

**MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF SOUTH PADRE ISLAND**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Events Committee of the City of South Padre Island, Texas, held a special meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, at the South Padre Island City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Chairman Sean Till called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. A quorum was present: Vice Chairman Doyle Wells, Committee Members Lisa Graves, Tomas Saenz, and Cody Pace. Absent were Committee Members Sean Slovisky and Christian Hasbun.

City officials present were City Manager Randy Smith, Council Members Ken Medders and Kerry Schwartz.

CVB staff members present were CVB Director Ed Caum, Event Development and Packaging Manager Marisa Amaya, and Administrative Assistant Linette Hernandez.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Sean Till led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no public comments or announcements.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

- 4.1. Discussion and action to approve the funding request for the Holiday Sandcastle Village 2020. Special Events and Packaging Manager Marisa Amaya spoke at the podium and briefed the committee on the event. Chairman Sean Till informed the committee that the amount being requested is a budgeted item and that the actual expenses could be less than the approved amount. CVB Director Ed Caum provided background information on the artists who will be participating in this event, and explained the event had been tentative due to COVID-19 restrictions but is now able to move forward and will allow for social distancing. CVB Director Ed Caum stated that the contract will address the requirement of having the sandcastles that are displayed remain current with the seasons. Lisa Graves asked for clarification on the amount that was budgeted for the 2019 event and Marisa Amaya informed her that \$32,000 was budgeted for the prior year. Ed Caum explained that an island partner donated a tent for the 2020 event which reduced some of the expenses. After a brief discussion, Committee Member Tomas Saenz made a motion to approve the funding for Holiday Sandcastle Village for Oct 2020-Feb 2021 in the amount of \$25,000,

seconded by Committee Member Lisa Graves. There was further discussion on the event. Vice Chairman Doyle Wells had questions on some of the expenses budgeted for the tent, fencing, and security issues, which were addressed. He also recommended that other island partners have the option of hosting the event on their property in the following year. Sean Till also suggested looking at the option to have visitors make donations to the event in the following year. There was no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Sean Till adjourned the meeting at 2:08pm.


Linette Hernandez, CVB Administrative Assistant

Approved by:


Sean Till, Special Events Committee Chairman