CITY OF ANGLETON
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

Chair | Clara Dannhaus
Members | Erin Boren, David Heinicke, Amber Murray,
Luis Leija, Jessica Norris, Gina Pipkins
Youth Member | Addyson Schwarz

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO V.T.C.A., GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR CITY OF ANGLETON WILL CONDUCT A MEETING, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026, AT 12:00 P.M., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on June 11, 2026.

2. Update and discussion on current park projects and Parks Board priority projects.

3. Update and discussion on the Phillips 66-funded pollinator garden project at Abigail Arias Park.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, Jason O'Mara, Executive Director, do hereby certify that this Notice of a Meeting was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times and to the City's website, www.angleton.tx.us, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, by 12:00 a.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/10/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on June 11, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Discuss and consider approving the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on June 11, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks & Recreation Board approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on June 11, 2026.

CITY OF ANGLETON
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
120 S. CHENANGO STREET, ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CONVENED IN A MEETING ON MONDAY APRIL 13, 2026, at 12:00 PM., AT THE CITY OF ANGLETON COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 120 S. CHENANGO STREET ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT
Erin Boren
Clara Dannhaus
David Heinicke
Jessica Norris
Amber Murray
Gina Pipkins
Barbara Simmons – Council Liaison

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting on April 13, 2026.

   The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting. Board Member Dannhaus made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Norris. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0

2. Discussion and possible action on list of recommended park priority projects for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

   Parks & Recreation Director, O'Mara, and Parks Board President, Heinicke presented the Board's prioritized list of park improvement projects developed through previous park assessments, Board discussions, and individual Board Member rankings. Preliminary planning-level cost estimates were developed to assist with future capital planning and budget discussions.

   The Board reviewed the recommended priority list as presented and discussed the rationale behind the rankings, including safety, park appearance, community impact, maintenance of older facilities, and opportunities to address lower-cost projects while planning for larger capital improvements.

The Board also discussed improvements identified through the City's ADA Transition Plan. Staff noted that ADA improvements remain a priority and will continue to be addressed separately through budget requests and available funding.

Staff explained that the priority list will serve as a recommendation to guide future budget and funding discussions. Projects may be completed in phases or pursued through grants, partnerships, sponsorships, available operating funds, ABLC funding, or other funding sources as opportunities become available.

The Board reached consensus on the final priority list as presented and directed staff to move the recommendations forward for consideration during the upcoming budget process.

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members discussed several parks and recreation updates and observations, including:

- **Positive feedback regarding Parks and Recreation social media updates and the reopening and improvements at the Angleton Recreation Center pool.**
- **Strong community use of the Recreation Center and positive feedback regarding recreation programs and activities.**
- **An update on the Freedom Park field expansion, including weather-related delays and ongoing evaluation of site drainage.**
- **An update on Bates Park Field No. 6, including preparation for the upcoming national softball tournament.**
- **Completion and positive community response to the new Freedom Park playground.**
- **Increased use of walking trails at Lakeside Park, Freedom Park, and other park locations.**
- **A concern regarding erosion near the pavilion/stair area at Lakeside Park.**
- **Discussion regarding individuals swimming at Lakeside Park despite park rules prohibiting swimming and the appropriate process for reporting concerns.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:52 PM

These minutes were approved by the Angleton Parks and Recreation Board on the 10th day of August 2026.

CITY OF ANGLETON, TEXAS

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Jason O'Mara
Director of Parks and Recreation

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/10/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Update and discussion on current park projects and Parks Board priority projects.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff will provide the Parks & Recreation Board with an update on current park improvement and capital projects, including:

- **Abigail Arias Park** – Construction progress, including playground and splash pad installation, utility improvements, sewer relocation coordination, and upcoming native planting.
- **Freedom Park Field Expansion** – Update on drainage concerns, engineering review, survey comparison, and pending revised engineering recommendations and change order proposal.
- **BG Peck Soccer Complex** – Major electrical repairs completed; comprehensive field regrading remains on hold pending identification of funding.
- **Freedom Park Playground** – Project complete.
- **Bates Park Field No. 6** – Project complete, with staff continuing to evaluate potential drainage improvements following heavy rainfall.
- **Freedom Park Passive Area** – Project remains on hold pending funding; staff is planning to pursue potential TPWD grant funding.
- **Other Park Maintenance/Improvement Projects** – Tree removal and future tree planning at Bates Park.

On June 11, the Parks Board review and discussed the final ranking for their Parks Board Priority Project List. The priority list was presented to the Angleton Better Living Corporation (ABLC) on July 28, 2026, with ABLC approving funding for parking lot striping at identified park facilities and bleacher canopies for Fields 3 and 4 at Bates Park.

The Parks Board priority list was also incorporated into the Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presented to City Council during the FY 2026–2027 budget workshop. No additional funding has

been allocated for the remaining Parks Board priority projects at this time. However, staff will continue to explore alternative funding options, and these projects will remain identified within the CIP for future planning and funding consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

No action is needed on this item.

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Angleton TX 77515
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Angleton TX 77515
Estados Unidos

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: 8/10/2026

PREPARED BY: Jason O'Mara, Director of Parks & Recreation

AGENDA CONTENT: Update and discussion on the Phillips 66-funded pollinator garden project at Abigail Arias Park.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Regular Agenda

BUDGETED AMOUNT: NA **FUNDS REQUESTED:** NA

FUND: NA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Through a partnership with Phillips 66 and Tandem Global, the City has the opportunity to develop a native pollinator garden at Abigail Arias Park. The pollinator garden will be incorporated into one of the park's designated native planting area near the entrance of the park and is intended to support bees, butterflies, birds, and other beneficial wildlife while providing an environmental and educational feature within the park.

David Heinicke has taken a significant role in supporting the development of the project, assisting with species selection, planting area design, and coordination with project partners. His involvement has helped guide the proposed planting plan and overall approach for establishing the pollinator habitat.

An important component of the project is also the incorporation of a **llama memorial feature honoring Abigail Arias and her love of llamas**. The current concept includes a freestanding llama-shaped memorial marker that would serve as the focal point of the garden, with dedication language honoring Abigail and a small integrated native bee habitat feature. A companion interpretive sign would provide additional information about Abigail, the purpose of the pollinator garden, biodiversity, and project partners. Staff is coordinating with Phillips 66, Tandem Global, and Keep Angleton Beautiful on a collaborative planting event planned for November 6–7, 2026.

A master species list identifying the proposed plant species and the llama memorial concept plan is included in the packet for Board review. Staff is also developing "Habitat in Progress" signage to communicate the purpose of the area while the native habitat becomes established.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks Board discuss and provide feedback regarding the pollinator garden, "Habitat in Progress" signage, and llama memorial concept honoring Abigail Arias.

Master Species List — P66 Angleton, Abigail Arias Park

33 species from the Master Species List tab · sizes are mature size in Gulf Coast (zone 9a) conditions

Mature size, appearance, and ecosystem services are **draft text, not yet verified**. The Verify column opens that species' record in the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Native Plant Database (NPIN) for size, bloom period, and wildlife value. Photos and credits are pulled live from Wikimedia Commons.

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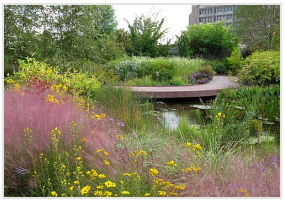
Image	Species	Mature size	Appearance	Ecosystem services	Photo	Verify
mypubliclands · Public domain	***Achillea millefolium*** Common Yarrow	1–3 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Flat-topped white flower clusters held above fine, ferny gray-green foliage from late spring into summer.	Shallow, open flowers feed small native bees, hoverflies and predatory wasps that few other plants support; fibrous roots bind loose soil.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Fritzflohrreynolds · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Asclepias incarnata*** Swamp Milkweed	3–5 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Upright clump of narrow willow-like leaves topped with domed clusters of dusty-pink flowers in midsummer.	Monarch host plant and strong nectar source; tolerates saturated soil, so it holds and filters the wettest low spots of the bed.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Great Smoky Mountains National Park from Gatlinburg, TN · Public domai	***Asclepias tuberosa*** Butterfly Milkweed	1–2.5 ft H x 1–1.5 ft W	Low bushy mound of hairy stems capped with vivid orange flat-topped flower clusters through summer.	Host plant for monarch and queen caterpillars; a deep taproot makes it drought-proof and useful on dry, exposed edges.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
BlueCanoe · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Baptisia alba var. macrophylla*** Largeleaf Wild White Indigo	3–4 ft H x 3–4 ft W	Shrub-like clump of blue-green foliage sending up tall spires of white pea flowers in spring, followed by charcoal seedpods.	Bumblebee-pollinated and a legume that fixes nitrogen into the soil; deep roots break up compacted ground.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

Daderot · CC0	***Bouteloua curtipendula*** Sideoats Grama	2–3 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Blue-green clumps with distinctive oat-like spikelets hanging from one side of each flowering stem.	Excellent for drought-tolerant erosion control; roots stabilize soil and seedheads support birds and grassland insects.	WikiCommons	Wild Center
Antony-22 · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Conoclinium coelestinum*** Blue Mistflower (syn. Eupatorium coelestinum)	1.5–3 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Spreading colony of soft green leaves topped with fuzzy powder-blue flower clusters from late summer through fall.	A magnet for late-migrating monarchs and queens; colonizes to shade out weeds and cover bare soil between larger plants.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Harry Rose from South West Rocks, Australia · CC BY 2.0	***Coreopsis lanceolata*** Lanceleaf Tickseed	1–2 ft H x 1–1.5 ft W	Wiry stems holding bright golden-yellow daisies well above a low basal clump of narrow leaves.	Easy nectar and pollen for small native bees; ripe seedheads feed goldfinches, and it thrives in poor sandy soil where little else establishes.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Lord Koxinga · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Echinacea purpurea*** Purple Coneflower	2–4 ft H x 1.5–2 ft W	Stiff upright stems carrying rosy-purple drooping petals around a bristly bronze central cone.	Long-season nectar for butterflies and bees; seedheads left standing over winter feed finches and sparrows.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Daderot · Public domain	***Eragrostis spectabilis*** Purple Lovegrass	1–2 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Low tuft of coarse green blades that erupts into an airy purple-red cloud of seedheads in late summer.	Stabilizes sandy and disturbed ground; provides seed for small birds and low cover for ground-dwelling insects.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Sten Porse · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Eryngium yuccifolium*** Rattlesnake Master	3–5 ft H x 1.5–2 ft W	Stiff yucca-like blue-green strap leaves with branched stalks of pale greenish-white golf-ball flower heads.	Open flower heads feed wasps, beetles and flies excluded by tubular blooms; an unusually deep taproot improves water infiltration.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

Anneli Salo · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Glandularia bipinnatifida*** Prairie Verbena	0.5–1 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Low sprawling mat of deeply cut leaves studded with clusters of rose-purple flowers across most of the growing season.	Living groundcover that suppresses weeds and shields bare soil; heavily used by butterflies and skippers.	WikiCommons	Wild Center
DC Gardens · CC BY 2.0	***Helianthus angustifolius*** Swamp Sunflower	5–8 ft H x 2–4 ft W	Tall narrow-leaved stems capped in fall with masses of yellow dark-centered sunflowers.	Major late-season nectar and abundant bird seed; tolerates wet feet, so it anchors the low, poorly drained end of a bed.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Erik Drost · CC BY 2.0	***Hibiscus coccineus*** Texas Star Hibiscus	6–8 ft H x 3–4 ft W	Tall red stems with palm-like divided leaves and huge crimson star-shaped flowers all summer.	Hummingbird nectar plant and host to specialist hibiscus bees; thrives in standing water and helps take up runoff.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
PumpkinSky · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Ilex vomitoria*** Yaupon Holly	12–20 ft H x 8–12 ft W	Evergreen small tree or large shrub with small glossy leaves, pale gray bark, and translucent red berries on female plants.	Berries feed birds well into winter and the dense evergreen canopy provides year-round cover and nesting; tolerates flooding, drought and salt.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
PenaTulip · CC0	***Lantana urticoides*** Texas Lantana	3–6 ft H x 3–6 ft W	Sprawling shrubby form with rough aromatic leaves and flower clusters that open yellow and age to orange and red.	Among the heaviest butterfly nectar plants in the palette; dark fruits feed birds, and it holds up through heat and drought.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

National Trails Office (US National Park Service) · Public domain	***Liatris spicata*** Blazing Star	2–4 ft H x 1–1.5 ft W	Grassy basal foliage sending up dense purple bottlebrush spikes that open from the top down.	Premier nectar source for monarchs and swallowtails; corms store water and let it persist through dry spells.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Udan08 · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Malvaviscus arboreus var. drummondii*** Turk's Cap	3–6 ft H x 3–5 ft W	Shrubby mound of large soft leaves hung with bright red turban-shaped flowers that never fully open.	A hummingbird staple from summer to frost; red fruits feed birds and it flowers reliably in shade where most natives will not.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Ethan Long · CC BY 4.0	***Monarda fistulosa*** Wild Bergamot	2–4 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Square stems with minty gray-green foliage topped by ragged lavender pom-pom flowers in summer.	Feeds long-tongued bees, hummingbirds and hawkmoths; aromatic foliage is largely deer-resistant.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
 DC Gardens · CC BY 2.0	***Muhlenbergia capillaris*** Pink Muhly Grass	2–3 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Fine-textured green clump that erupts into a pink-purple haze of seedheads in fall.	Erosion control on sandy soil; seedheads feed birds and the dense base gives overwintering insects shelter.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Lord Koxinga · CC BY-SA 3.0	***Gaura lindheimeri 'Siskiyou Pink'*** Beeblossom / Gaura (syn. Oenothera lindheimeri)	2–3 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Airy wands of pink butterfly-like flowers dancing above narrow foliage, blooming from spring until frost.	One of the longest nectar seasons in the planting; taprooted and drought-tolerant once established.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Antony-22 · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Penstemon digitalis*** Foxglove Beardtongue	3–4 ft H x 1.5–2 ft W	Upright stems of tubular white flowers above glossy basal leaves that often flush burgundy.	Late-spring nectar for bumblebees and mason bees at a point in the season when few natives are blooming.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

Judy Gallagher · CC BY 2.0	***Pycnanthemum muticum*** Clustered Mountain Mint	2–3 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Spreading clump with silvery bracts under small pale flower heads and a strong mint scent when brushed.	One of the highest-visitation pollinator plants recorded, drawing wasps, bees, flies and butterflies simultaneously.	WikiCommons	Wild Center
peganum from Henfield, England · CC BY-SA 2.0	***Rudbeckia maxima*** Great Coneflower	5–7 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Large paddle-shaped blue-gray basal leaves with tall bare stalks carrying drooping yellow petals around a high dark cone.	Structural nectar source and a heavy goldfinch seed producer; the tall stalks give birds perches over the planting.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Krzysztof Ziarnek, Kenraiz · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Henry Eilers'*** Sweet Coneflower 'Henry Eilers'	4–5 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Tall branching stems with unusual quilled yellow petals rolled into narrow tubes around a dark cone.	Sustained late-summer nectar for bees and butterflies, with seedheads that hold through winter for birds.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Erik Drost · CC BY 2.0	***Rudbeckia triloba*** Brown-Eyed Susan	2–4 ft H x 1.5–3 ft W	Bushy, heavily branched plant covered in many small golden daisies with dark centers over a long bloom period.	Long nectar season and prolific seed for finches and sparrows; self-sows to fill gaps in a young planting.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
小石川人晃 · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Salvia azurea*** Pitcher Sage / Blue Sage	3–5 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Slender leaning stems topped in fall with loose spikes of clear sky-blue flowers.	Late nectar for bumblebees and southbound hummingbirds; deep-rooted and very drought-tolerant.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

