

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
ARANSAS PATHWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE  
ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMMITTEE *UTCA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001 (4)* WILL BE HELD ON THE May 2, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. at the AQUARIUM EDUCATION CENTER, 706 NAVIGATION CIRCLE, ROCKPORT TX AND ZOOM WHICH A QUORUM OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT. AT WHICH A QUORUM OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT. THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WILL BE DISCUSSED, TO-WIT:

1. OPEN MEETING AND DECLARE QUORUM. McLallen/Callan  
HEAR COMMENTS OF CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. McLallen/Callan
2. HEAR AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING: March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting at AEC– McLallen/Callan
3. HEAR, DISCUSS AND APPROVE, IF APPROPRIATE, REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES-
  - BIRDING/TRAILS (Strothman/Heard): **Strothman**: nothing reported **Heard/Birding**: Bob Showler, hosting Birding with Bob, was every Friday in April. There were great turnouts. Great feedback from the visitors. Bob forwards list of visitors and list of birds seen by each site. Jennifer posts them to Facebook. Bob has graciously offered to continue the birding trips every Friday in May! In May he will change his days from Fridays to Saturdays. (NEW flyer attached). On April 5<sup>th</sup> the monthly column that the Pilot offered us ran, highlighting birding (see attached). May's column will be on kayaking (see attached). **Heard/Trails**: I have visited Tule East, Ivy Ln, Linda Castro, and Henderson Habitat with Master Naturalists: Kris/Ray Kirkwood, Patrick Hartigan, Ernie Schertz (Tule East) and Laura Clark. I have asked Kris/Ray, Patrick, and Laura to collaborate and make notes from each site on what their recommendations are: something needs to be planted and why, something needs to be removed and why, and if they are removing something then will there be something placed in it's spot. Kris to report. Hagar: signs ordered/expected delivery 4/24. History Center: Richard Dias will be doing the repairs. Interpretive Signs: Castro – signs are at least 10 years old. Have been vandalized. Need replacements. (see attached pictures).
  - KAYAKS (Heard): working with Phil Stranahan on getting details to add to the website.
  - HISTORICAL (Stranahan): May 5, 6:00pm Awards for Historic Preservation honoring Kline's Café, Fulton Schoolhouse and Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary at the History Center. May 13, 9:30-11:30 Coffee with Connie (Hagar) at the Sanctuary, Church at First Street. May 13, 10-12 Plant Exchange with KACB in the garden at the History Center. May 20, 10am opening exhibit: "Our Heritage from the Range: Ranching & Farming" at the History Center. Quarterly report for FHC (see attached).
  - PATHWAYS SITE MAINTENANCE (Butler): Bed maintenance-Mary Lessor, Laura Clark and Mid-Coast Texas Master Naturalists: Vickie Wilson, Tracy Hielsche, and Debbie Kacerk; New trash can installed at 188 Bridge – Aransas County Facilities & Staff; Many irrigation repairs – Mary Lessor & Aransas County Facilities Staff. As Rene has not met everyone as of yet, she wanted to give these folks KUDOS for ALL of their efforts.
  - MARKETING (Biggerstaff/Heard): **Biggerstaff**: Aransas Pathways support/Chamber of Commerce activities. **Heard**: The kiosk is up at the RCA parking lot (see attached picture); Goose Island State Park's Extravaganza: celebrating 100 years. Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29 from 9-4. I had signed up for Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. Received email from the Goose Island that they didn't have the response needed and were going to cancel the event on Friday. Said they may reschedule for October and would let me know when a day/time was picked. Hummerfest 2023: Land Sea & Sky donated a pair of binoculars again this year (see attached)!! COC: Chamber invited me to the Charmer Tour (volunteers for the chamber) on Tues 25<sup>th</sup>. We took a bus to Connie Hagar, Tule East/Demo Garden and Linda Castro (see attached picture).
4. VOLUNTEERS (Heard): Jennifer is attending many events around town to promote Pathways and express the need for volunteers.
5. HEAR, DISCUSS AND APPROVE, IF APPROPRIATE, THE FOLLOWING PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Heard)

6. HEAR DISCUSS AND APPROVE, IF APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM CHAIRS: Discussion and possible action:
- Nancy's letter on 4/13 effective 5/1 (see attached) – Website Issues
  - Pathways Maintenance issues:
    1. Birding & Nature sites
    2. History sites
    3. Kayak sites
    4. Trails
    5. Coordination of maintenance activities with APSC subject matter experts
  - Plan for developing a 2023-24 Pathways site-by-site maintenance budget
  - Revisions to Enabling Resolution for APSC (see attached)
7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. June 6<sup>th</sup>?
8. ADJOURN
9. DATED THIS THE May 2, 2023

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby affirmed that this NOTICE OF MEETING was duly posted at the Aransas County Courthouse at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting, on a bulletin board that is readily accessible to the general public during normal business hours and also on the Aransas County website, in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code 551.043.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Heard

Aransas County Project Coordinator

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AT 10:02 A.M.

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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS