

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

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 minutes of the August 19, 2026, regular meeting. (Huffman)

4.2. Discussion and possible action to approve the absence for Parks Committee Member Travis Kayser from the regular meeting on August 19, 2026. (Kayser)

4.3. Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Huffman)

4.4. Update and discussion on park improvements at Lis Memorial Park. (Coker)

4.5. Discussion and possible action to schedule a fall planting day to plant additional bird and pollinator habitat. (Gonzalez)

4.6. Update and discussion regarding City Park directional signage. (Coker)

4.7. Discussion and possible action to award the Yard/Landscape of the Month for September. (Coker)

4.8. Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the Holiday Decoration Contest for the best residence and business in December. (Willingham)

4.9. Update and discussion regarding the 2026 Christmas Street Parade/Events. (Huffman)

5. Adjourn

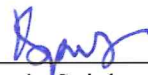
NOTE:

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.

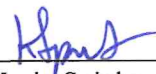
DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Agenda: SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 - PARKS & KEEP SPI BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE MEETING




Karin Spinks, Assistant 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 AND ON THE CITY WEBSITE WWW.MYSPI.ORG ON **SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**, AT/OR BEFORE 5:00PM AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 3 BUSINESS DAYS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.


Karin Spinks, Assistant 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 CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL, FILIBERTO ALBA JR. (956) 761-8103



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

MEETING DATE: September 16, 2026

NAME & TITLE: Debbie Huffman,

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Parks & Rec. Department

ITEM

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026, regular meeting.
(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 City of South Padre Island Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee convened for a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, within the Municipal Complex Building, located on the second floor at 4601 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, Texas. Chairman Laurie Coker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present, including Committee Members Kathy Willingham, Susan Francis, Robert Gaitan, Javier Gonzalez, and Lindy Milner. Committee Member Travis Kayser was noted as absent.

City staff present included Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman, Public Information Coordinator Karin Spinks, and Public Works Director Alex Sanchez.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Laurie 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 July 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes. (Huffman)

Committee Member Lindy Milner motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Committee Member Kathy Willingham. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.2 Discussion and possible action to approve the absence for Parks Committee Members Javier Gonzalez and Travis Kayser from the July 15, 2026, regular meeting. (Gonzalez, Kayser)

Committee Member Lindy Milner motioned to approve the absences, seconded by Committee Member Robert Gaitan. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.3 Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Huffman)

Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman gave an update regarding City Parks Maintenance.

4.4. Update, discussion, and possible action to develop a park improvement plan at the Lis Memorial Park (Coker)

Committee Member Kathy Willingham and Chairman Coker have been working to improve the park. Crushed granite and a brick border have been added at Lis Memorial Park. There was discussion about adding a bench or table. No action was taken.

4.5. Update and discussion regarding the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant project at the Joe Buck and Mary Jo Camp Island's Legends Park. (Huffman)

Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman gave an update regarding the Texas Parks and Wildlife grant project at the Joe Buck and Mary Jo Camp Island's Legends Park.

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

Committee Member Susan Francis moved to award Origins and 122 East Kingfish as the Yard/Landscape of the Month for August. Committee Member Kathy Willingham seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

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

The committee unanimously approved the assignment of the community garden boxes, following an update from Parks and Recreation Manager Debbie Huffman regarding the applications. The assigned plots are: Box #1: Kelli Larson, Box #2: SPI Toddler Group (Diane Stentoumis), Box #3: Jerry & Nyssa, Box #4: Isla Tours, Box #5: Parks Committee. Committee Member Lindy Milner moved to assign the boxes as presented, and Committee Member Susan Francis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4.8 Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the Holiday Decoration Contest for the best residence and business in December. (Willingham)

Committee Member Kathy Willingham reported on efforts to obtain prize donations from local businesses. No action was taken.

5. Adjourn

Chairman Laurie Coker adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Laurie Coker, Chairman

Debbie Huffman, Parks Manager

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ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

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ITEM

Update and discussion regarding City Parks Maintenance. (Huffman)

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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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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Update and discussion on park improvements at Lis Memorial Park. (Coker)

ITEM BACKGROUND

Lis Memorial Park was dedicated in 2016 and was made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Joseph C. and Jeanne K. Lis. This pocket park is located on W. Esperanza, and the neighborhood green space consists of a bench overlooking a wetland area. At the April 15, 2026, meeting, a subcommittee was formed to bring back ideas for improvements to this park.

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.

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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ITEM

Discussion and possible action to schedule a fall planting day to plant additional bird and pollinator habitat. (Gonzalez)

ITEM BACKGROUND

Fall is a good time to refresh and add new plants after a very dry, hot summer.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TBD

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

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ITEM

Update and discussion regarding City Park directional signage. (Coker)

ITEM BACKGROUND

The Parks Committee requested wayfinding signage for the parks to better serve South Padre Island residents and visitors. City staff has been actively working with TxDOT to advance the project; however, while staff implemented the requested modifications, they were unable to complete all required adjustments. To address TxDOT's concerns regarding sign size and placement, the city re-engaged National Sign Plaza, the original design firm. The city is currently reviewing the revised wayfinding plan.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TBD

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

PR.A Increase facility usage

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

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

ITEM BACKGROUND

N/A

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

N/A

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

N/A

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

Yard of the Month

September 2026



BEST YARD OF THE MONTH



104A Sunny Isle



129 East Saturn



220 West Lantana



114 East Carolyn



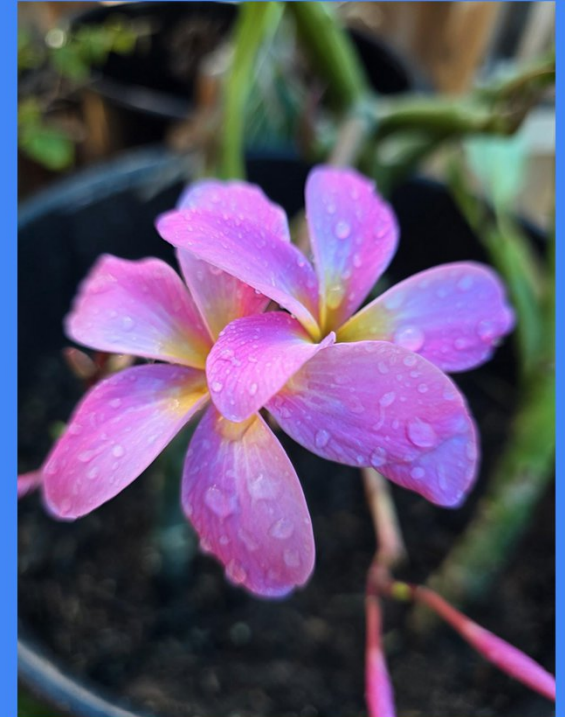
124 East Carolyn



Las Brisas Condo (Business)



Sand Monsters (Business)



The Winners are.....



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ITEM

Update, discussion, and possible action regarding the Holiday Decoration Contest for the best residence and business in December. (Willingham)

ITEM BACKGROUND

At the April 15, 2026, meeting, the committee decided to pursue the details to promote a holiday decorating contest for the best residence and business.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funding TBD

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOAL

EC.R Encourage and support unique coastal dining, shopping, and entertainment that set SPI apart from other beach destinations.

LEGAL REVIEW

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RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS:

Tis the Season to Shine!

South Padre Island Holiday Lights & Decorations Competition

Presented by the Parks and Keep SPI Beautiful
Committee

Prizes & Categories

- Residential: Top 2 Most Festive Houses
- Commercial: Most Festive Business

Judging Details

Dates: December 12 - 15, 2026

Make sure your lights are on each evening!

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Let's make SPI glow this holiday season!

Contact: Kathy Willingham (405) 590-4862

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ITEM

Update and discussion regarding the 2026 Christmas Street Parade/Events. (Huffman)

ITEM BACKGROUND

The Christmas Parade is an annual event and is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2026, with a backup date of Friday, December 11, 2026, in case of inclement weather. The event starts at Mars Lane and ends at Acapulco Street. <https://christmasparade.myspi.org>

BUDGET/FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\$5,000.00 Budget line item 09-572-9185 for all Christmas events

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: