

**NOTICE OF PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021
9:00 AM AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
4601 PADRE BOULEVARD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

1.Call to Order

2.Pledge of Allegiance

3.Public Comments and Announcements

This is an opportunity for citizens to speak to Committee relating to agenda or non-agenda items. Speakers are required to address Committee at the podium and give their name before addressing their concerns. [Note: State law will not permit the Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee to discuss debate or consider items that are not on the agenda. Citizen Comments may be referred to City Staff or may be placed on the agenda of a future Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee meeting]

4.Regular Agenda

- 4.1. Discussion and action to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman. (Huffman)
- 4.2. Approval of November 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)
- 4.3. Committee Member Introductions and Committee Overview. (Huffman)
- 4.4. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)
- 4.5. Update and discussion on Phase II of John L. Tompkins Park. (Huffman)
- 4.6. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Governor's Community Achievement Award. (Baldovinos)
- 4.7. Discussion and possible action on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items. (Gonzalez)
- 4.8. Update and possible action to select the Yard/Landscape of the Quarter for January. (Huffman)

5.Adjourn

NOTE:

Agenda: JANUARY 20, 2021

One or more members of the City of South Padre Island City Council may attend this meeting; if so, this statement satisfies the requirements of the OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

DATED JANUARY 15, 2021

Angelique Soto, City Secretary

I, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE AND THAT I POSTED A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF SAID NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT CITY HALL/MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON **JANUARY 15, 2021**, AT/OR BEFORE 9:00 AM AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.

Angelique Soto, City Secretary

THIS FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE, AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT BUILDING OFFICIAL, BELINDA TARVER AT (956)761-8103.

**CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE
AGENDA REQUEST FORM**

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2021

NAME & TITLE: Debbie Huffman

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Discussion and action to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

Sent to Legal: No

Approved by Legal: No

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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ITEM

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ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

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LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

**MINUTES
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

1. Call to order.

The Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. This meeting was virtual/telephonic due to the COVID-19 health emergency as authorized by V.T.C.A.551.121-126, Texas government code. Vice Chairman Javier Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present: Committee members Thomas Bainter, Carol Bolstad, Tonya Tallard and Jeff Hoxtell.

City staff members present: Parks and Recreation Manager, Debbie Huffman, Environment Health Director, Victor Baldovinos, and Administrative Assistant, Angie Cantu, and Assistant Public Works Director, Jon Wilson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments and Announcements.

Public comments were given at this time.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1 Approval of the October 21, 2020 meeting minutes.

Committee Member Thomas Bainter made a motion to approve seconded by Committee Member Carol Bolstad. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2. Update and discussion regarding City parks maintenance.

Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson gave an update regarding maintenance in the City parks.

4.3 Update and discussion regarding John L. Tompkins Park Phase II.

Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman gave an update on the John L. Tompkins Park Phase II progress.

4.4 Discussion and possible action regarding the Community Volunteer Awards Program.

A motion was made by Committee Member Thomas Bainter to recognize all the volunteers that were submitted with a certificate and a presentation program at City Hall in December Committee Member Jeff Hoxtell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4.9 Update and discussion regarding the 2020 Christmas Parade/Events.

The 2020 Christmas Parade will be cancelled due to COVID-19. The Lighted Boat Parade will be held on December 5 starting at 6:00 pm.

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Javier Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:37 am.

Javier Gonzalez, Vice Chairman

Debbie Huffman, Parks Manager

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DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Committee Member Introductions and Committee Overview. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:



Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee 2021

Welcome and Overview



Committee Members

Javier Gonzalez
Thomas Bainter
Jeff Hoxtail
Carol Bolstad
Evelyn Alpert
Travis Kayser
Julie Berman



Meeting Details

- Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am
- Agenda items need to be submitted by the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- A quorum is needed to hold the meeting (4 members)
- If you can not attend please let us know as soon as possible

Duties and Functions of the Committee

- Educate and engage SPI residents and visitors to SPI to take responsibility for improving the community environment
- Conduct community assessments
- Prioritize anti-litter and beautification projects based on assessment results
- Seek state, federal and private funding for anti-litter and beautification initiatives
- Set goals and objectives, and create a Calendar of Events
- Develop a list of community/volunteer organizations to assist the Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee in accomplishing projects

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- Recommend projects or initiatives to be included in the annual budget
- Recommend policy to the City Council to protect and preserve the natural beauty of the City of South Padre Island which creates a sense of community
- Maintain a community park system for the enjoyment of residents and visitors
- Make programmatic recommendations to enhance the beauty and overall appearance of the City of South Padre Island

