed Arbor Day activities and events.

Discussion regarding events calendar and timelines. Discussion of Arbor Day proclamation completion by the October 31st meeting. History Center representative Pam Stranahan gave a presentation on the history of the twin trees at the Baldwin Brundrett House. Discussion followed regarding tree names. Discussion of street closure on Main Street and locations for trees to be planted. Discussion of checklist items for the City to provide for the events. Discussion regarding cost for trees, plaques and informational signs and expenditure of funds

approval. Discussion of tree giveaway on October 20th. Discussion of getting on the City Council Agenda on October 5th for street closure approval.

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

Director Mike Donoho spoke.

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn. **Member Laura Denham made the motion to adjourn. Member Carla Rinche-Belaire seconded the motion.**

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairperson Steckler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Prepared By:

Tara Doyle, Building and Development Technician

Approved By:

Shelly Steckler, Chairwoman

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$28, 388.00 for the purpose of purchasing trees and educational items for the Arbor Day Events being held in November 2023.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: Request for approval of funds for the tree plantings and Arbor Day Events has been placed on the Council Agenda for Tuesday, September 12, 2023

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

Deliberate and act on a request by the Tree & Landscape Committee to approve expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$28, 388.00 for the purpose of purchasing trees and educational items for the Arbor Day Events being held in November 2023.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

BACKGROUND: The Tree & Landscape Committee are requesting funds to purchase trees for planting in conjunction with an Arbor Day Celebration the week of November 3, 2023 through November 11, 2023. The Committee has conducted three (3) workshops in planning the week's festivities.

Please see the accompanying Tree Planting Schedule, Quantity, and Expense, and the Tree Mitigation Fund Balance for more information.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of a request by the Tree & Landscape Committee to approve expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Account in the amount of \$28, 388.00 for the purpose of purchasing trees and educational items for the Arbor Day Events being held in November 2023.

Tree Planting Schedule, Quantity & Expense

Friday November 3rd- Magnolia Park (3) *Planted by City/Navigation/County*

Saturday November 4th- Bent Oak Rockery (25) *planted by City Staff/volunteers*

Sunday November 5th-Fulton Mansion (4) *planted by Mansion staff*

Monday November 6th- McDonalds Park (10) *planted by city staff*

Tuesday 7th- Connie Hagar (1) *planted by friends of Connie Hagar*

Wednesday 8th -Pride Park or Memorial park (3) *planted by city /soccer team*

Thursday 9th- Tiger Field (6) *plant w/county tree committee*

Thursday 9th since 10th is holiday for city-Downtown Rockport /in front of Avidity hair saloon (1) *planted by city*

Friday 10th -Live Oak Elementary/school will plant for us (1) *planted by school staff/kids*

Saturday November 11th- Veterans Memorial Park (1 or 2) *planted by veterans (city put in holes on 11/9)*

-14 Additional Trees to be on display Downtown at future bathroom site and be planted upon bathroom completion.

Tree Planting Quantity and location

The City will be planting 43 trees and the 20 additional trees will be planted by other public entities and will be in view by the public and maintained.

City to plant:

-Magnolia Park (4) *Planted by City/Navigation/County/Fulton*

-Bent Oak Rockery (22) *planted by City Staff/ (3) volunteers*

-McDonalds Park (10) *planted by city staff*

-plus 4 Additional Trees to be on display Downtown at future bathroom site and be planted upon bathroom completion or other designed location (maybe train depot parking lot/new city building).

