

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
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 possible action to approve the February 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)
- 4.2. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)
- 4.3. Discussion and possible action regarding Spring plantings at Turtle Park. (Gonzalez)
- 4.4. Discussion and possible action on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge action items. (Gonzalez)
- 4.5. Discussion and possible action to promote a "Lights out Texas" initiative for SPI. (Gonzalez)
- 4.6. Discussion and possible action to award the Yard/Landscape of the Month for March. (Coker)

5.Adjourn

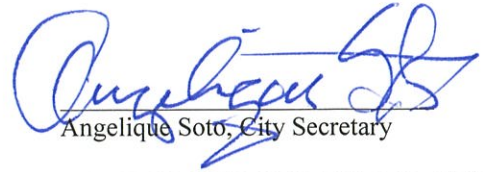
6.NOTE:

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.

Agenda: MARCH 22, 2023



DATED MARCH 17, 2023



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 **MARCH 17, 2023**, AT/OR BEFORE 5:00 PM 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, GEORGE MARTINEZ AT (956)761-8103.



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

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2023

NAME & TITLE: Debbie Huffman

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Discussion and possible action to approve the February 15, 2023 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 of the City of South Padre Island, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2nd Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Chairman Berman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present: Committee Members Laurie Coker, Chrissy Dijkman, Susan Francis, Thomas Corbett. Absent: Committee Members Travis Kayser & Javier Gonzalez.

City staff members present were Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Public Works Assistant Director Jon Wilson, Administration Coordinator Hilda Delgado, and Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks. Also present City Council members Ken Medders and Rees Langston.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Berman 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. (Huffman)

Committee Member Laurie Coker made a motion to nominate Julie Berman as Chairman seconded by Chrissy Dijkman. Chairman Julie Berman made a motion to nominate Laurie Coker as Vice Chair seconded by Thomas Corbett. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Discussion and possible action to approve the November 16, 2022 regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)

Chairman Julie Berman made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Laurie Coker to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3 Committee Member Introductions and Committee Overview. (Huffman)

Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman introduced Committee Members and presented a committee overview.

4.4 Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)

Assistant Parks Director Jon Wilson gave an update regarding City Parks Maintenance.

4.5 Discussion and possible action to recommend the shade over the basketball court and the solar lighting design concept for John L. Thompkins Park Phase III to the City Council for approval. (Huffman)

Chairman Berman made a motion to recommend the shade over basketball court and the solar lighting design concept for John L. Thompkins Park Phase III to the city council for approval with a budget amendment of \$86,000.00 seconded by Vice Chair Laurie Coker. Motion carried unanimously.

4.6 Discussion and possible action regarding a memorial bench to honor Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful committee member Sandra Tarpey at Turtle Park. (Coker)

Vice Chair Laurie Coker made a motion regarding a memorial bench to honor Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful committee member Sandra Tarpey at Turtle Park seconded by Chairman Berman. Motion carried unanimously.

4.7 Discussion and possible action to assign the SPI Community Garden Plots for the February-August 2023 growing season at Butterfly Park.

Assignations for SPI Community Garden Plots for February-August 2023 were made as follows:

1. Madeline Siegert
2. SPI Rentals
3. Cindy Etter
4. Crystal Wyatt
5. Allan Thompson

4.8 Discussion and possible action to award the Yard/Landscape of the Month for January/February. (Coker)

Chairman Berman made a motion to award 5705 Circe Circle as the yard/landscape of the month for January/February seconded by Committee Member Susan Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

4.9 Update and discussion regarding the South Padre Island Dog Park Plan. (Coker)

Vice Chair Coker gave an update regarding the South Padre Island Dog Park plan.

5. Adjourn

Chairman Berman adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Julie Berman, Chairman

Debbie Huffman, Parks Manager

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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

PR.C Provide safe and well-maintained facilities - Development of a park system and facilities that provide a safe environment will contribute to a positive user experience. Well-maintained facilities will improve safety while addressing aesthetic and functional standards associated with the park system. Safe and well-maintained park facilities will reduce long-term replacement costs/needs.

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Discussion and possible action regarding Spring plantings at Turtle Park. (Gonzalez)

ITEM BACKGROUND

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BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

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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

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:



**MAYORS
MONARCH
PLEDGE**

Action Items

Communications and Convening:

Action #	Action
1	Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
2	Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
3	Engage* with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
4	Engage* with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
5	Engage* with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
6	Engage* with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.

Action #	Action
7	Engage* with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning process to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
8	Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.
9	Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

*Engage includes: in-person meetings, conferences and summits, trainings, or regular communication through email, phone, social media, etc.

Program and Demonstration Gardens:

Action #	Action
10	Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
11	Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
12	Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
13	Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
14	Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.

Action #	Action
15	Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
16	Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).
17	Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.
18	Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
19	Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.
20	Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.
21	Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
22	Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Systems Change:

Action #	Action
23	Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
24	Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
25	Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
26	Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where possible.
27	Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
28	Change ordinances so herbicides, insecticides, or other chemicals used in the community are not harmful to pollinators.
29	Adopt ordinances that support reducing light pollution.
30	California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public or private lands.

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Discussion and possible action to promote a "Lights out Texas" initiative for SPI. (Gonzalez)

ITEM BACKGROUND

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BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TBD

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

PR.B Enhance natural resources-Enhanced natural resource management will provide a gathering place to be physically active, socialize and connect with the natural world. Enhancing natural resources will protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas promoting environmental sustainability and healthy ecosystems that can be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

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Yard of the Month

March 2023



BEST YARD OF THE MONTH



3115 Gulf Blvd



207 W. Retama



206 W. Retama

