

Aransas Pathways Steering Committee

Minutes of July 2, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting at 10:00 A.M. at the Aquarium Education Center located at 706 Navigation Circle, Rockport, Texas, 78382

1. **Call to Order at 10 AM by Chair Rich Connell**
2. **Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum**, Members present: Rich Connell, Jim Farnsworth, Pam Stranahan, Earl Matthew, Jatin Bhakta, Shelly Steckler, Rebekah Rylander, Councilwoman Mary Ann Pahmiyer, and Commissioner Pat Rousseau, Alyssa Massingill. Quorum was present. Guests: Judge Ray Garza, Adelaide Marlatt, Stephanie Horvath, Mike Horvath, Michael Horvath, Rene Butler, and Melissa Zieschang. Members absent: Andrea Hattman
3. **Citizens to be heard.**
 - a. Judge Garza presented award to Michael Horvath for his Eagle Scout Project.
4. **Consent Agenda.**
 - a. The minutes for July 02, 2024, were approved with the amendment of Jenn Nolan's absence.
 - b. Budget update January through June 2024 was accepted.
5. **Steering Committee Chair's Report – Rich Connell**
 - a. Rich welcomed Alyssa Massingill as a voting member on the committee.
 - b. Project development and site enhancements with tourism as the focus was highlighted.
6. **Subcommittee Reports.**
 - **BIRDING – Rebekah Rylander**
 - a) Rebekah updated on the long range plans, improvements and enhancements based on the site assessment of Connie Hagar Cottage Sanctuary.
 - **KAYAKING**
 - a) Jim Farnsworth updated on the site assessment of Airport Rd Kayak Site. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Program Statement improvements. (Outline Attached)
 - **HISTORY – Pam Stranahan**
 - a) Pam updated on History Center's upcoming events.
 - i. July 11, exhibit opening "From Sketch to Seaworthy: The Legendary Farley Boats of Texas" at Texas Maritime Museum
 - ii. August 17 "Ghosts Towns of Copano Bay" at History Center.

- **TRAILS – Earl Matthew**

- a) Earl gave a progress review for Trail Project Concept Statement 1A Shell Crete to Traylor. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the Hike and Bike Trail Program Statement. (Outline Attached)

- **KAYAK SITES/TRAILS/MAINTENANCE – Rene Butler**

- a) Rene updated on recent maintenance to sites.

- **MARKETING – Jatin Bhakta**

- a) Jatin updated on the task force plans for video and website.

- **EVENT COORDINATOR – Melissa Zieschang**

- a) Melissa updated on upcoming events.
 - i. Sept. 19th-22nd HummerBird Celebration & Poker Tour
 - ii. Oct. 5th Butterfly Release Event by Harbor Foundation
 - iii. Nov. 9th-10th Paradise Walk
 - iv. March-April 2025 Pathways in Photos

7. Date for next regular meeting August 6, 2024

8. New Business

9. Motion to Adjourn was made and passed. Meeting Adjourned.