City Total= 43

Other public entities to plant:

-History center (1) planted by County Staff (Already request letter)

-Connie Hagar (1) planted by friends of Connie Hagar

-Fulton Mansion (4) planted by Mansion staff

-Tiger Field (6) plant w/county Staff and county tree committee

-Live Oak Elementary/school will plant for us (1) planted by school staff/kids

-Aransas County Airport-(1) Planted by airport maintenance staff (Already Received request letter)

-Veterans Memorial Park (1 or 2) planted by navigation district

-TXDOT -(4)trees planted by their staff

Other entities to plant =20

Materials and costs:

(63) \$180 per tree 3" caliper/ delivered = \$11,340

(49) \$125 per tree, mulch, wire protection etc. \$6,125

(49) \$158 trees drip for establishment & water meter \$7,742

Total Estimated costs for tree planting = \$25,207

Just in case this can be added :

Educational Materials and Cost:

(4) Educational posters at \$48 each + Shipping and tax =\$300

(2) Historical Tree Marker plates = \$300

Total Estimated material costs=\$600

Additional 10% Cost for unseen increase in cost expenditures:\$2,580.7

Total Funds Requested \$28,388

TREE MITIGATION

INCODE- 723.4304

ADDRESS	AMOUNT	PAYMENT	PAID BY	DATE
622 E Market	\$ 13,600.00	CK 0464775	Speedy Stop Food Stores	11/3/2022
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 5,000.00	CK 8395	RICKS HOMES	2/27/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041493	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041494	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041495	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 375.00	MO 22-019041496	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
105 PEACHTREE DR	\$ 650.00	CK 297	AARON M PRIDGEON	4/5/2023
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 15,000.00	CK 1072	RICKS HOMES	4/21/2023
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 12,750.00	CK 1080	RICKS HOMES	5/22/2023
1812 W MARKET ST	\$ 20,100.00	CK 1001	MICHAEL HUNTER	5/31/2023

Total Fees Paid	\$ 70,475.00
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Pending Fees:

2304 HWY 35 N	\$ 21,000.00	Starbucks
1812 W MARKET ST	\$ 1,350.00	Violation mitigation
	\$ 92,825.00	

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
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AGENDA ITEM: 4

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the educational signs to be used at Arbor Day and other events.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: There are four (4) signs to discuss and finalize.

City of Rockport Logo

Mission of Tree & Landscape Committee

The Tree Committee functions as an Advisory Board to City Staff in regard to application of the Tree Ordinance.

Committee is composed of:

One Member from the Park Advisory Board

One Member from the Planning and Zoning Committee

Three Qualified voters of the City of Rockport

The City Tree Official shall act as Liaison and Ex-Officio Member of the Committee

An application is made to the City of Rockport and then reviewed.

The Committee Members are then appointed by the City Council and serve over lapping three-year terms or when a vacancy comes up on the Committee.

The Committee meets as needed to conduct business and to review construction plans containing tree survey or tree plan for private or public projects within the City Limits of the City of Rockport.

The Committee may make recommendations for the removal, replacement, protection, or maintenance of protected trees.

CALL BEFORE YOU CUT! 361-729-

(SIGN 1)

CITY OF ROCKPORT (LOGO)

MITIGATION FUNDS

What are Mitigation Funds for the City of Rockport as related to the City of Rockport's Tree Ordinance?

Where do the Mitigation Funds Go?

How Charged?

How the funds are spent?

Determination and Approval by City of Rockport?

CALL BEFORE YOU CUT! 361-729-



Arbor Day Tree Plantings

----- trees being planted through mitigation Funds

Locations of Trees:

City of Rockport Tree City USA Designation...dates

The Tree City USA program provides communities with a form step framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. It also gives them an avenue to celebrate their work, showing residents, visitors, and the entire Country that they're committed to the mission of environmental change.

Tree City USA started in 1976 and is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's oldest programs.

City of Rockport has made application and has been designated A Tree City USA for over 20 years.

CALL BEFORE YOU CUT! 361-729



Restroom Downtown Enhancement

361-729-

Person to call

Restroom Project

14 trees to be planted through mitigation funds

Call before you cut 361-729-

Sign 4

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
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AGENDA ITEM: 5

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Rockport Arbor Day Event Prep/Plan.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: Please see attached

Rockport Arbor Day Event Prep/Plan

**Arbor Week Proclamation
November 3-November 11th**

Friday November 3rd Kickoff Event at Magnolia Park -906 N Live Oak St, Rockport, TX 78382

This event will feature sponsored food & live music and under the majestic Live Oak trees.

