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City of South Padre Island welcomes new Parks and Recreation Manager

South Padre Island, TX, March 27, 2017: The City of South Padre Island has recently hired Anne Payne as the City's new parks and recreation manager. The parks manager position was vacant due to the retirement of longtime City employee Mary K. Hancock.

Payne comes to South Padre Island with prior experience as Liberty Hall manager in Tyler, East Texas Medical Center marketing associate, and was the executive director for Habitat for Humanity of Smith County for 12 years. Anne will be administering parks and recreational programs, special event permits and managing all aspects of the Community Center and City parks.

Payne has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Texas at Tyler and has completed the Harvard Business School Executive Leadership Program.

"Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself to Anne," said Susan Guthrie, City manager. "She is anxious to hear from residents about their vision for our City parks."

Payne can be visited at: South Padre Island Community Center 4501 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas 78597 Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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