

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 July 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)
- 4.2. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)
- 4.3. Update and discussion on Phase III of John L. Tompkins Park. (Huffman)
- 4.4. Discussion and possible action for City Park directional signage. (Coker/Wilson)
- 4.5. Update and discussion on Bird City Texas action items. (Gonzalez)
- 4.6. Discussion and possible action to award the Yard/Landscape of the Month for August. (Coker)
- 4.7. Discussion and possible action to assign the SPI Community Garden Plots for the August-January 2024 growing season at Butterfly Park. (Huffman)
- 4.8. Update and discussion regarding the 2023 Christmas Street Parade/Events. (Huffman)

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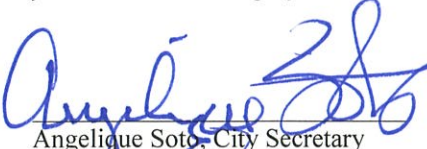


5. Adjourn

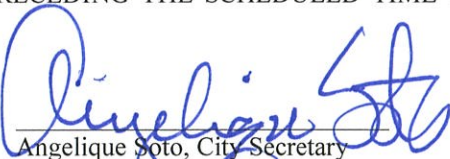
NOTE:

*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 AUGUST 11, 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 **AUGUST 11, 2023**, 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, GEORGE MARTINEZ AT (956)761-8103.



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

**MEETING DATE:** August 16, 2023

**NAME & TITLE:** Debbie Huffinan

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

**ITEM**

Discussion and possible action to approve the July 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes. (Huffinan)

**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, July 19, 2023 at the Municipal Complex Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Vice Chairman Laurie Coker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present: Committee Members Travis Kayser, Susan Francis, and Javier Gonzalez. Absent: Committee Member Thomas Corbett and Chrissy Dijkman .

City staff present Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Public Works Director Alex Sanchez, Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson and City Manager Randy Smith. City Council members present Ken Medders and Rees Langston.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Coker 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 possible action to approve the May 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes.**

Committee Member Javier Gonzalez made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Susan Francis to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**4.2 Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Wilson)**

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

**4.3 Update and discussion on Phase III of John L. Tompkins Park. (Huffman)**

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



**4.4 Update and discussion regarding the rock garden at Turtle Park to honor Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful committee member Sandra Tarpey. (Coker)**

Vice Chairman Coker gave a presentation on the rock garden dedication on July 12, 2023. A sign was placed in the rock garden. Councilmen Kerry Schwartz spoke and Laurie invited the committee and citizens to add painted rocks for inspiration and motivation to keep the garden going.

**4.5 Update and discussion on Bird City Texas action items. (Gonzalez)**

Committee Member Javier Gonzalez gave a presentation on the Bird City action items.

**4.6 Discussion and possible action to award the Yard/Landscape of the Month for July. (Coker)**

Committee Member Susan Francis made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Javier Gonzalez to award 200 W. Bahama as the yard/landscape of the month for July. Motion carried unanimously.

**4.7 Discussion and possible action for City Park directional signage.(Coker/Wilson)**

Assistant Public Works Director Jon Wilson had nothing new to report but will have an update for the August meeting.

**4.8 Update and discussion on ideas to acquire land for a future Dog Park. (Coker)**

Vice Chairman Coker gave an update on the progress of possible land options for the future Dog Park.

**5. Adjourn**

Vice Chairman Coker adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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Laurie Coker, Vice Chairman

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Debbie Huffman, Parks Manager

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**NAME & TITLE:** Debbie Huffman

**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**

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.

**LEGAL REVIEW**

Sent to Legal: No

Approved by Legal: No

**RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**

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**ITEM**

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

**ITEM BACKGROUND**

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

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

\$ 125,000 grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL**

PR.D Build new facilities.

Provide new amenities associated with a Community Park System on the Island. The construction of new facilities and amenities will contribute to a diverse park system that can meet the demands of a diverse resident and visitor population.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**

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**ITEM BACKGROUND**

n/a

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

n/a

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL**

n/a

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Update and discussion on Bird City Texas action items. (Gonzalez)

**ITEM BACKGROUND**

N/A

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

N/A

**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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**ITEM BACKGROUND**

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**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

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**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**

# Yard of the Month

August 2023





# BEST YARD OF THE MONTH





# 119 East Constellation





# 113 East Lantana





# 105 East Lantana





# 211 West Carolyn





# 207 West Cora Lee





# 210 West Georgia Ruth





Yard of the month is.....

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**ITEM**

Discussion and possible action to assign the SPI Community Garden Plots for the August-January 2024 growing season at Butterfly Park. (Huffman)

**ITEM BACKGROUND**

The Community Garden program was started in August 2019. There are 2 drawings a year in August and February for 5 garden plots by the Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful Committee. The garden plots are located at Butterfly Park on 4316 Gulf Blvd.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

N/A

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL**

PR.A Increase facility usage : Parks are vitally important to establish and maintain a quality of life within a community. Increased utilization of park facilities and programs will aid in ensuring the health of families and further contribute to the economic and environmental well-being of the community and region.

**LEGAL REVIEW**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**



SPI COMMUNITY  
GARDEN PLOTS

At Butterfly Park

PARKS AND KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL  
COMMITTEE

# SPI COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

AT BUTTERFLY PARK

ADOPT A PLOT

AUGUST 2023 THRU JANUARY 2024

- Be respectful of other gardeners
- Plots are assigned to you and they grow as they see fit. No hard work, else hard work.
- Keep your Garden beautiful



Garden sponsored by the  
Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee  
For more information contact  
The Parks Department [www.myspi.org](http://www.myspi.org) 956-761-8168

TO BE A PART OF THIS COMMUNITY GARDEN  
SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023.

GARDENERS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING  
PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE HUFFMAN AT 956-761-8168 OR  
[DHUFFMAN@MYSPI.ORG](mailto:DHUFFMAN@MYSPI.ORG)





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**ITEM**

Update and discussion regarding the 2023 Christmas Street Parade/Events. (Huffman)

**ITEM BACKGROUND**

This is an annual Christmas Parade event and is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2023 with a backup date of Friday, December 8, 2023 in case of inclement weather. The event starts at Mars Lane and ends at Acapulco Street. This year a route will be southbound in the east lanes only due to the medians.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

\$5,000.00 Budget line item 09-572-9185 for all Christmas events (tree lighting and parade)

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL**

EC.R Encourage and support unique coastal dining, shopping and entertainment that set SPI apart from other beach destinations. Encourage and support unique coastal dining, shopping and entertainment that set SPI apart from other beach destinations. The island currently has ample outdoor activities to deliver on an active outdoors brand.

**LEGAL REVIEW**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:**



## **34th Annual SPI Christmas Street Parade**

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **DECEMBER 1, 2023**

**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP TO MAKE  
THE MAGIC  
HAPPEN!**

**[christmasparade.myspi.org](https://christmasparade.myspi.org)**

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