

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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. Approval of January 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)
- 4.2. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)
- 4.3. Update and discussion on Phase II of John L. Tompkins Park. (Huffman)
- 4.4. Discussion and possible action regarding the SPI Community Garden Plots at Butterfly Park. (Huffman)
- 4.5. Discussion and possible action on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items. (Gonzalez)
- 4.6. Discussion and possible action to look into the development of a Space-Themed Park. (Kayser)

5.Adjourn

NOTE:

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 FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Angelique Soto, City Secretary

Agenda: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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 **FEBRUARY 12, 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: February 17, 2021

NAME & TITLE: Debbie Huffman

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Approval of January 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. (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:

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

1. Call to order.

The Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee Members of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Committee Member Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Committee Member Thomas Bainter, Carol Bolstad, Evelyn Alpert, Travis Kayser, Julie Berman. Committee Member Jeff Hoxtell was absent.

City staff members present were Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson, Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos, and City Manager Randy Smith. Also present is City Council Member Lydia Caballero.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Member Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments and Announcements

Public comments and announcements were given at this time.

4. Regular Agenda

4.1. Discussion and action to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Committee Member Javier Gonzalez was nominated for Chairman by Committee Member Bainter and seconded by Committee Member Bolstad. Motion carried unanimously. Committee Member Bainter nominated Committee Member Jeff Hoxtell for Vice-Chairman the motion was seconded by Committee Member Bolstad. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2. Approval of November 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Committee Member Bolstad made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Bainter to approve the regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3. Committee Members Introductions and Committee Overview.

Introductions and a committee overview was given by Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman.

4.4. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance.

Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson gave an update regarding the City Parks.

4.5. Update and discussion on Phase II of John L Tompkins Parks.

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

4.6. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Governor's Community Achievement Award.

Environmental Health Director Victor Baldovinos gave an update regarding the Governor's Community Achievement Awards GCAA Application.

4.7 Discussion and possible action on the Mayors' monarch Pledge Action Items.

Committee Member Gonzalez presented the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items to the committee. The committee will continue to have this as an ongoing agenda item for future discussion.

4.8 Update and possible action to select the Yard/Landscape of the Quarter for January.

204 Georgia Ruth was selected as best yard of the quarter and Sisters Interiors was selected as best landscape of the quarter.

5. Adjourn.

There being no further business, Chairman Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Javier Gonzales, Chairman

Debbie Huffman, Parks Manager

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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.

LEGAL REVIEW

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Approved by Legal: No

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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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

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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ITEM

Discussion and possible action regarding the SPI Community Garden Plots at Butterfly Park. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

Community garden program was started in August 2019.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

Chapter III Parks & Resources

Objective 2.2: The city should provide parks that meets the needs and desires of residents

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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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

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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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ITEM BACKGROUND

The concept is presenting the history of Space exploration development here in Cameron county. A Space Park would include a visual/interactive history and portrayal of future development to incorporate education into recreational exercise.

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