

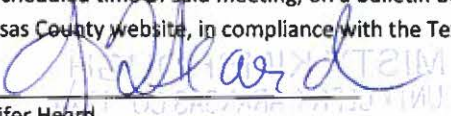
NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
ARANSAS PATHWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE  
ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMMITTEE *UTCA GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001 (4)* WILL BE HELD ON THE April 4, 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. 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 March. 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 April! (flyer attached). I met with Shanon on March 27<sup>th</sup> on a column to put in the Rockport Pilot to target birding. **Heard/Trails**: I have visited Tule East, Ivy Ln, and Linda Castro with Master Naturalists: Kris/Ray Kirkwood, Patrick Hartigan, Ernie Schertz and Laura Clark. We have talked about what we have (plants/trees) at our sites, what is invasive and needs to go, what we need; what changes we can make to mowing, to bring out the native wildflowers. On April 6<sup>th</sup> we will walk Connie Hagar at 9am. Hagar: Pam is requesting the following signs to be ordered: no pet at the parking lot, like the one on 1<sup>st</sup> St side; trail sign for the two trail entrances as people are having a hard time reading the map-one with an arrow right and one with arrow left. (see attached examples) History Center: railing blew off top, getting Richard Dias construction to look at. Ivy Ln: need to look at directional arrows for trail, very faded permanent marker on now.
  - KAYAKS (Heard): Swan Lake: Rene had received a request to move the bollards due to issues getting stuck and tight parking space. Moving them would give more room. Airport Rd: The LAC (Leadership Aransas County) class was nice enough to add a fishing line receptacle, Thank you Arthur Barrigan.
  - HISTORICAL (Stranahan): April 2, 4pm at History Center, Drawing for raffle QUILT; end of quilt exhibit. April 4, 4-5pm at Fulton Mansion Happy Hour, presentation for "Voices from the past". April 15, 10am "Student Art Celebrating History" will open on Saturday, April 15 at 10am at the History Center. Youth from across Aransas County will submit original art illustrating historical themes. Topics to be portrayed include ships, historic buildings, trains, fashion, cattle/ranching, and the environment. Also imagine running into an Amarillo the size of a VW Beetle. The Glyptodont that roamed South Texas during the Ice Age was that big. But humans were not here yet. Join Friends of the History Center Saturday April 15 at 10am to explore the prehistory Ice Age fauna that roamed the nearby Nueces River. April 22, 10-12 Hands-on fossil demonstration by Randy Bissell from CC Geological Society. (Special tours at the History Center: April 12 LAC; April 13 Attractions).
  - MARKETING (Biggerstaff/Stranahan): **Biggerstaff**: report on TDC and Chamber activities **Heard**: kiosk: called 811 to clear site. Application to City of Rockport to install. Then will get on schedule to be installed. In regards to ribbon cutting, Bay Blazers will need a minimum of three weeks' notice to schedule. Once I know when the kiosk will be installed I will schedule the ribbon cutting/work with Shanon on press release. Nancy is finishing the changes to the map to get those ordered. Goose Island State Park's Extravaganza: celebrating 100 years. Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29 from 9-4. I am unavailable to attend the event. Is there anyone that would like to volunteer to represent Pathways? (see attached flyer). Website discussion tabled for now.
4. VOLUNTEERS (Heard): Vickie Wilson, the Master Naturalist that adopted the pollinator gardens at Castro, had a workday on March 28<sup>th</sup> with some volunteer Master Naturalists. Vickie applied for and received a \$600 grant from Bring Back the Monarchs for Pathways. She was able to purchase plants for the pollinator gardens.
5. HEAR, DISCUSS AND APPROVE, IF APPROPRIATE, THE FOLLOWING PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (Heard)  
Received email that it's time to renew Berg Oliver 2023 contracts: do we want to look at possibility of adding some invasive; Discussion of management change/department head: Bubba announced at the March meeting that Pathways will now be under Rene Butler, Facilities Director. The process will stay the same: the committee will make recommendation (staying within the guidelines of the budget), then Jennifer will present to Rene. Rene will make the final decision of approval or recommendations; APSC Resolution #R24-2011 (see attached); What Pathways is and VT (venue tax) funds can be used on (see attached)
6. HEAR DISCUSS AND APPROVE, IF APPROPRIATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM CHAIRS:
7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS. May 2<sup>nd</sup>?
8. ADJOURN
9. DATED THIS THE April 4, 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:   
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AT 10:34 A.M.

**MAR 29 2023**

**MISTY KIMBROUGH  
COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS**