



Agenda Briefing

Date of Meeting: July 7, 2020

Responsible Department: Public Works

Presenter: Kevin Padgett

Briefing Prepared By: Kevin Padgett

Strategic Focus Area: Well Maintained Infrastructure

General Information / Subject:

Discuss and take action on proposed story walk signage to be placed along trails throughout Meador Park and within Evelyn Meador Library facility property, as well as a pilot program of a proposed edible forest to be placed within City property. These items were reviewed and are recommended by the Open Space and Trails Committee. Each item will require a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to the start of the projects.

Executive Summary / Background:**Edible Forest:**

A meeting was held with the Seabrook Rotaract and the Friends of Evelyn Meador on concerning a Community Garden Project.

Members of Rotaract followed up with a meeting with Seabrook Public works and the Chair member of the Open Space and Trails Committee regarding the planting of fruit trees as an edible forest project on City property adjacent to the library. Rotaract requested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prior to the start of Phase 3.

Phase 1: Herb garden (complete)

Phase 2: Vegetable garden with the outdoor learning space (awaiting public participation)

Phase 3: Edible Fruit Forest (City property)

Once trees are planted, it should be self-sustaining. Rotaract members and community will oversee watering efforts. Would seek grants for extensions to the pilot plantings.

With approved grid payout, maintenance would be manageable for City staff.

Storywalk:

Story walk signage, (20) child's view height (34") signs would be installed along the trails near the library and Meador park, while mindful to place near trees or bushes in order to eliminate mowing hindrances. Before beginning any further projects within the vicinity, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be required.

For story walk info, please view here:

<http://letsmovelibraries.org/storywalk/>

Funding / Fiscal Information:

Account Number: N/A

Amount Budgeted: N/A

Amount Requested / Required: N/A

Funding Source (if not budgeted):

Funding sources are the responsibility of Harris County Public Library for Storywalk and Rotaract for Edible Forest. No City of Seabrook funds to be applied to these projects.

Supporting Materials Attached:



Prior Action / Review by Council, Boards, Commissions:

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Staff Recommendation:

**APPROVED BY:
(as appropriate)**

Kevin Padgett

June 25, 2020

Preparer or Department Director

Date

Building Official, if needed

Date

City Secretary, if needed

Date

Community and Visitor Relations Director
if needed

Date

Court Administrator, if needed

Date

Sean Landis

6/29/2020

Deputy City Manager, if needed

Date

EDC Director, if needed

Date

Emergency Services Director, if needed

Date

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Michael Gibbs

7/1/2020

Finance Director, if needed

Date

HR Director, if needed

Date

IT Director, if needed

Date

Police Chief, if needed

Date

Public Works Director, if needed

Date

Gregory Cook

City Manager

7/2/2020

Date

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