TREE AND LANDSCAPE PACKET

May 23, 2024

TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport Tree and Landscape Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, May 23, 2024, 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.

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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 October 12, 2023 minutes as presented.
3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding proposed lease of billboards for the purpose of educating citizens as to the tree ordinances of the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County.
4. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of $736.00 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Haglof Mantax Black 950 mm Calipers for Code Enforcement to measure trees more accurately.
5. Report from Parks Department regarding status and condition of trees planted on city property.
6. Review and discussion regarding Tree Mitigation and Preservation Account balance.
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 Friday, May 17, 2024, 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 12TH day of October 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	Members Absent
Shelly Steckler-Chairperson	Carla Rinche-Belaire
Laura Denham	Ginger Easton Smith
Karen Rester	
Linda Frank	
Andrea Hattman-Council Liaison	

Staff Members Present

Carey Dietrich, Asst Director Bldg. & Dev
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

Three (3)

Call to Order

1. Chairperson Steckler called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Workshop Agenda

Citizen to be heard Kathy Bason (The Plant Lady) gave a presentation for tree purchase discounts.

2. Deliberate and act on the September 14, 2023 minutes as presented.

   Chairperson Steckler asked for motion to accept minutes. Discussion regarding previous meeting verbiage concerning the appointment of a new Committee Member and resignation of Member Hassinger. Motion to approve after staff review made by Member Laura Denham. Member Linda Frank seconded the motion. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

3. Hear, deliberate, and act on a Tree Survey presented for a Stripes Store located at 3588 SH 35 Bypass, also known as Lot 1-R and 5, Block 1 Kokomo Subdivision. **Representatives for the project attended via Zoom – Jamie Hora and George Willett. Discussion of mitigation fees, tree sizes, and possibility of saving trees. Chairperson Steckler asked for a motion for staff to negotiate with developer to save trees and plant additional**

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trees. Motion made by Member Linda Frank. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

Director Mike Donoho spoke.

4. Discussion, Consideration, and action on items to be presented to City Council at the regular Council Meeting of October 24, 2023;

a. Ordinance Revision to include educational items in allowed expenditures; **Discussion of Code Enforcement of trees to be pruned, educational items, and changing landscape approved species. Request from Committee to staff to research other municipalities tree mitigation fees and provide recommendations for changing fees. Motion to recommend approval by Council of ordinance revisions as presented made by Member Linda Frank. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Closure of E Main Street on Saturday, November 11, 2023; **Slated for October 24th Council meeting.**

c. Proclamation by Mayor for week of November 3 – 11, 2023; **Proclamation sent to Council for approval.**

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

Director Mike Donoho spoke.

5. Update on ongoing projects and Arbor Day preparations;

a. 802 Enterprise landscaping; **Landscaping almost completed; full mitigation fee paid.**

b. Trees ordered – arrival date; **To be delivered October 31st.**

c. Arbor Day T-shirts – Goin Coastal; **Shirts available for $18.**

d. Billboard advertising dependent on Ordinance Revision; **1st Council reading on the 24th.**

6. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a potential donation by FedEx through application submitted with Arbor Day Foundation. **Discussion regarding application process grant award. Notification will be made to Council the grant was awarded.**

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

Director Mike Donoho spoke.

7. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding Historic Tree Naming in honor of Ray Little. **Motion for recommendation to approve naming the tree at East Cedar and Magnolia after legal approval made by Member Denham and seconded by Member Rester. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Director Mike Donoho spoke.

8. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Rockport Arbor Day Event Prep/Plan. **Tree giveaway is October 20th. Discussion of distribution of flyers and invitations. Kickoff**

Party discussed. Agenda for events being finalized. Next meeting scheduled for the 26th has been cancelled.

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn. **Chairperson Steckler made the motion to adjourn. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion**.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Chairperson Steckler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Prepared By:

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Tara Doyle, Building and Development Technician

Approved By:

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Shelly Steckler, Chairwoman

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TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding proposed lease of billboards for the purpose of educating citizens as to the tree ordinances of the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: The request for funding for the billboards was approved by the Tree & Landscape Committee in June of last year. The information in your packet is last year's presentation; however, updated information will be provided at the meeting.

After reviewing options with Cooper Outdoor and Lamar we have chosen two Cooper Outdoor Billboards to start this campaign.

The first is 12'x30' and is illuminated at night, this billboard is located on the Highway 35 Bypass and is available immediately. Daily reach for this billboard is estimated at 5500 people. This is billboard #763, the rate is $500 per month.

The second billboard is 12'x24' and is illuminated at night, this billboard is located north of town across from Sandollar Resort. This is billboard #237, the rate is $400 per month. Daily reach for this billboard is estimated at 6000 people.

Another billboard we'd like to consider in the future, if it becomes available, is 12'x24' and is located at Cactus and HWY 35. This is billboard #226, the rate is $500 per month. Daily reach for this billboard is estimated at 10500 people. This billboard may become available September 1st, 2023, the current advertiser has right of first refusal.

A 12 month contract includes free artwork. Contract can be any length, but you have to pay for artwork if it's under 12 months, you'd be looking at about $700 per billboard if you went with a shorter contract and paid to print the artwork.

To summarize, we'll start the campaign with 2 lighted billboards; one north of town near the airport and the other on the HWY35 Bypass. The monthly cost will be $900 total. Artwork will be printed free if you choose a 12 month contract. Later this year we could choose to add another billboard, this one located near Cactus and HWY 35 if it becomes available. This will be an extra $500 per month.

To summarize:

Billboard # 763 - $500 X 12 months = $6,000
Billboard # 237 - $400 X 12 months = $ 4,800

Total expenditure requested: **$ 10,800**

BILLBOARD #763 – HWY 35 BYPASS

BILLBOARD #237 – HWY 35 ACROSS FROM SANDOLLAR RESORT

BILLBOARD #226 – CACTUS and HWY 35

PROPOSED ARTWORK TO INCLUDE ROCKPORT, FULTON, AND ARANSAS COUNTY LOGOS

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AGENDA ITEM: 4

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of $736.00 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Haglof Mantax Black 950 mm Calipers for Code Enforcement to measure trees more accurately.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: Code Enforcement is requesting to purchase two (2) Calipers for use in the measuring of trees as citizens request tree removal permits. Also, the DBH Tape is an accurate and professional means of measuring trees and Staff recommends purchasing the two calipers for $736 and two DBH tapes at $120 to make the total request $856.00.

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AGENDA ITEM: 5
Report from Parks Department regarding status and condition of trees planted on city property.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND: Chairperson Steckler had questions as to the condition and maintenance of the trees planted on city property during the Arbor Day celebration in 2023. Parks Department has provided a report on this subject.

City of Rockport Parks Department

The 10 trees planted at McDonalds park have no leaves on them. Are they being irrigated and how often? If there permanent irrigation in place?

on a request from the Art Center. All trees are being watered three times a week in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Last notes we have is we are looking to g et a water meter placed at the Park in order to install a drip irrigation system.

The 25 trees planted at Bent Oaks Rookery do not appear to have leaves. Are they being irrigated and how often? Is there permanent irrigation?
All trees are being watered three times a week in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Bent Oaks does have a drip irrigation system installed and is being watered from 7am -7pm. When trees were first planted there was a very aggressive cutter a nt problem that we had to address with granules as well as the birds using the smaller tree limbs off the newly planted trees.

The 4 trees planted at Magnolia park have leaves and seem to be doing good.
All trees are being watered three times a week in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.