

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX Monday, November 02, 2020 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

MEETING SPECIFIC VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Robbie Zamora, Chair Eric Russell, Vice Chair Matthew Fougerat Paul Fushille Eric Henline Wade King Matthew Zarbaugh Amber Ballman

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials:

Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director Maggie Martin, Events & Programs Coordinator Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

1. Discuss and consider approval of the October 5, 2020 Parks & Community Services regular meeting minutes.

BUSINESS

- 2. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Resolution recognizing World Migratory Bird Day and the Bird City Texas Coalition's work toward the 2020 designation.
- 3. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the Parks and Community Services Park Bench/Tree Dedication and Donation Program.
- 4. Presentation and discussion regarding Amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.
- 5. Public hearing and recommendation regarding Parkland Dedication Amendment for the Parten Ranch Subdivisions Master Open Space and Parks Plan.
 - a) Presentation
 - b) Staff Report
 - c) Public Hearing
 - d) Parkland Dedication Amendment

REPORTS

The following updates relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. No Action to be taken.

6. Parks & Community Services Director's October 2020 Report

7. Parks & Community Services October 2020 Financial Statement

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following updates relate to the administration of the City's Parks. No action is to be taken.

8. Charro Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat

9. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh

10. Founders Day Memorial Park Committee

Commissioners Eric Henline and Amber Ballman

11. Sports & Recreation Park Committee

Commissioners Eric Russell and Robbie Zamora

12. Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Commissioner Robbie Zamora

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. January 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. February 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

November 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

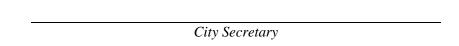
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All agenda items listed above are eligible for discussion and action unless otherwise specifically noted. This notice of meeting is posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes. Annotated. In addition, the Commission may consider a vote to excuse the absence of any Commissioner for absence from this meeting.

Due to the Texas Governor Order, Hays County Order, City of Dripping Springs Disaster Declaration, and Center for Disease Control guidelines related to COVID-19, a quorum of this body could not be gathered in one place, and this meeting will be conducted through videoconferencing. Texas Government Code Sections 551.045; 551.125; and 551.127.

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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION **REGULAR MEETING**

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Monday, October 05, 2020 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Robbie Zamora, Chair

Eric Russell, Vice Chair (left meeting at 6:14 p.m.)

Matthew Fougerat

Paul Fushille

Eric Henline

Wade King

Matthew Zarbaugh (arrived at 6:21 p.m.)

Amber Ballman

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials:

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

Senior Planner Amanda Padilla

Planning Consultant Robyn Miga

Parks Planning Consultant Brent Luck

With a quorum or the Commission present, Chair Zamora called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Discuss and consider approval of the September 1, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to approve the September 1, 2020 Parks & recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

BUSINESS

2. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Girl Scout Silver Award Project Donation related to the renovation and content update of the Charro Ranch Park Kiosk.

Kelly Schmidt's staff report is on file. Autumn Pape presented the item. Commissioner Fushille requested that Autumn also present her project to the Charro Ranch Park Committee, which he will help to coordinate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fushille to recommend City Council approval of the Girl Scout Silver Award Project Donation related to the renovation and content update of the Charro Ranch Park Kiosk. Commissioner King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

3. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the Donation of a Bench and Memorial Plaque in honor of Rusty Ranck at Founders Memorial Park.

Kelly Schmidt presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the donation.

A motion was made by Commissioner King to recommend City Council approval of the Donation of a Bench and Memorial Plaque in honor of Rusty Ranck at Founders Memorial Park. Commissioner Henline seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

The Commission directed staff work on a Donations & Dedications Policy for City Parks.

4. Presentation and discussion regarding Amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

Amanda Padilla, Robyn Miga and Brent Luck gave a presentation on proposed amendments to the City's Parkland Dedication Ordinance. Presentation materials are on file.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Discuss and consider approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission 2021 Annual Meeting Calendar.

Andrea Cunningham presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the meeting calendar, with the July and September meetings to occur on the 1st Tuesday of the month due to City Hall closures.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission 2021 Annual Meeting Calendar as recommended by staff. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

REPORTS

The following reports relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Programs. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

6. Parks & Community Services Monthly Report

Kelly Schmidt presented the report which is on file. She discussed the lighting project for the Sports & Recreation Park, Programming and Community Initiatives, and the City's application for designation as a Bird City.

7. Parks & Recreation August 2020 Financial Statement

Gina Gillis, City Treasurer

Report is on file and available for review by request.