Yercaud-elango · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Salvia coccinea*** Tropical Red Salvia	1.5–3 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Loose upright stems with heart-shaped leaves and whorls of scarlet tubular flowers nearly year-round on the Gulf Coast.	Reliable hummingbird nectar across the longest possible season; reseeds freely to close bare ground.	WikiCommons	Wild Center
William Murphy from Dublin, Ireland · CC BY-SA 2.0	***Salvia farinacea*** Mealy Blue Sage	1.5–3 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Neat gray-green clump with violet-blue flower spikes on stems dusted white, blooming spring to frost.	Continuous nectar for bees and butterflies; handles heat, drought and poor soil with no supplemental water once established.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Daderot · Public domain	***Schizachyrium scoparium*** Little Bluestem	2–4 ft H x 1–2 ft W	Upright blue-green clump that turns copper-orange in fall and holds fluffy silver seedheads into winter.	Host plant for several skipper butterflies; deep roots stabilize soil and the standing clump provides nesting cover.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
Alex Abair · CC BY 4.0	***Senna lindheimeriana*** Lindheimer's Senna	3–6 ft H x 2–4 ft W	Upright shrubby form with velvety gray-green compound leaves and spikes of yellow flowers in late summer.	Host plant for sulphur butterflies; nectar glands on the leaf stalks feed ants and predatory wasps in addition to the flowers.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center
James H. Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org · CC BY 3.0 us	***Solidago odora*** Sweet Goldenrod	2–4 ft H x 1.5–2 ft W	Slender stems of anise-scented leaves with arching one-sided sprays of small yellow flowers in fall.	Critical late-season nectar and pollen before overwintering; supports a very large number of native moth and bee species.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

Dominicus Johannes Bergsma · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'*** Wrinkleleaf Goldenrod 'Fireworks'	3–4 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Fountain of arching stems that spray small yellow flowers outward like a firework in early fall.	Late nectar for migrating monarchs and native bees; clump-forming rather than running, so it stays where it is planted.	WikiCommons	Wild Center
cassi saari · CC BY-SA 4.0	***Aster oblongifolius 'Twilight Sky'*** Aromatic Aster (syn. Symphyotrichum oblongifolium)	1.5–2.5 ft H x 2–3 ft W	Compact mound of small aromatic leaves smothered in violet-purple daisies in mid to late fall.	Provides nectar at the very end of the season when almost nothing else is blooming; host plant for pearl crescent butterflies.	WikiCommons	Wildflower Center

TandemGlobal

Abigail Arias Park Llama Memorial Marker Concept Plan

November installation concept | Phillips 66 + Tandem Global

Concept

Abigail's Llama Garden is conceived as a memorial-led native planting feature that balances remembrance, biodiversity, and education in a way that feels warm, legible, and maintainable. The centerpiece is a freestanding llama marker that honors Abigail Arias and reflects her love of llamas through a simple, sculptural silhouette rather than a highly decorative object. The marker serves as the emotional focal point of the garden, while the planting around it does the primary ecological work by supporting bees, butterflies, birds, and other beneficial wildlife.

The llama element is designed as a memorial marker first and a habitat feature second. Its torso includes a modest, removable bee insert sized for a small number of tunnel-nesting native bees. This keeps the feature biologically meaningful without turning the entire installation into a large, high-maintenance bee hotel. The nesting insert is intended to be serviceable and replaceable over time, allowing the project to remain functional and manageable within a public park setting.

A separate interpretive sign sits near the llama marker and provides the project story in a respectful, easy-to-read format. Rather than overcrowding the llama itself with explanation, logos, and species information, the sign carries the educational content: who Abigail was, why the llama was chosen, how the native planting supports biodiversity, and how visitors can learn more about the featured habitat and future planting efforts. This separation allows the memorial element to remain emotionally clear while the sign handles interpretation and partner recognition in a more appropriate way.

The overall design approach is intentionally restrained. The llama marker is warm and recognizable, the sign is simple and informative, and the surrounding planting is naturalistic rather than overly themed. Together, these elements create a garden feature that feels personal without becoming sentimental, educational without becoming crowded, and visually distinctive without

Design intent

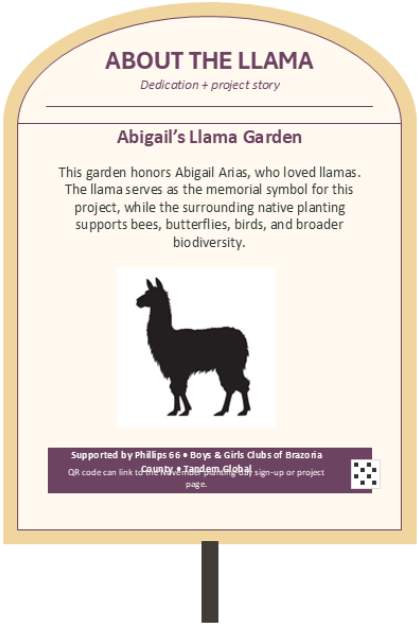
This concept is meant to:

- ✓ honor Abigail in a visible and lasting way
- ✓ use the llama as the memorial identity of the space
- ✓ support biodiversity through native planting rather than relying only on an object
- ✓ provide a modest bee habitat feature that is realistic to maintain
- ✓ create a clear interpretive moment for visitors, youth, and families
- ✓ allow partner recognition without making the memorial feel branded or commercial

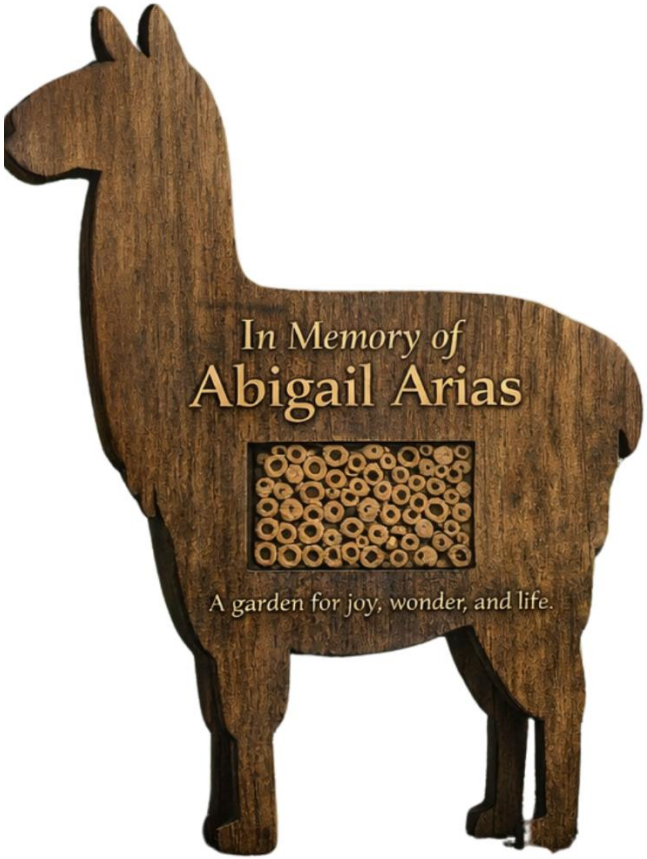
compromising ecological integrity. The result is a memorable and low-maintenance concept that can anchor the garden, support project storytelling, and reinforce the larger goals of pollinator habitat and native planting.

Component summary

- ✓ **Llama marker**
  A freestanding memorial feature with warm wood tone, dedication language, and a small integrated bee insert in the torso.
- ✓ **Interpretive sign**
  A nearby sign explaining the memorial story, biodiversity purpose, and planting vision, with partner acknowledgment and optional QR code.
- ✓ **Native planting**
  The primary habitat layer, designed to support pollinators and broader biodiversity through nectar plants, host plants, grasses, and structure.



Small sign: 12"×18" or 12"×24"
Placed near the memorial marker or garden entry.



Project Specs

- ✓ 3–5 ft tall marker; wood/composite or similar exterior-grade material; visually playful but simple enough for a local sign/fabrication shop to build.
- ✓ Companion sign should include dedication language, a short pollinator explanation, Phillips 66 recognition, Tandem Global support, Boys & Girls Clubs of Brazoria County recognition, and a QR code for November planting registration.
- ✓ If a bee element is included, it should be compact, removable, and shielded from direct rain. A birdhouse is not recommended because it changes the project type and adds another maintenance burden.

Possible sign vendors

Suggested procurement split. Use a local shop for the smaller dedication sign, flyer/QR materials, and quick-turn revisions. Use either a local fabricator or a specialty interpretive-sign vendor for the larger educational panel, depending on how permanent and park-grade the final system needs to be.

Vendor	Best fit / note	Website
Zeigler's Graphics, Angleton	Local sign, banner, and design shop; best fit for the smaller dedication sign, event graphics, QR cards, and fast-turn materials.	zeiglersgraphics.com/
The Sign Guy, Brazoria	Good local option for outdoor sign fabrication and installation support, especially if the project stays in straightforward sign territory.	www.signguytx.com/
Pannier Graphics	Best fit for a more permanent, park-style interpretive sign with full-color educational graphics.	www.panniergraphics.com/interpretive-signs
iZone Imaging	Good fit for a durable interpretive panel if the project wants a longer-life, outdoor educational sign system.	izoneimaging.com/chpl-signs-wayfinding

Materials, Budget, and Timeline

Material package. Exterior-grade silhouette panel or cedar/MDO board; shallow torso box only if the bee option is used; exterior screws and sealed post/bracket; small weather-resistant sign panel; exterior paint or stain on the shell only; optional removable reeds or paper-lined sleeves for the bee insert.

Budget line	Planning range
Concept sketch, cut file, and simple shop drawing	$300–$600
Fabrication labor	$1,400–$2,100
Marker materials, hardware, post, and footing	$450–$900
Paint / finish / Abigail color accents	$150–$300
Companion sign / plaque / QR panel	$350–$700
Optional bee insert	$150–$350
Installation labor and field adjustment	$700–$1,100
Contingency	$500–$900
Extra Signage	$1000

Working budget target: $4,750, with an acceptable overall range of $4,000–$6,000.

June 2026 timeline

Week 1: Confirm final concept, exact dimensions, sign text, and site placement; send quote request to 2–3 local builders.

Week 2: Select builder, approve artwork and material package, and order sign and any bee insert components.

Week 3: Fabrication and finish period; review progress images and confirm installation logistics.

Week 4: Install marker and companion sign; photograph the finished feature and verify visibility, stability, and readability before the planning session.

Low-maintenance recommendation

Best long-term choice. Build the llama as a memorial marker with a companion sign. Add the bee insert only if a maintenance owner is assigned. Skip a birdhouse for now. This keeps the feature readable, durable, and realistic for a June installation before the larger November planting day.

Coordination timeline and decision gates

If the June stakeholder event is used to finalize messaging and sign hierarchy, ordering should begin immediately after that session. Installation can happen in June only if City review, vendor lead times, and on-site access all align. If not, the safer plan is to install later in coordination with the City and Boys & Girls Clubs of Brazoria County.

- **Stakeholder event in June:** confirm whether the project stays with one companion sign or expands to a small dedication sign plus a larger interpretive sign; finalize story priorities, partner acknowledgment, and the preferred balance of dedication language versus species interpretation.
- **Immediately after the June session:** lock the final sign copy, logo use, QR destination, and featured species or habitat list; request quotes from one local sign shop, one local installer, and one park-grade interpretive sign vendor if needed.
- **Late June:** approve proofs and place the order. This is the point at which the project team should also confirm whether installation will occur during a June volunteer window or later with City/Boys & Girls Club support; this remains to be negotiated.
- **July to early fall:** fabricate signs, confirm post locations, and finalize installation logistics. If fabrication is quick and the City is ready, the smaller sign can go in first as an awareness tool.
- **November planting window:** use the sign system, QR code, and flyer materials as an orientation tool for volunteers and visitors; the interpretive sign can anchor the biodiversity story even if the full planting expands later.

Decision gates

- Copy approval: Phillips 66, Tandem Global, and the project team confirm dedication language, interpretive text, and logo placement.
- City approval: placement, footing/post-setting, visibility, and any park operations requirements are cleared before fabrication is finalized.
- Vendor selection: decide whether the project uses one local sign vendor only or a local-plus-interpretive-vendor split.
- Installation path: confirm whether the City and Boys & Girls Clubs of Brazoria County will help install, support installation day, or only participate in outreach and interpretation.

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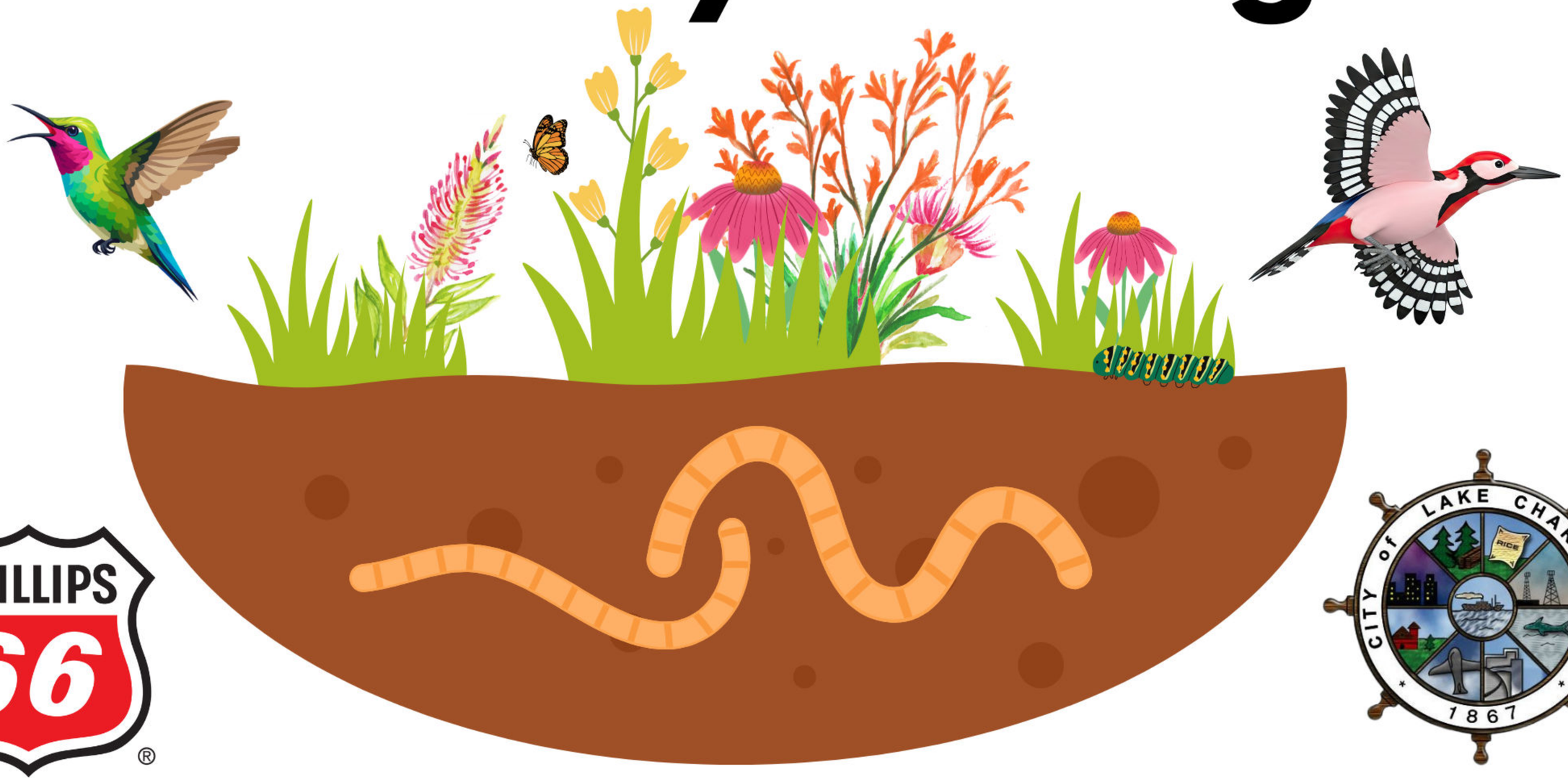

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