Naming of Street Trees/History Center will feature a display story about 2 sister trees.

5:30-5:45 –Planting of 4 Live Oak Trees-1 by the City Mayor, 1 by the County Judge, 1 by the Fulton Mayor & 1 by the Navigation District to symbolize our union of combined efforts to preserve our Live Oak Peninsula Trees.

5:45-Educational speech about the importance of our trees-Ginger

6:00-6:15 Naming of Street Trees-Pam

6:30-8:00 Live music/Food -Shelly-Aransas First Land Trust and sponsors

City Staff to:

- Set up picnic tables under Live Oak trees
- String lights under live Oak Trees
- City to provide generator for power
- Pre-dig holes for planting 4 Live Oak trees on site designated
- City to put our trash receptacles (Volunteers help clean up/city haul off)
- Set up folding tables for food and drinks
- Set up tent if weather is going to be bad.
- Portable Bathroom and wash station donated by A1 Texas Gold (Laura-2 units)

Saturday November 11th-Second Saturday/ Arbor Day Event 10AM-6PM

This full day event will feature sponsored live music, food trucks, art demonstrations, art exhibits, Tree Mural, educational exhibits about our native Live Oak Tree and much much more....

City Staff to:

- Close off E. Main Street (Shelly & Carey)
- Set up 4 potted oak trees for demonstration purposes
- Set up pop up tents
- Set up folding tables for conservation organizations:Aransas First, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Aransas Pathways
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Arbor Day Task Assignment's/updates:

- Close off E. Main Street (Shelly/Carey By October 2023)
- Arbor day Logo and flyer (Shelly)
- Design and get ordered (4) Educational posters (Laura & Judy)
- History of trees and Historical Tree marker plates (Carla & Pam)
- Tree information for public education (Ginger)
- Arbor day Foundation Grant application (Shelly & Gene)
- Present Arbor day plan and budget to City Council –presented at 9/12 meeting
- City Council approve Arbor Week resolution
November 3-November 11-By October 31 meeting
- Order Trees (Gene by September 18th)
- Portable Bathroom and wash station set up and donated by A1 Texas Gold (Laura)
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Arbor Day Exhibits

History of Baldwin- Brundrett house/two sister trees to be named/historical tree plaque





Friends of the History Center for Aransas County

P.O. Box 106 ☞ Fulton, Texas 78358 ☞ www.aransashistorycenter.org

History Center for Ar. Co.

MEMO

August 16, 2023

TO: City of Rockport – Tree Committee

FROM: The History Center, 801 E. Cedar St.

We would like to request a tree for the garden at the History Center to be planted during the Arbor Week celebration in November.

We will water and maintain the tree as we care for the rest of the garden and yard with the gazebo.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Pam Stranahan, Vice President

pamwheatstranahan@gmail.com

Hi Shelly,

Please accept this letter as official notice that we intend to plant and care for a live oak tree if one is donated to the Aransas County Airport. I have a spot picked out which is near our landscape irrigation zone.

Thank you for working so hard to preserve our beautiful live oak peninsula and the tree after which it is named.

Warmest Regards,



Mike Geer

Aransas County Airport Manager

mgeer@aransascounty.org

817-480-8861



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MEMO

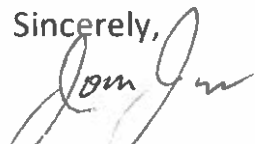
August 23, 2023

To: The City of Rockport Tree and Landscape Committee

From: Texas Department of Transportation, 1401 FM 3036

We are requesting four Live Oak trees for our facility on FM 3036. We will plant, water and maintain them. We are excited for the opportunity to have beautiful Live Oak trees on our front lawn.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

John Jacobs

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TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 6

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding street closure of Main Street for Arbor Day Event.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: The public restroom project may begin prior to November 18th and could disrupt our use of Main Street. Staff wants the Committee to be aware of this possibility and perhaps have a back up plan; otherwise, request for closure of Main Street will be discussed on the Council Agenda of Tuesday, October 10, 2023.