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## **TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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On this the 16th day of July 2024, 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.

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### **Members Present**

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Shelly Steckler-Chairperson  
Laura Denham  
Carla Rinche-Belaire  
Linda Frank

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### **Members Absent**

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Karen Rester  
Ginger Easton Smith  
Andrea Hattman-Council Liaison

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### **Staff Members Present**

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Carey Dietrich, Asst Director Bldg. & Dev, Community Planner, Building Official  
Mike Donaho, Director of Public Works & Building Services  
Patti Dodson, Planning Technician  
Judy Emerson, Code Enforcement  
Belinda Garcia, Administrative Assistant  
Robert Decker, Building Inspector  
David Lowell, Building Inspector  
Robert Argetsinger-IT

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### **Guest(s) Present**

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Allen Beyer, PLA  
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### **Call to Order**

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

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### **Workshop Agenda**

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2. Deliberate and act on the May 23, 2024 minutes as presented.

**Member Linda Frank asked for motion to accept minutes. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion. Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

3. Hear, deliberate, and act on a Tree Survey and Mitigation Plan presented for Daniels Forest Subdivision located at 116 Forest Hills, also known as Lot 26, Block 18, Rockport Country Club #2.

**Member Linda Frank made a motion to approve with the stipulation that if installation of new 8" water line in the ROW damages trees, mitigation will be required. Member Karen Rester seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairperson Shelly Steckler spoke. Member Linda Frank spoke.

Allen Beyer, PLA spoke. New 8 inch water line in ROW could damage trees.

Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke. If trees are damaged with water line installation, we will require mitigation.

4. Hear, deliberate, and act on a Tree Survey and Mitigation Plan presented for Pearl Point Storage Bldg 6, located at 2258 FM 2165, also known as Lot 3B1, Block 1, RCC/Chance J1 Subdivision.

**Member Laura Denham motioned to approve if go with 3" or larger Live Oak trees.**  
**Member Linda Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairperson Shelly Steckler spoke. Member Carla Belaire spoke.  
Allen Beyer, PLA spoke. He will look into going with larger Live Oak trees.

5. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request to the City Council to allow the Tree & Landscape Committee to expend funds for allowed expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Account with a "not to exceed" amount.

**Member Carla Belaire motioned to approve/amend ordinance. Member Laura Denham seconded the motion.**

Chairperson Shelly Stickler spoke. Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.

6. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$300.00 for the purpose of purchasing 24 Tanzfrosch 20 Gallon Tree Watering Bags.

**Member Linda Frank made a motion to approve.**  
**Member Carla Belaire seconded the motion.**

Chairperson Shelly Steckler spoke. Member Linda Frank spoke. Member Laura Denham spoke.  
Community Planner Carey Dietrich spoke.  
Director of Bldg. & Dev. Mike Donaho spoke.

7. Update regarding Tree Mitigation and Preservation Account balance.

8. Old Business

- a. Report regarding leasing of Billboards #212 and #764

**Discussion regarding a workshop on a Monday or Thursday, mid-morning.**

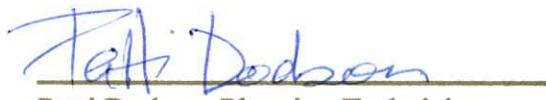
Council Liaison Andrea Hattman spoke suggesting adding one more billboard.  
Community Planner spoke. The lease is for 1 year but could look into a 6 month lease.

9. Adjournment.

**Chairperson Steckler made the motion to adjourn. Member Carla Rinche-Belaire seconded the motion.**

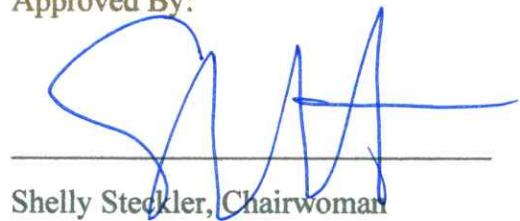
There being no further business, Chairperson Steckler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:11 p.m.

Prepared By:



Patti Dodson, Planning Technician

Approved By:



Shelly Steckler, Chairwoman