

MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2013

ARANSAS PATHWAYS STEERING COMMITTEE

Next Meeting, 10:00 AM January 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman De McLallen at 10:40 AMPM at the Aransas County Service Center 1931 FM 2165, Rockport, TX. Notice of the meeting had been posted at the Aransas County Courthouse on December 16, 2013. Members in attendance: De McLallen, Tom Callan, C.J. Wax, Phil Stranahan (for Earl Matthew) Ray Kirkwood (for Deb Corpora).

1. Minutes of 12/05 were approved as written.
2. Co-Chair McLallen invited comments from Citizens to be Heard. There being no comments, the meeting progressed as follows:
3. Informational Items from the Chairmen (with possible action as published in the Agenda):
 - a. Funding for work during 2014 is being developed for Court approval and should be ready for approval by APSC next meeting. Existing funding approvals are sufficient to finish work in progress. New work will not be initiated until current work is closer to completion.
 - b. Status is needed from Naismith Engineering with regard to progress on the Tule Bridge and clarification for the Tule Pavilion contract. Naismith was not present but should report next meeting.
 - c. Berg –Oliver has submitted a recommendation for Tule Marsh East for consideration. Remaining areas should be reported out in next two weeks.
4. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. History: Pam Stranahan was not present. It was noted that funding for renovation of the garage is not available at present. This and other history center improvements require additional discussion after 1st of year.
 - b. Birding: Work in last two weeks concentrated at Ivy Lane and Castro sites:
APSC confirmed availability of \$7,500 for planting of first 50 feet of the Castro entrance is available and authorized committee to proceed.
TME: Priorities to removal of invasives, signage and berg-Oliver recommendations
Ivy Lane: Essentially complete.
Connie Hagar Sanctuary: No budget at this time.
 - c. Trails: No news from TXDOT and contract for STEP grant has not been received. McLallen to contact Alvarez for status after 1st of year.
 - d. Kayak: No progress to report – no discussion.
 - e. Grants Committee Trails: No response as yet from Horned Toad grants application.
 - f. Pavilion signage: Bidders list essentially complete. Waiting info from Marketing Committee to complete bid package.
5. Committee set next meeting for Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 10:00 AM to be held at the Aransas County Service Center.
6. There being no further business, Smith moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Tom Callan. There being no objection from the Committee the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Tom Callan

Approved: De McLallen _____