8. City of Dripping Springs Annual International Dark Sky Community Report to the International Dark Sky Association. *Michelle Fischer, City Administrator*

Report is on file and available for review by request.

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Board may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

9. Charro Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat

Commissioner Fushille presented the report and updated the Commission on the Charro Ranch Park Bio Blitz. The event featured about ten participants including area Biologists, Botanist, Hays County Master Naturalists, Birders and the Texas Audubon Society.

10. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh

Chair Zamora presented the report. She attended the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board meeting and would like to have Commissioner Zarbaugh attend these meetings so that the Commission is update on what is happening at the Ranch Park Event Center as it relates to the park. Chair Zamora will reach out to DSRP Board Chair Todd Purcell to discuss a possible seat on the Board for a representative of the Commission.

11. Founders Day Memorial Park & Pool Committee

Commissioners Eric Henline and Amber Ballman

Commissioner Henline presented a report on the Skatepark. Designs for the park should be completed in the next couple of weeks, and the developer would like to post a "Coming Soon" sign with design.

12. Sports & Recreation Park Committee

Commissioners Eric Russell and Robbie Zamora

No updates at this time.

13. Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Commissioner Robbie Zamora

No updates at this time.

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Fougerat to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



STAFF REPORT

City of Dripping Springs

PO Box 384

511 Mercer Street

Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

Parks & Recreation

November 2, 2020

Commission Meeting Date:

Agenda Item Wording: Consider and recommend approval of a resolution recognizing World

Migratory Bird Day and the Bird City Texas Coalition's work toward the 2020

designation.

Agenda Item **Requestor:**

Taline Manassian

Summary/Background: WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY BACKGROUND

Since 2007, International Migratory Bird Day has been coordinated by Environment for the Americas (EFTA), a non-profit organization that strives to connect people to bird conservation.



Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) to create a single, global bird conservation education campaign, World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). Continuing our tradition with IMBD, WMBD celebrates and brings attention to one of the most important and spectacular events in the Americas – bird migration.



This new alliance furthers migratory bird conservation around the globe by creating a worldwide campaign organized around the planet's major migratory bird corridors, the African-Eurasian, the East Asian-Australasian, and the Americas. By promoting the same event name, annual conservation theme, and messaging, we combine our voices into a global chorus to boost the urgent need for migratory bird conservation.

EFTA will continue to focus its efforts on the flyways in the Americas to highlight the need to conserve migratory birds and protect their habitats, and will continue to coordinate events, programs, and activities in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean at protected areas, refuges, parks, museums, schools, zoos, and more. As many as 700 events and programs are hosted annually to introduce the public to migratory birds and ways to conserve them.

Passing a resolution in support of World Migratory Bird Day and holding ongoing related events and employing park/public land management practices focused on avian appreciation, conservation and education is a requirement of the BIRD CITY TEXAS application. It would be an honor for the city to obtain an official designation of BIRD CITY TEXAS from the Audubon Society/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's program and an employment of the Parks and Community Services department's mission.

Staff Recommending approval

Recommendation:

Attachments: Draft Resolution

Next Steps/Schedule: Place on the November 10, 2020 City Council agenda for consideration.

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

RESOLUTION No. 2020-R___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY EACH YEAR AS WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZING THE BIRD CITY COALITION AND APPROPRIATE CITY STAFF TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF CERTIFICATION IN THE TEXAS "BIRD CITY" PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities; and

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide; and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation; and

WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining healthy bird populations; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central American, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S.; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun; and

WHEREAS, while WMBD is annually recognized on a single day, its encouraged that planners and city staff schedule activities and events on dates throughout the year best suited to the presence of both migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action; and

WHEREAS, the City parks and Recreation Commission voted on November 2, 2020 to recommend the City Council recognize the annual celebration of World Migratory Bird Day by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS, THAT:

<u>Section 1:</u> The Mayor and City Council recognize Saturday, May 8, 2021 and every second Saturday of May, annually, as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas.

<u>Section 2:</u> Resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and it is so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this, the 10^{th} day of November 2020, by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor ATTEST: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary



STAFF REPORT

City of Dripping Springs

PO Box 384

511 Mercer Street

Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

Parks & Recreation

November 2, 2020

Commission Meeting Date:

Agenda Item Wording: Consider and recommend approval of the Parks and Community Services Park

Bench/Tree Dedication and Donation Program.

Agenda Item **Requestor:**

Kelly Schmidt/Eric Henlein

Summary/Background: During the PRC meeting on October 5, 2020 and the subsequent City Council meeting of October 13, 2020 a request for donation of a memorial bench was presented and approved by both civic bodies. During the initial PRC meeting staff was asked to develop a formal program that would present the bench dedication/donation opportunity to the public but also formulate a way to manage it. Commissioner Henlein voiced concern that without a formal program the parks would be over-run with memorial benches and there would be no cohesion or process to manage future requests.

> In response, staff reached out to neighboring cities with larger populations with veteran Parks and Recreation departments. Working from those successful programs, the Dripping Springs Parks and Community Services Dedication and Donation Program was created. Currently, the program is being presented as a management tool for Park Bench & Tree Dedication requests, but it will also serve as a general monetary & in-kind donation management mechanism, piggy-backing off of the existing donation form and agreement process.

Staff

Recommend approval.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

- 1. PRC Park Bench/Tree Dedication and Donation Program Brochure
- 2. Staff Dedication & Donation Tracking Checklist
- 3. Sample Donation Acknowledgement and appreciation letter
- 4. Donation Recognition Certificate

Next Steps/Schedule: Place on November 11, 2020 City Council Meeting agenda for consideration.

We welcome monetary donations. Did you know they are tax deductible? Unless otherwise directed, we will apply donations toward park maintenance, improvements and the offering of quality of life programs.

Donations are Tax Deductible. A permanent record of all donations is recorded. Donations greater than \$1000 require a donation agreement. Program participants receive a location map, letter of appreciation noting the contribution to the City's park system and a certificate suitable for framing. The certificate includes the honoree name, donor name, occasion, date, and location of the tree, bench, or other amenity/program that your donation supported.

Please note: Trees and benches will be installed November to March only. Locations include parks and along trails, where space permits.

DEDICATION BENCH

\$1,300 PER BENCH

Benches provide a peaceful place of rest and reflection to park visitors. Donations to the Dedication Bench Program are used to purchase a 6' bench made of recycled material that is aesthetically in-line with ongoing efforts to beautify and update the quality of the Dripping Springs park amenities. There are a limited number of spaces allocated for Dedication Benches and they will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

The backrest of the bench is adorned with a 6" x 4" bronze plaque with an inscription to commemorate the honoree/event of your choice.

The donation amount covers the purchase price of the bench and the plaque, staff time, and installation of the bench.



DEDICATION TREE

Item 3.

\$500 PER TREE



Donations to the Dedication Tree Program are used to purchase the tree, plant the tree and provide for the tree's care and protection. Planting more trees in our parks help create forested wildlife habitat and shade for park visitors.

The native tree species is selected based on the best fit to promote a flourishing urban forest, the planting location, and nearby watering resources.

The goal of the program is to provide a philanthropic catalyst of commemoration that also improves and diversifies the tree species in our parks. This effort will ensure a healthy park system for all to enjoy for generations to come.

ORDER FORM

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		ON TEXT BELOW & SELECT IN CELEBRATION OF

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED PLEASE CALL: 512-894-2400

Once the order is received, staff will collaborate with you to find an appropriate location for your dedication bench or tree.

THANK YOU!!!

CONTACT



512-894-2400



Parks@cityofdrippingsprings.com www.cityofdrippingsprings.com



City of Dripping Springs Parks & Community Services PO Box 384 Dripping Springs, TX 78620



1042 Event Center Dr.
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Dripping Springs, TX



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7500 Rialto Boulevard, Building II, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78735 t 512.439.4700 LJA.com TBPE F-1386

October 27, 2020

Amanda Padilla Senior Planner City of Dripping Springs 511 Mercer Street Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

RE: SUB2020-0021

Parten Ranch Phase 2 RP PV Parten Ranch Parkland Plan

A311-404-311

Dear Ms. Padilla:

This letter is submitted along with the updated Parkland plan for the Parten Ranch Development. The original parkland plan was approved along with the subdivision concept plan, and has been updated to reflect the current development plan along with some minor changes to layout of the streets and lots.

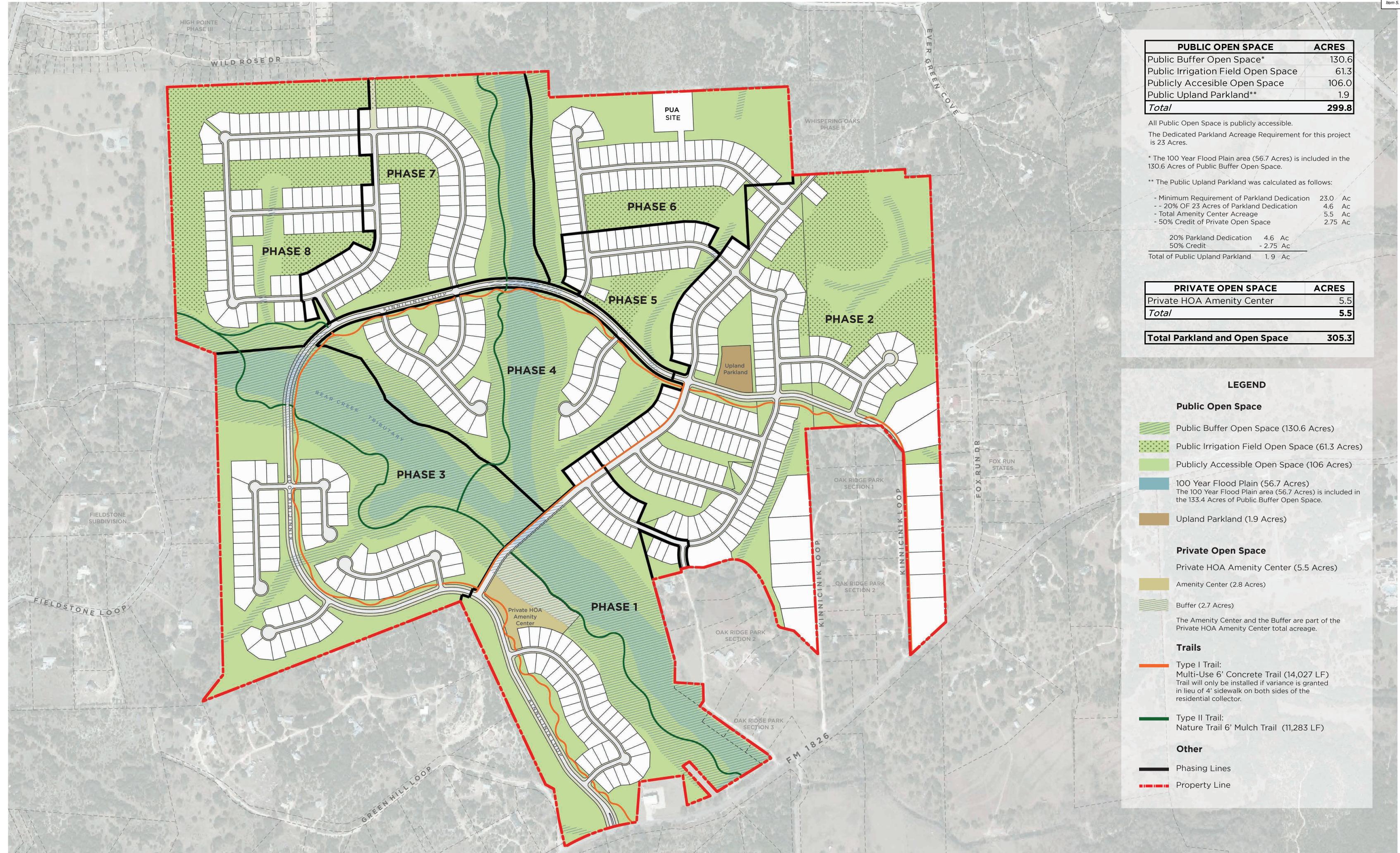
No change in overall impervious cover, lot sizes, or development character has occurred. We have changed the amenity center site (there is an approved site plan and plat) and have reconfigured some open space lots. Additionally, the phasing of the project has been adjusted and Phase 5 is currently under construction, with Phase 3 scheduled to begin first quarter of 2021.

Overall, open space has increased from approximately 305 to 309 acres. We feel the proposed changes are minor but would appreciate consideration and approval of the updated plan by the Parks Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-439-4700.

Sincerely,

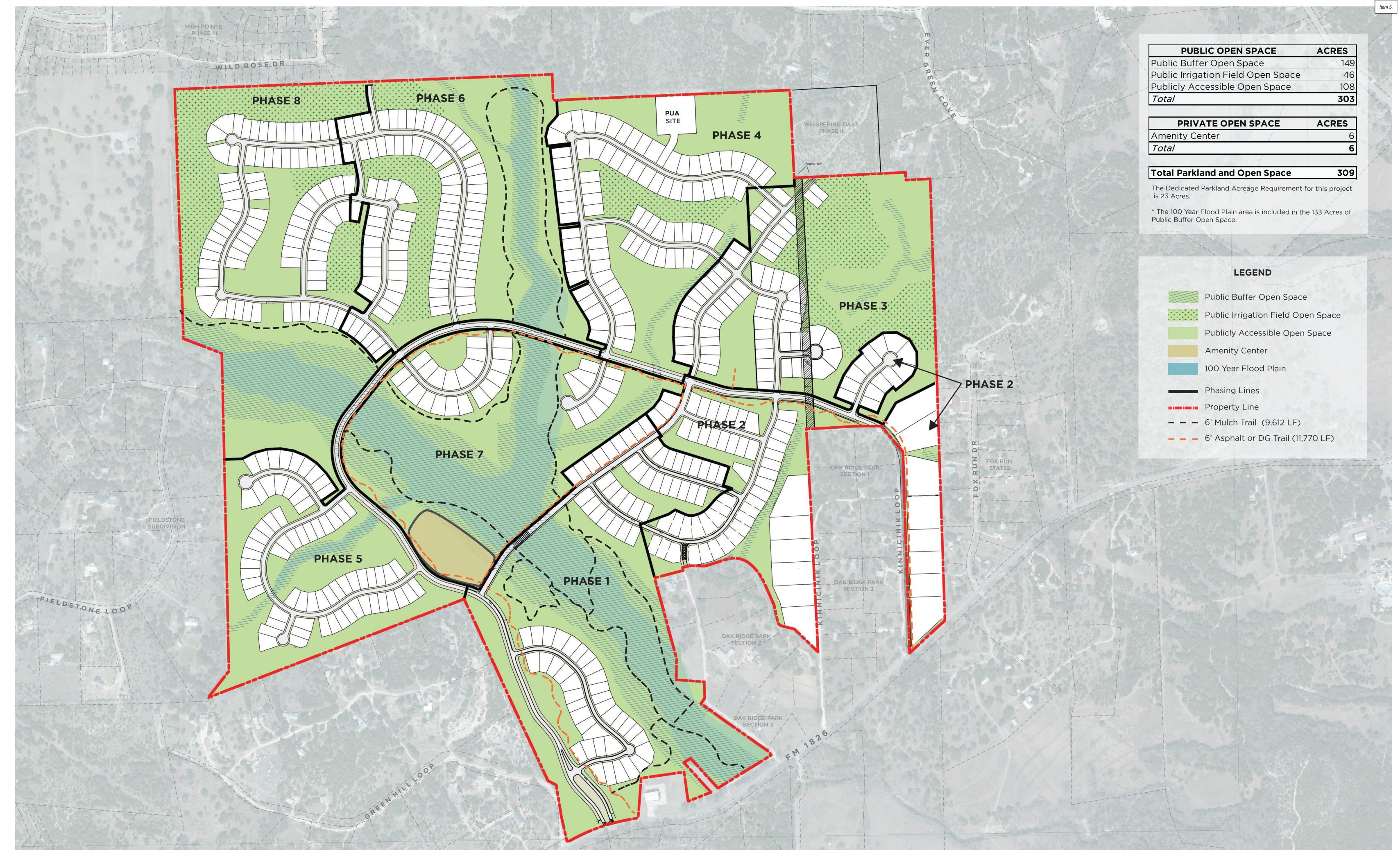
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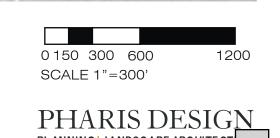














October 2020

Director's Monthly Report

SUBMITTED BY: Director, Kelly Schmidt & PCS Team

PARKS

Charro Ranch Park

The monthly volunteer workdays are vital to the upkeep and care of Charro Ranch Park. Spearheaded by Sue Harding and several volunteers and committee members much progress is happening this fall.

The below summary was provided by Charro Park volunteer and Hays County Master Naturalist Sue Harding.

September 12, 2020: 12 volunteers worked 3 hours: (Total of 36 volunteer hours in September)

- weeding paths in native plant area and re-mulched with the remaining pile of shredded cedar mulch (originally 20 cy donated to us by Kinser Ranch in July, 2019)
- restored areas where oak wilt trenching took place this past summer; spreading dirt, shrinking piles, covering with trimmed ashe juniper branches and piled branches to indicate 'no pass-thru' on these areas
- created a new spur trail on the SW side, including weed eating and delineating the ends; GPSed the new official spur

October 10, 2020: 9 volunteers worked 3 hours: (Total of 27 volunteer hours in October)

- weed whacked entire native plant area that had heavy KR bluestem growth; pulled KR bluestem and other weedy grasses from paths in native plant area
- continued smoothing of caliche piles left over from oak wilt trenching this past summer
- heavy weed whacking around solstice circle and peace labyrinth

Charro Ranch Park was a stop for a documentary film crew featuring Texas dark skies. Mayor Foulds and City Administrator Fischer greeted the team and served as City Liaisons for their visit.

Maggie Martin – Programs and Events Coordinator has wrapped up the bird viewing station identification binder improvements. They are in the process of being produced on materials that will withstand outdoor wear and tear and public use. Goal of December for installation.

<u>Dripping Springs Ranch Park</u> -Submitted by: *Tina Adams – Event Center Manager*



The Ranch Park had a strong October with several weekends jam packed with events and hosting the 2020 Dripping Springs Fair & Rodeo. This was rescheduled from July due to Covid-19. Several successful roping events and a shopping fair rounded out the month. We look forward to November with our own DSRP riding series Hunter Jumper Horse Show this month! We have gained a new guest services coordinator, Lily Sellers. She is busy connecting with our current DSRP members while actively pursuing renewals and new memberships for our arena memberships. The DSRP team is working hard to keep the event center maintained and preparing for the next upcoming major event, Fall classic. This goat, pig and lamb show is an

extremely large event showcasing our county's youth and their show animals. Our networking with other local RV parks has led an increase in RV bookings and interest from the community outside if the booked events. We are currently working with the City of Dripping Springs' Marketing Director, Lisa Sullivan, to create updated signage for the park and event center. Lots of great things happening at DSRP this fall!

Connie Boltz-

Hays County Master Naturalist notes- 6 Hays Country Master Naturalist worked on removal of invasive species such as Malta Star Thistle and King Ranch Bluestem in the area around the trail near the Bird Viewing Station. A general vegetation survey was done in the area nearest the parking lot by the bird station was conducted. 18 species of

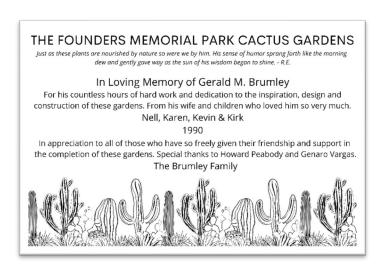
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plants were identified in the area that will be developed as an example of a native prairie. The beginning work on building a terraced garden by the bird feeders on the west side of the bird station was initiated. The objective for the day was to remove invasive plants around the bird viewing area and begin work on a bird and butterfly attracting native plant garden.

Founders Memorial Park & Pool -

Renck Donation Memorial Bench has been approved by council and has been ordered. Cactus Garden replacement monument and new plaque has been ordered. An interpretive panel that identifies the cactus species was not a part of the original agreement so that was not pursued. The material of the new plaque is an aluminum photo plate that is design to last in outdoor climates and will not be impacted by fading or weathering from heat or other environmental elements.





Issues continue to arise with the pool. Currently, there is a main drain leak that is being located and identified in scope and scale of issue. Maintenance staff has called in for a leak detection and isolation service from Progressive Aquatics.

Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (Pending)

Use agreement still being drafted with Capitol Area BSA for Rathgeber. Awaiting the results of the November election. Staff has begun developing a preliminary operations budget for the park with a plan for bringing it on-line as a budgeted addition to the PRC budget in 2022.

Sports & Recreation Park

Engineered plans are currently with the City Building Official for review and code compliance prior to our submittal to the International Dark Sky Association for certification.

Veterans Memorial Park & Triangle

Community rental capabilities of the portion of the Triangle west of the low water crossing are no longer permitted.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Initiatives

Bird City Texas:

We will be starting a Community-wide Dripping Springs Backyard Habitat program to meet a goal of expanding and encouraging awareness of migratory birds and pollinators and the need for an increased presence of migratory bird

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and pollinator places to rest along their journey and feed. Resting stations will be encouraged and foliage that promotes resources for pollinators.

Applications for the 2021 Texas Bird City designation process opened June 15, 2020 with a deadline of December 4, 2020 . An application committee was formed and consists of the following partners:

Hope Boatright – Destination Dripping Springs, Visitors Bureau Maggie Martin – CODS Programs & Events Specialist Paul Fushille – CODS Parks & Recreation Commissioner Kelly Schmidt – CODS Parks & Community Services Director Lisa Sullivan – CODS Communications Director Amanda Pena Bustillos – Wild Birds Unlimited Connie Boltz – Hays County Master Naturalists Anne Forish – Hays County Master Gardeners



The committee met in October and is progressing on their various assigned application components. There are two more meeting before final submittal for the Bird City application.

International Dark Sky Community:

Submitted by Michelle Fischer:

August - October "Lights Out Migratory Months" in the City of Dripping Springs wrapped up. Almost one hundred people took the online pledge.

October 2020 was the first Hill Country Night Sky Month, which celebrated the region's night skies and the hard work that Hill Country communities do to preserve them. The city approved a proclamation, posted educational information on its Facebook pages,



created a new Night Sky page on the city website, and publicized Hill Country Night Sky events happening throughout the region.

Filming for the documentary "A Texas Tour of the Night Sky," Richard Acosta, documentarian, occurred on October 17th at Charro Ranch Park and various locations in Dripping Springs. Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr., City Administrator Michelle Fischer, IDA Texas President Cindy Luongo Cassidy, and local photographer Jerry Moreno were interviewed. The city was a sponsor of the Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival, a virtual event held October 24-25. Hope Boatright with the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau presented the video "Dripping Springs A Night Sky Pioneer" and Hill Country Alliance Program Director Cliff Kaplan gave a presentation on Hill Country Night Sky Month. The city and Pedernales Electric Cooperative were the sponsors of the Night Sky session.

On October 28th the city's Building Official, Sarah Cole, and City Administrator Michelle Fischer presented "City of Dripping Springs Lighting Ordinance for Residential Properties." The presentation is on the city's website.

It's Time Texas: On Going-prepping for 2021 program.

Keep Dripping Springs Beautiful: In order to maintain our Affiliate designation certification of Keep Texas Beautiful, a number of beautification events must be hosted by the City each year followed by the submittal of an annual report. The Fall Sweep is one of the required events and will be held on November 17, 2020 from 1pm-4pm and coordinated by Maggie Martin.

Scenic City: On Going - Nothing to report.

Community Outreach Volunteer Services

Nothing to report for October. Covid still continues to impact normal operations. Beginning our planning for the 2021 volunteer season and creating organizational structure for on-going opportunities for recruitment of community volunteers.

Banner Requests & Co-Sponsorships

9/11 - 10/15 & 10/19 - 10/31 Destination Dripping Springs Banner / DS Chamber of Commerce

9/28 - 10/12 Hill Country Harvest Market Show / Texas Market Guide

10/1 - 10/31 Fall Enrollment Advertisement / DS Christian Academy

10/1 - 10/25 Chili / Salsa Cook-off / DS Cook Off Club

10/5 - 10/31 Pumpkin Patch / DSUMC

10/14 - 10/31 Movie In The Park / CODS Parks & Realty Austin

10/16 - 10/18 Dripping Springs Rodeo Banner / Dripping Springs AG Boosters

10/26 - 10/31 Shop Local / CODS

Community Events & Programs - Submitted by: Maggie Martin, Programs and Events Speciallist



Bird City:

We are continuing our efforts for earning the Bird City Designation. The Bird City Committee is completing their final activities and we are planned to wrap up in early November. We are in the final month of the Lights Out Campaign and we have finished with about 100 signatures, of which many opted in to get future information about birding programs and initiatives.

Keep Dripping Springs Beautiful:

The Fall Sweep is on! We are planning a Fall Sweep clean up on Nutty Brown Road come November. We are teaming up with the Dripping Springs High School Environmental Awareness and Protection (LEAP) group. Supplies such as

trash bags, trash collector tools, and gloves will be available for those who wish to participate. The clean-up will take place on November $17^{\rm th}$ from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Other News:

In Charro Ranch Park we have our Silver Star Award applicant, Autumn Pape, beginning her work in restoring the information Kiosk. Her plan includes designated days of work as well as what she plans to complete each day she works. You may find Autumn at Charro Park every now and again working on her project! She is projected to complete the first day of December.

Christmas on Mercer:

Continued planning of Christmas on Mercer 2020- we have exceeded our goal for sponsorship support this year! We are also working on an updated layout of the event due to changes in real estate availability in the Historic District. This year, there will still be a trackless train ride and pony rides located behind the Stevenson building and Old Fitzhugh Road. We are also full for vendor opportunities! Promotion of Christmas on Mercer is well underway.

Saturday, December 5, 2020 10:00am-5:00pm Downtown Dripping Springs ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS > MUSIC > HOLIDAY CHEER TRACKLESS TRAIN & PONY RIDES PHOTO OP AND MAILBOX FOR LETTERS TO SANTA Modern's on Merces, 10:00am-4:00pm Virtual Tree Lighting via Facebook Live at Dusk! Attend the Venerary Tap Reterment Centerory Refore the Every Photo op And Mailbox on Merces, 10:00am-4:00pm Virtual Tree Lighting via Facebook Live at Dusk! Sponsored by These Wonderful Businesses and Organizations! Sponsored by These Wonderful Businesses and Organizations! Lighting Sponsored by These Wonderful Businesses and Organizations! Lighting Lighting Sponsored by These Wonderful Businesses and Organizations! Lighting Lighting Sponsored by These Wonderful Businesses and Organizations. Applications of the Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet Builders - Tery Camerit's Propane Dipping Springs Community library - Sywet B

Movie in the Park:

Continued planning of the Halloween special movie in the park! The movie is taking place on Friday, October 30^{th} - This Friday and we have reserved all the parking spaces! Entry to the

movie will begin at 7:00pm and the movie will begin at approximately 7:45pm.



The number of shoppers has increased now that cooler weather is here, although the real upswing in those numbers started last March, when grocery store shelves were picked clean with panic shopping. Folks who first shopped at the Farmers Market back then have continued to return weekly, happy with both the selection of food and the safety of outdoor shopping.

We're looking forward to the holiday season at market, though it will be somewhat changed this year. We're adding additional craft vendors for increased gift options – though social spacing between booths will reduce the number of booth spaces available. We're also looking forward to our move to the DS Ranch Park Event Center from January through mid-March, following our successful experience moving indoors there last winter.

Marketing, Website, Social Media, Branding & Communications

The PCS department continues to expand their website pages to encompass the resource as a tool to provide the full scope of services within the department's span of responsibility. Currently, the "Community Services" aspect of the department is lacking in web presence and ease of service access. Staff is in the process of creating an easier application process and information dissemination platform.

- Road closure requests
- Itinerant Vendor Permits
- Event Permit for events held on city property and events held within City Limits
- Co-Sponsorship Requests and banners at the triangle requests

City of Dripping Springs PARKS Income Statement October 1-28, 2020

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Revenues		C		C
Transfer from Park Dedication	0.00	14,350.00	0.00	14,350.00
TXF from Landscaping Fund	0.00	541.67	0.00	541.67
Park Rental Income	260.00	0.00	260.00	0.00
Park Donations & Sponsors	13,509.08	0.00	13,509.08	0.00
Total Revenues	13,769.08	14,891.67	13,769.08	14,891.67
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Expenses Founders Park/Pool Supplies	0.00	864.58	0.00	864.58
Sports & Rec Park Supplies	0.00	16.67	0.00	16.67
Office Equip & Misc Office Exp	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Charro Ranch Supplies	0.00	16.67	0.00	16.67
General Park Supplies	0.00	333.33	0.00	333.33
Park Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	0.00	226.59	0.00	226.59
Pool Phone & Network	219.71	100.00	219.71	100.00
Portable Toilets Parks	460.00	481.67	460.00	481.67
Equipment Rental	0.00	83.33	0.00	83.33
Founders Park/Pool Electricty	526.68	541.67	526.68	541.67
Sports & Rec Park Electricty	96.58	100.00	96.58	100.00
Triangle Electricity	38.25	54.17	38.25	54.17
All Parks Improvements	0.00	4,166.67	0.00	4,166.67
Founders Park/Pool Improvmts	0.00	4,308.33	0.00	4,308.33
Sports & Rec Park Improvements	0.00	5,166.67	0.00	5,166.67
General Parks Maintenance	39.94	20.83	39.94	20.83
Charro Ranch Maintenance	0.00	912.08	0.00	912.08
Founders Pool/Park Maintenance	0.00	1,437.50	0.00	1,437.50
Sports & Rec Park Maintenance	5,508.24	1,168.33	5,508.24	1,168.33
Triangle Maintenance	0.00	66.67	0.00	66.67
Founders Park Lawn Maintenance	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
Sports & Rec Park Lawn Mainten	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00
Charro Ranch Lawn Maintenance	1,550.00	0.00	1,550.00	0.00
S&R Trail Maintenance	0.00	41.67	0.00	41.67
Founders Park/Pool Water	327.12	416.67	327.12	416.67
Sports & Rec Park Water	2,452.33	1,083.33	2,452.33	1,083.33
Triangle Water	38.97	39.58 0.00	38.97	39.58 0.00
Park Special Events Park Miscellaneous	1,133.00	0.00	1,133.00	
Park Miscenaneous	209.09	0.00	209.09	0.00
Total Expenses	14,949.91	22,147.01	14,949.91	22,147.01
Net Income	(\$ 1,180.83)	(\$ 7,255.34)	(\$ 1,180.83)	(\$ 7,255.34)