Current Committee Projects

- Community Garden Plots (reassigned in February and August)
- Beach Clean-ups (2 yearly Adopt-a-Beach April and October)
- 4th of July Walking Beach Parade
- Rotary Flag Program
- Yard of the Quarter Program (Sept.,Dec.,March,June)
- Yearly Park Event (Groundbreaking/Grand Opening)
- Christmas Events (Street Parade, Tree Lighting and Breakfast with Santa)
- Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony (December)

2020-2021 Parks Events Budget

Christmas Events	\$5000.00
4th of July Parade	\$1000.00
Park Event	\$1500.00
Rotary Flag Program	\$2425.00
Causeway Memorial	\$1000.00
Total	\$10,925.00

2020-2021 Parks Maintenance Budget

John L Tompkins Park	\$4000.00
Butterfly Park	\$2000.00
Turtle Park	\$2000.00
Water Tower Park	\$2000.00
Total Parks Maintenance Budget	\$10,000.00

Questions?



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DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)

ITEM BACKGROUND

On going maintenance update of all city parks

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Park Maintenance 09-572-0433

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

Chapter III. Policy 2.1.2: The City's beaches, beach access points, parks, playgrounds, waterfront promenades, boat ramps, shaded areas, restrooms, and other recreation amenities shall be placed and maintained in an appropriate manner and conveniently accessible for residents and visitors.

Strategy 2.1.2.2: Sustainable maintenance plan for parks and beaches shall be developed, and scheduled for cleanliness and adequate facilities operations.

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DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Update and discussion on Phase II of John L. Tompkins Park. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

Update on the progress of Phase II of John L Tompkins park.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\$ 500,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

Objective 2.2: The City should provide parks to meet the needs and desires of residents

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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MEETING DATE: January 20, 2021

NAME & TITLE: Debbie Huffman

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Heath Services Department

ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Governor's Community Achievement Award. (Baldovinos)

ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

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KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL & TXDOT
**GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

GCAA Application Questions

GCAA is open to all communities in Texas. For more information: ktb.org/gcaa
Applications open Monday, January 4, 2021 and close Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5PM CST.

Community Leadership and Coordination – 12 Points

1. Describe your community and its specific characteristics (i.e., brief history, demographics). (125 Words)
2. Texas is one of the fastest growing states in the country. How has your community adapted and worked to address the population changes it is experiencing? (125 Words)
3. How have partnerships with state or national organization(s) related to litter prevention, beautification, community improvement and/or waste reduction helped increase the impact of your community's work? (100 Words)
4. How are your community improvement programs (programs focused on litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction) organized, structured and funded? Describe support (staff and volunteers) for your community improvement programs. (125 Words)
5. How are your community leaders, including those in charge of community improvement programs, staying up to date with best practices and changing information related to litter prevention, beautification, and/or waste reduction? (75 Words)

Public Awareness and Outreach – 12 Points

1. Describe outreach efforts and how your community has made the general public aware of your community improvement programs through the use of media, speeches, social media, websites, events, workshops, bulletin boards, technology and/or printed materials. Include how your community was able to adapt its efforts due to COVID-19. List any measurable results. (200 Words)
2. What efforts does your community use to reach diverse or underserved audiences? (75 Words)
3. How has your community worked to promote the Don't mess with Texas® campaign or Keep Texas Beautiful? (125 Words)
4. Describe how community awards and recognition programs have helped increase local support of your community improvement programs. Note awards and other forms of recognition offered by your program and those it has received. (100 Words)
5. What educational efforts, projects or programs are available in your community to teach the general public about recycling, waste reduction, litter prevention or beautification issues? List impact, available measurable results, and adaptations due to COVID-19. (200 Words)

Environmental Education – 12 Points

1. What topics (solid waste/recycling, water reduction, energy savings, etc.) does environmental education in your community's schools cover? Describe what kind and how many environmental education programs or special events are offered for youth and your community's involvement. Include any youth, preschool, elementary, secondary, and college/university programs in your community. (150 Words)
2. How do your community's schools use environmental curricula such as Project Wild, Waste in Place, Project Learning Tree, and/or other educational activities or outdoor learning opportunities? What programs to train educators on these learning opportunities do you have in place typically (pre-COVID) and how did your community adapt to COVID changes? (200 Words)

Beautification and Community Improvement – 12 Points

1. Describe beautification efforts in public spaces (parks, community gardens, etc.) in your community, such as tree and flower planting, native or adaptive landscaping, and landscape maintenance. How did your community maintain COVID-19-safe working conditions for staff members and volunteers while working on beautification efforts? Include information on the impact of COVID-19 on your community's beautification efforts, including any applicable metrics. (225 Words)
2. How has your community worked to instill pride and communicate the positive impact on economic development and the prosperity of your community through increased beautification and community improvement programs? (175 Words)

Litter Prevention and Cleanup – 12 Points

1. Does your community conduct any type of study or survey to determine the extent of littering? (75 Words)
2. Uncovered trucks, construction sites, motor vehicles and pedestrians are the primary sources of the litter found on roadways. Describe how your community specifically addresses roadside litter and any program changes or adaptations due to COVID-19. (125 Words)
3. Many communities reported an increase of litter in public and outdoor spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. This could be from decreased volunteer engagement, decreased staff support and/or hours, and increased outdoor usage during the pandemic. Describe how your community is working to address this problem. If your community is experiencing specific litter issues from personal protection equipment (PPE), how is your community working to address these issues? (125 Words)
4. What was the overall impact on the environment and/or the public's attitude toward litter prevention and cleanup based on your litter prevention programs? How does your community assess the effectiveness of its litter prevention programs? (150 Words)
5. List the community cleanups (Adopt-a-Block, Fall Sweep, Great American Cleanup, etc.) you held and measurable results of those events. Virtual events or other nontraditional cleanups can also be included with this question. If you were unable to hold an event in 2020, please explain any plans for safely reintroducing cleanups in the future. (150 Words)

Solid Waste Management – 12 Points

1. Describe your community's typical involvement in solid waste management, including work with local waste haulers, businesses, civic groups and citizens. If your community has a recycling program, describe community efforts to reduce and address recycling contamination, which typically is around 25%. (125 Words)
2. Describe how your community has supported source reduction, recycling, reuse and composting to divert materials from landfill space. List measurable results if applicable. Please address all four topic areas. If your community's solid waste programs changed due to COVID-19, identify those changes and how the community communicated these changes to its residents. (200 Words)

Litter Law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement – 12 Points

1. Describe community efforts to educate and work with law enforcement personnel (city, county or state) to review and enforce local and state litter laws, including litter abatement and/or illegal dumping. (125 Words)
2. Describe community efforts to reduce nuisance issues such as graffiti, grass and weed violations, dilapidated structures, junked cars and similar issues. (125 Words)

Conclusion – 6 Points

1. Describe how your overall community efforts have adjusted and adapted to the ongoing pandemic during 2020. Will this change how your community organizes and executes programming in the future? (150 Words)
2. Explain how your community's overall environmental efforts have made your community a better place to live, work and play. Use this space to address anything related to community improvement programs that has not been covered in this application. (125 Words)



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ITEM

Discussion and possible action on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items. (Gonzalez)

ITEM BACKGROUND

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge™, cities, municipalities, and other communities across North America are committing to create healthy, sustainable habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators while educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:



Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items

Mayors and local government chief executives who have taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge must commit to implement at least three of the 25 following action items within a year of taking the pledge. At least one action must be taken from the "Program & Demonstration Gardens" section. Mayors and local government chief executives taking more than eight actions will receive special recognition as part of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Leadership Circle. NWF will follow up with all mayoral points of contact with a quarterly survey (1/1, 4/1, 7/1, 10/1) to monitor progress. Please visit www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge to take the pledge and access resources.

Communications & Convening:

- 1) Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- 2) Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- 3) Communicate with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 4) Convene city park and public works department staff and identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
- 5) Convene a meeting with gardening leaders in the community to discuss partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Program & Demonstration Gardens:

- 6) Host or support a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway event.
- 7) Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 8) Plant a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent location.
- 9) Convert abandoned lots to monarch habitat.
- 10) Plant milkweed and native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.
- 11) Launch a program to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants in school gardens by engaging students, teachers and the community.
- 12) Earn recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by expanding your action plan to include other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts through a program like the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat program
- 13) Create a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the city to create habitat for the monarch butterfly.
- 14) Initiate or support citizen-science efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 15) Add milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.

- 16) Expand invasive species removal programs to make it possible to re-establish native milkweed and nectar plants to the landscape.
- 17) Host or support a city monarch butterfly festival.

Systems Change:

- 18) Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- 19) Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- 20) Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed where appropriate.
- 21) Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where appropriate.
- 22) Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- 23) Change landscape ordinances to support integrated pest management and reduced use of pesticides and insecticides.
- 24) Adopt pesticides practices that are not harmful to pollinators.
- 25) California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public and private lands.

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Update and possible action to select the Yard/Landscape of the Quarter for January. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

The yard of the quarter award will be presented in September, December, March and June to a business and/or residence that take pride in their yards and/or landscaping.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

Chapter III. GOAL 1: The City shall ensure the protection and conservation of natural resources such as beaches, dunes, and wetlands, Laguna Madre waterfront, and native flora and fauna, allowing for their sustainable use for, and enjoyment by, future generations.

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS: