

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Banquet Hall, 1042 Event Center Drive Wednesday, September 08, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Members

Todd Purcell, Chair Terry Polk, Vice Chair Pam Owens, Secretary Penny Reeves Mike Carroll

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt DSRP Manager Emily Nelson DSRP Assistant Manager Lily Sellers

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

1. Discuss and consider approval of the July 7, 2021 Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board regular meeting minutes.

BUSINESS

2. Discuss and consider possible action related to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park 2022 Sponsorship Package.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center. The Board may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

- 3. Parks & Community Services June 2021 Director's Report Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
- 4. Parks & Community Services July 2021 Director's Report Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
- 5. Parks & Community Services August 2021 Director's Report Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
- **6. Dripping Springs Ranch Park August 2021 Manager's Report** *Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DSRP Board Meetings

October 6, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. November 3, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. December 1, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & POSTING OF MEETING

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.

I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, www.cityofdrippingpsrings.com, on **September 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

City Secretary	

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DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Banquet Hall, 1042 Event Center Drive

Wednesday, July 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Board present, Chair Purcell called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Board Members present were:

Todd Purcell, Chair Terry Polk, Vice Chair Penny Reeves (arrived at 12:10 p.m.) Pam Owens Mike Carroll

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

DSRP Manager Emily Nelson DSRP Guest Services Coordinator Lily Sellers

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Discuss and consider approval of the May 5, 2021, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Polk to approve the May 5, 2021, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board regular meeting minutes. Board Member Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

BUSINESS

2. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District to hold bimonthly meetings at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center at a discounted rental rate.

A motion was made by Chair Purcell to recommend city Council approval of a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District to hold bi-monthly meetings at the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center at a discounted rental rate of \$20.00 per hour for one (1) year. Board Member Carroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center. The Board may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

3. Dripping Springs Ranch Park June 2021 Manager Report *Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager*

Report is on file and available for review upon request.

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The Board did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DSRP Board Meetings

August 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. September 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. October 6, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Via unanimous consent, Chair Purcell adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.



STAFF REPORT

City of Dripping Springs

PO Box 384

511 Mercer Street

Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Submitted By:	Emily Nelson, Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager		
Council Meeting Date:	9/08/2021		
Agenda Item Wording:	Discuss and consider possible action related to the Dripping Springs Ranci Park 2022 Sponsorship Package.		
Agenda Item Requestor:	Emily Nelson		
Summary/Background:	Creating a formal Sponsorship Program will assist staff in giving a clear picture to the Community on how they can become Park Partners with Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Now, more than ever, we need creative funding to help move the dial forward on improvements at the Ranch Park.		
Commission Recommendations:			
Recommended Council Actions:			
Attachments:			
Next Steps/Schedule:			





Sponsorship Packages

Be a "Park Partner" of Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center and help us grow! The City continues to add new amenities to Dripping Springs Ranch Park and Event Center and would like you to be an important part in our growth. We need you to help us fulfill our mission. Come grow with us.

"It is our mission to foster community by preserving parks and open space; by connecting people to our natural resources and cultural history; and by offering engaging programs and events."



Texas Heritage Sponsorship

- ★VIP Booth Access during events.
- Banner hung below your booth.
- ★VIP Parking Pass for DSRP Events
- ★Use of VIP Access (when applicable)
- ★ Opportunity for exclusive sponsorship of a variety of DSRP events like our Poker Trail Ride
- ★ Quarterly Social Media Call Outs
- ★ Web Banner on our website
- ★Logo in our Activity Guide
- ★ Quarterly DSRP Newsletter

Bluebonnet Sponsorship

- ★4'x5' Banner hung in Arena
- ★ Opportunity for exclusive sponsorship of a variety of DSRP events like our Poker Trail Ride



- ★Social Media Call Outs 3x year
- ★Listed in our Activity Guide
- ★ Quarterly DSRP Newsletter

Longhorn Sponsorship

- ★Banner Hung on Bull Pen
- ★ Opportunity for exclusive sponsorship of a variety of DSRP events like our Poker Trail Ride
- ★Social Media Call Outs 2x yearly
- Listed in Activity Guide
- ★ Quarterly DSRP Newsletter

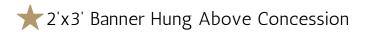
\$3500





\$2500

Prickly Pear Sponsorship





★ Quarterly DSRP Newsletter

Other Opportunities



\$1500 Barrel Sponsor

- Logo Wraps on 3 Barrels
- Listed on Barrel Section of Website
- ★Social Media Call Out
- ★ Quarterly DSRP Newsletter



\$30,000 Ticket Office Sponsor

- Plaque on the Ticket Office Front Porch once Constructed for 5 years
- ★ Quarterly Social Media Call Outs
- → Web Banner on Our Website
- Logo in our Activity Guide
- ★ Quartly DSRP Newsletter

Contact us for more information about Equipment Youth Programming, and Event Sponsorships.



Riding Series Sponsorship

★\$3000 Show Series Sponsor

- Large banner with your logo displayed at each horse show
- Logo and hyperlink on DSRP Riding Series website
- Social Media Call Outs on DSRP Riding Series Facebook
- Company Name announced at events
- Vendor Space at all shows

★\$2000 Awards Sponsor

- Banner with your logo at displayed at each horse show
- Logo on DSRP Riding Series website
- Social Media Call Outs on DSRP Riding Series Facebook
- · Company Name announced at events
- Vendor Space at all shows

★\$1000 Ribbon Sponsor

- Banner with your logo at displayed at each horse show
- Social Media Call Outs on DSRP Riding Series Facebook
- Logo on DSRP Riding Series website
- · Company Name announced at events
- Vendor Space at all shows

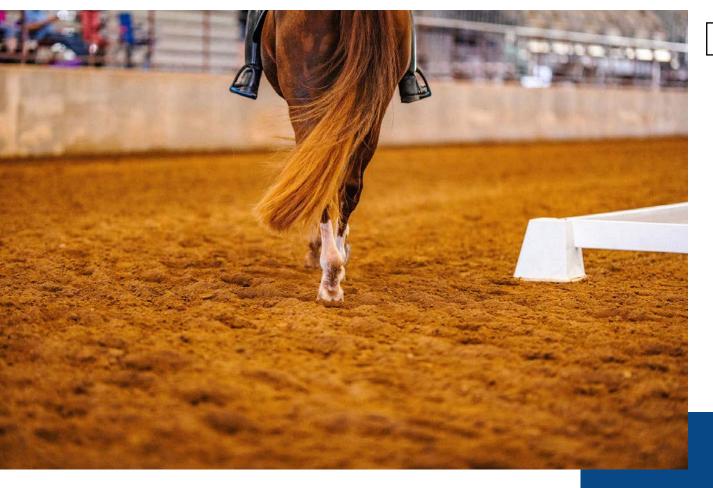
★\$500 Gold Sponsor

- Logo on DSRP Riding Series website
- · Company Name announced at events
- Vendor Space for \$15 per show

★\$250 Friend of DSRP Riding Series

- Listing on DSRP Riding Series Website
- Company Name announced at events

Item 2.



As a valuable sponsor, your company will be given community visibility throughout the year of your Sponsorship. Your generous sponsorship will allow Dripping Spring Ranch Park to grow and fulfill the Parks and Community Services mission statement to enrich our community. We look forward to an amazing year!

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you.



Director's Monthly Report

SUBMITTED BY: Director, Kelly Schmidt & PCS Team

DRIPPING SPRINGS PARK SYSTEM UPDATE

CHARRO RANCH PARK

Submitted by- Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

Saturday, June 12, 2021 -

5 volunteers participated in the workday. Volunteers mainly worked on trimming or removing tall grasses and weeds along the following areas:

- paths of the outer loop aka cross-country trail aka roadrunner trail (eek! there goes that problem of the multiple names for the same trail issue at Charro!).
- two spur trails on the west side of the park
- the path and around plants of the demonstration garden that a mower can't get to.
- the path to the bird blind
- the path leading up to the foot bridge in the middle of the park

Considering the heat, chiggers, and the long distance one has to carry a string trimmer, I think the five master naturalists did an AWESOME job (a).

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK & EVENT CENTER

Submitted by - Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager



June has shown the Ranch Park how diverse our programs and events can be. We hosted Kenny Reed, an Olympic skateboard coach, for two sessions of a skateboard camp that was amazing to watch the kids grow throughout the week. Our own camp, Coyote Kids, has been an amazing success. It is sold out with waitlists! This summer brought us a new program on Thursday nights called Tween Scene. It is a fun, safe spot for kids ages 9-14 to come and skate, play kickball and close the evening out with an epic dodgeball battle. The first Tween Scene had 24 kids. Last week, we had 93 kids attend. I think the secret is out on this fun evening!

Even with all this activity, we hosted 2 successful horse shows back-to-back. We hosted the district's 4H Horse Show which was a 2 day show for 4H kids in our District. They had an amazing turn out. Then, staff had to work fast to clear the stalls for a huge Fences Over Bee Cave Hunter/Jumper Show. It was an amazing team effort to turn the facility over with less than 24 hours.

Adding in some meeting rentals and portable bleacher rentals really rounded out our month. The Ranch Park calendar is almost booked out for the year. Ranch Hands are completing some facility projects over the next couple of hot months so that we are fully ready for our upcoming packed schedule. Stay tuned for all the exciting events!











Kickball @ Tween Scene, Thursday Nights during summer 2021 – An instant hit!!!

DSRP RANCH HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT - COMPLETED



PROGRAMS & AQUATICS

Submitted by - Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager



The season is in full swing at Founders Pool. After a long rainy spring we had some wonderfully hot days that brought many people out to the pool to cool off. We have had a steady stream of pass holders, daily admission, and many people from out of town enjoying the pool. Lately we have seen an increased number of regular lap swimmers in the morning, even on cool and rainy mornings.

Our calendar has finally begun to fill up with private parties and events. The Community Services Coordinator, Melanie Blakely and I have been working on two events for the pool in July and August. One will be a "Family Float Flick" featuring JAWS where families and friends watch the movie while

lounging on floatation devices in the pool. Additionally, we are working on a "Bark in the Park" dog friendly event at the very end of the summer season where pets and their owners will get to splash around in the pool!

We have begun running our Swim Club program for kids ages 9-14. Our first two sessions have been great! We have had a good group of kids that want to improve their swimming skills and have fun. We purchased a few fun supplies including diving rings, and hoops to swim through, additionally Tiger Splash has allowed us to use their kickboards and other supplies to aid in our class.

We have had two lifeguard Inservice trainings since the start of the season. We reviewed rescues skills, proper rotating and scanning, rules enforcement and injury prevention. For our next Inservice we have scheduled local EMS to come and run through emergency scenarios with staff and are looking forward to their help in preparing for real world scenarios. I want to recognize our staff for their hard work in keeping Founders Pool a fun and safe place for families to come. Recently I was impressed by two lifeguards (Alexa McGilvray & Thomas Carroll) who immediately reacted and dealt with a man who had entered the facility without paying and began to snap photos. After politely being asked to leave the facility, the man returned to confront staff again for being "unwelcoming," and I was able to step in at that point. Needless to say, the man did not return to the facility.

Construction has begun on the Skateboard Park parking lot at Founders Park. The project is slated to take 3-4 weeks depending on weather, to complete.

Looking forward to more sunny days!









New TS mural at the pool by Emily Long

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RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

June 11, 2021 – Hays County's Parks and Open Space Commission 2.0 sent the following email to named potential recipients:

Dear Project Sponsor:

As you know, the Hays County Commissioners Court formed the Parks & Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) in March of 2020, which worked tirelessly for several months and delivered a report to the Commissioners Court in August that ultimately resulted in the passage of Proposition A in November 2020 for \$75 million in bond funding. The POSAC has been re-formed in order to review additional project funding requests and provide the Commissioners Court with a recommendation on funding for projects.

Halff Associates, Inc. and its project team (Halff Team) have been selected as the Hays County Park Bond Program Manager to assist the County with administration and completion of the park bond program. In its role as Program Manager, Halff Team will be assisting Hays County staff with facilitation of the POSAC's review and ranking of potential projects to be submitted to the Hays County Commissioners Court for funding.

At this time, the POSAC is requesting a status update on the project(s) that your organization submitted for funding. Please provide any updates to the Project Information Form(s) (PIF's) that are substantive in nature. These changes could be to any of the following:

- Design Program
- Size of the Project (acreage, length, square feet)
- Funding availability (Potential Match increased or decreased)
- Updated Cost Estimates
- Anticipated Schedule (especially if there are established Deadlines)
- Addition/Deletion of Project Partners
- Any other you feel affects the project

Please provide your response to the Halff Team's Project Manager, James Hemenes via email, HaysParkBondPM-43105@halff.com, no later than **Friday**, **June 25**, **2021**. Any questions that you may have may be submitted to the same address. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Staff met the deadline and shared the following significant project updates:

Updates to the formerly submitted PIF include:

- 1) Design Program (unchanged as submitted)
- 2) Size & Scope of Project (unchanged as submitted)
- 3) Funding Availability (unchanged as submitted)
 - September 22, 2020 Formal Appraisal report obtained that estimated the market value of the 300-acre parcel at 5,690,000.
- 4) Updated Cost Estimates (unchanged as submitted)
- 5) Anticipated Schedule (Project schedule deliverables updated below). Timeline remains the same for the most part.
 - December 10, 2020 Rathgeber Natural Resource Park 300-acre parcel was deeded to and accepted by the City of Dripping Springs.
 - June 18, 2021 Primary arterial road gaining access to the parkland was at 90% completion.
- 6) Project Partners (unchanged as submitted, will most likely increase as park is developed)
- 7) Other changes affecting the project:
 - March 3, 2021 The termination of the existing Capital Metro Boy Scout Lease Agreement attached to 300-acre parcel was fully executed.
 - March 3, 2021 New City of Dripping Springs and Capital Metro Area Boys Scouts of America Maintenance and Use Agreement was fully executed.
- 8) Other Questions for POSAC and Hays County Parks Bond Program Managers:
 - a) What is the final award notification timeline?
 - b) Will assistance still be available to award recipients from Hays County for project guidance?

June 22, 2021 – Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District's Philip Websiter (Hydrogeologist) and other team members have been given permission to access Rathgeber. Their ask for access to the property was to have a better understanding of Barton Creek watershed and to map out the rock formations that are exposed on the surface throughout the property. This involved walking close to Little Barton and Barton Creek and identifying all exposed

rocks. Until now it has been challenging for the HTGCD to gain access to the creeks because most frontage is located on private property.

SPORTS & RECREATION PARK

June 26, 2021, Dripping Springs saw its first private event celebrating Pride month. The event was held at Road Runners and reserved 5 of the south soccer fields to utilize Sports and Recreation Park's parking lots for event overflow parking. This brought in great revenue and exposure for the park. The event is to have estimated having more than 1500 attendees throughout the course of the day and evening.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

June 10, 2021 – Eagle Scout, JJ Guerrera completed his proposed project of improving the archways at Veterans Memorial park.





June 14, 2021- Daughters of the American Revolution – Sarah Pound Chapter completed their Veterans Memorial Park improvement project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Flag Day. The improvement project led by Diane Thompson facilitated the removal of dying and overgrown shrubs to make way for a landscaped bed of native Texas plants framed by engraved pavers and accented by a dedicated memorial. In addition to approximately fifty spectators, City staff were invited to attend. Those present included Aaron Reed - Public Works Coordinator, Craig Rice- Maintenance Director, Shane Pevehouse, and Kelly Schmidt- Parks and Community Services Director.







COMMUNITY SERVICES

COYOTE KIDS NATURE CAMP - PROGRAM



June 1 - July 2, 2021, What can we say about June except- WE DID IT!!!! Finally, the concept that began in November/December of 2019 has finally come to fruition. With six counselors, one director, and 200 kids (~50 each week, just in June), we are living and breathing Coyote Kids Nature Camp and it's a hit! Weekly these kids leave electronics devices at home and come to DSRP for daily hikes, nature-themed activities, socializing, guest speakers and fun! From tie-dying to campfires with roasting s'mores, to 4-square and camp songs. It is Dripping Springs' Parks and Community Services first day camp that is delivering not only fun but a residential camp experience.

EVENTS PERMITS + PARK RENTALS

Submitted by- Melanie Blakely, Community Services Coordinator



Early in the month, the City of Dripping Springs passed a proclamation declaring June as "Pride Month". As a result, a non-profit formed and approached the city about hosting a event celebrating the achievement. Assisting the event coordinators with their Pride of Dripping Springs event facilitated my training and learning as it pertains to issuing private event permits within the city limits on private property, which is a responsibility of my position.

June 24, 2021, the permit was approved by City Administrator, Michelle Fischer submitted to me exactly 30 days (as required for the minimum amount of time for a permit application review by the organizer) prior to the event date. The whole team worked tirelessly to overcome the constant issues

that arose as we tried to confirm the information that was provided and ensure public safety. Not only did I learn how to make sure that the applications were properly filled out, I also learned about the need for police presence during an event of this magnitude as well as the difference between directional and on-site safety pay variances for the off-duty officers that are working the event.

Permits & Rentals for June	Qty
Itinerant Vendor Permits	11
Park Rentals	1
Pavilion/Pool Rentals	5
Triangle Banner Display	1

EVENT - COMMUNITY MICRO EVENTS - Sponsors secured - July 24, Float Flick & August 15, Bark in the Park

EVENT - CHRISTMAS ON MERCER - Nothing to report

EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL - June 14 - Commission meeting attended

EVENT - TWEEN SCENE June 3 - 23 Attendees | June 10 - 48 Attendees | June 17 - 54 Attendees | June 24 - 98 Attendees | Sponsorships and volunteers obtained to assist with event support of this wildy successful youth program.

EVENT - WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY – Nothing to report for June.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - KEEP DRIP (TEXAS) BEAUTIFUL — Annual report completed.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – BIRD CITY – Nothing to report for June.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE — Coordination of interested volunteers has begun. Several volunteers to programs within the Parks and Community Services Department that are a good fit and the volunteers have really enjoyed helping. Meetings with the Boy Scouts have begun about their volunteer clean up commitment to our parks.

OTHER NOTABLES FOR THE MONTH – Heavily assisted with Coyote Kids Camp administration and staffing coverage.

FARMERS MARKET

Submitted by - Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager



June was an outstanding month, with post-pandemic excitement colliding with peak growing season to create a robust market, with vendors and customers reaching all-time highs. June started with the market featuring a truly unique entertainer in Movin' Melvin Brown, who brought tap-dancing and singing to deliver an engaging experience for all ages. New vendors included farmers, artisanal foods, and just in time for summer heat, a delicious seltzer seller. The market's Instagram continued to draw new followers from all over the region. As grows Dripping Springs, so grows its Farmers Market!



Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
6/2/21	44	550	Melvin Brown
6/9/21	49	650	Jerry Kirk
6/16/21	46	600	None
6/23/21	50	525	Jerry Rivers
6/30/21	41	t/k	Melvin Brown
6/3/20	29	?	None
6/10/20	30	?	Jerry Rivers
6/17/20	32	?	Jerry Rivers
6/24/20	25	?	Jerry Kirk

The new Farmers Market duo is really moving the meter and receiving alcolades like the email below, weekly.

"Hi, Just a quick note to let you know that your newsletter is so improved and impressive. I served on the DSFM Board a while a few years ago and have recently (in January) moved to East Texas... but I like to stay connected to Dripping Springs. I was looking through your newsletter this morning and was delighted to see all the links to venders and the beautiful photography. Just thought I would tell you... Nice job!!! Please tell everyone I said hello!

Have a great day, Diana Black"



DRIPPING SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3-6pm | Veterans Memorial Park | 160 E. Mercer Street | DSTX

Best Little Market in Texas

The America's Farmers Market Celebration is an annual showcase of the best farmers markets across the country, helping raise public awareness of the importance of local, healthy food. Each year, one market is crowned with the "People's Choice" award, and YOUR Dripping Springs Farmers Market is in the running!

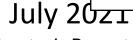
Support your favorite neighborhood farmers, ranchers, and other artisans by voting today and spreading the word!



It's that time of year again to VOTE for our special Farmers Market!!!!

Note from FM Manager Charlie Reed: Speaking of contests, the Olympics are coming up! Did you know I worked at the Olympics in Athens and Beijing? Don't ask me about it because I'll never shut up. Anyway, I brought back lots of stuff from Beijing that I never gave away, and I'm using it to throw a gauntlet here. Whoever leaves the best comment on the DSFM page will win a collectors item from Beijing's Opening Ceremony in 2008, to be awarded at the July 21st market.

OTHER PCS BUSINESS & PROJECTS	
June 30, 2021 - Park System Signage Plan - Update	



Director's Report

SUBMITTED BY: Director, Kelly Schmidt & PCS Team

JULY PARKS ACTIVITY

CHARRO RANCH PARK

Submitted by- Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

Nothing to report.

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK

CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

&COMMUNITY

Submitted by - Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager



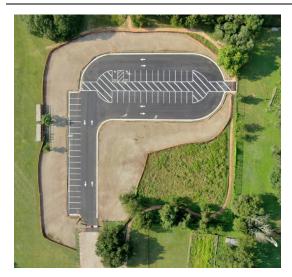
Summer is burned through so fast! So many great things happened in July at the Ranch Park. We are so excited to have been selected as the location for Alexander Seshan to build his Chimney Swift Tower for his Eagle Scout project. He and his volunteers worked so hard to add such an amazing bird amenity to our park. It is perfectly placed by the pond so that our Bird Watchers can enjoy the show. Thank you, Alexander! Tween Scene continued to grow throughout July. The Ranch Park is the spot to be on Thursday nights for Dripping Springs tweens. We enjoy all the energy they bring! The Summer Sizzle 1 Dressage Show sold out and had quite a waitlist. We added tables in the event room for participants to cool down at between rides. The Ranch Park received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Hays County Sheriff's Office thanking us for hosting the Hays County Junior Deputy Academy in July. We truly enjoyed hosting

them and seeing their excitement learning about all the different aspects of being a Sheriff. Between our amazing Coyote Kids Summer Camp, Junior Deputy Academy, and Tween Scene, Ranch Park is hosting hundreds of youths this summer and providing them educational opportunities all while having fun!

The Ranch Hands were very excited when a brand-new fleet truck arrived at the Ranch Park. It is a much-needed acquisition that was immediately put to work. Craig Rice, City of Dripping Springs Maintenance Director, worked tirelessly to locate us the perfect vehicle to suit our needs. We can't thank Craig enough. Ranch Hands have been busy moving equipment and panels around and knocking out jobs that allow them to use the new truck and trailer to move things with ease. It is looking great up here!

TWEEN SCENE	July 1 - 68 Attendees July 8 - 82 Attendees July 15 - 110 Attendees	
DSRP WEEKLY EVENT	July 22 - 95 Attendees July 29 - 114 Attendees	
COYOTE KIDS NATURE CAMP	Rock-N-Roll - Week 6 Enrollment = 49	
DSRP PROGRAM - July 5 - July 31, 2021	All Things Wings II - Week 7 Enrollment = 38	
	Wet-N-Wild - Week 8 Enrollment = 50	
	Sun & Stars - Week 9 Enrollment = 44	

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK



Founders Memorial Park – Parking lot addition is complete.



PROGRAMS & AQUATICS OVERVIEW

Submitted by - Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager

Total sales in pool admissions + Season Passes to date = \$23,479

2021	121 Total =
Season Passes Sold	583 people

The month of July was smooth for the Founders Pool team. We have an awesome team of guards who take pride in their jobs and help to keep the pool a wonderful place for families to enjoy. I'm grateful for the spirit they bring to the pool every day.

As the weather has continued to throw curve-balls we have still had consistent visitors to the pool. Our morning swimmers have become a solid group that shows up right as we open to get their laps in and many of our family pass holders show up right around 10am to beat the heat. We have seen less lulls mid-morning but continue to see peak times between 2pm-6pm with around 30 - 50 people on average. Additionally, our peak days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with Saturday being the highest visited day every week.

I do want to add that I seem to have the same conversation repeatedly with people who wander in saying that they have lived in the area for 5+ years and never knew that Founders Pool existed! I think with the new signage, better advertising, and more programming we could really put Founders Pool back on the map for this community.

We have had some awesome staff in-service trainings lately including a special training in conjunction with local Hays County EMS. The EMT's were serious business and helped staff to understand the real-life consequences of being unprepared for a real-life emergency. We were able to work side by side to run through different scenarios and received great feedback from the team. Our subsequent in-service was spent reviewing in detail some of the weak points in our Emergency Action Plan and skills practice. I was pleased to see a greater overall confidence in the staff as they ran through various scenarios.

We held a special Float & Flick event at the pool on July 24 and had many people in the community come out to enjoy. We watched the movie JAWS on a huge outdoor screen that really made it an immersive experience. Overall, the event was success although next year we might pick a shorter movie that's a bit more family friendly!

Jim and I have been working to keep systems running smoothly. We have had continued issues with faulty UV system, broken filters, electrical issues, and various other breakdowns. We have also continued to have trouble with our ADA chairlift even after replacing nearly every part except the seat itself! Jim and the maintenance crew have been amazing at responding to these issues quickly and staying on top of our to-do list rather than letting things fall by the wayside.

We are on our last push to the end of the season!



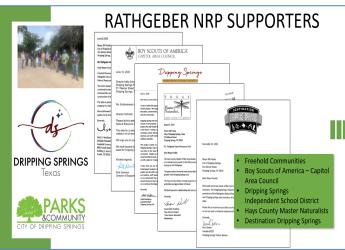


RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

July 13, 2021 – 2nd POSAC presentation delivered.









BUDGET & PHASING

PHASE I (2020-2022)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

COMMITTED PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION IS ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

■ Value \$3,750,000 - \$5,250,000 - 300 acres of pristine Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton and Little Barton Creek riparian area and was a comparable of pristing Barton Creek riparian area.

PROPOSED CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS CONTRIBUTION

- \$50,000 Master Plan & Public Input Process

PHASE II (2022 - 2024)

- \$500k Tm Trailheads. Parking lots & Park Entrances w/ Signage & ADA compliant (Three access points, One may require additional essement or land acquisition)
- \$1.5 \$2.5m Connectivity. A mixture of rustic/primitive (DG) & ADA Compliant Trails Existing dilapidated low water crossing (dam) redesigned into pedestrian bridge

PHASE III (2024- 2026)

- Interpretive Klosks, trafiside interpretive panels, wildflower & pollinator meadows

**PHASE IV (2026 - 2028)

● \$3-\$4m - Dripping Springs Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Center Restrooms, classrooms, meeting space, staff offices, night sky viewing center, outdoor recreation amenities and features (example climbing wall, high element challenge course, hiking, etc.)

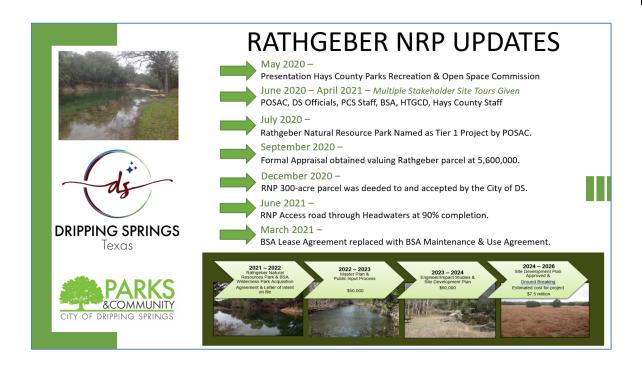


DRIPPING SPRINGS Texas

*TOTAL PROJECT COSTS RANGE - \$6,210,500 - \$7,675,000

** If not awarded funding by the POSAC opportunity, for PHASE N, our goal is to partner with other potential funding sources for the Natural Resource & Outdoor Recreation Center project – DSISD, TPWD, PMate Donations, in-Kind, City funding, etc.)





SPORTS & RECREATION PARK

Nothing to report.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

On July 21, concerns were submitted from the Farmers Market board chair in the form of an email and the photos below about the condition of the parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park. Workorders and discussions had been underway between PCS and the Maintenance department prior to receipt of the email to address the conditions in Veterans Memorial Park as well as system-wide that had formed. The degradation of the parking lot at Veterans Memorial Park is an annual occurrence. It appears to be at its worst following several concurrent rain events. Because Veterans Memorial Park is in a designated floodplain, this will continue to be an ongoing struggle. Each week the park hosts the Dripping Springs Farmers Market which has doubled in size and popularity since the start of the pandemic in 2020 and as a result the vehicular traffic and impact on the park and the Triangle have also greatly increased. Addressing the issue annually will remain on the radar of the maintenance department but the ability to address the issue in a timely manner, however, will depend on the resources available to staff at the time the need arises each year. It has been noted that this spring and summer were unseasonably wet, and the conditions of the park remain below ideal as a result.









JULY COMMUNITY SERVICES ACTIVITY

CITY-WIDE EVENTS & INITIATIVES + PARK RENTALS + COMMUNITY OUTREACH + VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

Submitted by- Melanie Blakely, Community Services Coordinator



In July of 2021 we had 6 itinerant vendors. 6 pool/pavilion rentals and 3 triangle banners. We held a community night of Flick and Float. I joined the first kick off meeting of Christmas on Mercer and the Lions Club has asked me to spearhead the sponsorship collection. Learning ordinances and integrating the Parks and Community Services Mission into my everyday working style is one of my biggest passions.

Permits & Rentals for July	Qty
Itinerant Vendor Permits	6
Pavilion/Park Rentals	5
Pool & Pool Party Package Rentals	6
Triangle Banner Display	3

EVENT - COMMUNITY MICRO EVENTS - July 24, Float Flick (Jaws)

EVENT - CHRISTMAS ON MERCER - Nothing to report

EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL - Noting to report

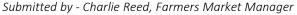
EVENT - WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY – Nothing to report for July.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE - KEEP DRIP (TEXAS) BEAUTIFUL – Annual report completed.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – BIRD CITY – Nothing to report for July.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE – VOLUNTEER OUTREACH - Coordination of interested volunteers has begun. Several volunteers to programs within the Parks and Community Services Department that are a good fit and the volunteers have really enjoyed helping. Meetings with the Boy Scouts have begun about their volunteer clean up commitment to our parks. **OTHER NOTABLES FOR THE MONTH –** Heavily assisted with Coyote Kids Camp administration and staffing coverage for Tween Night.

FARMERS MARKET





July brought a return to the market's old layout, making it friendlier for people looking to sit and enjoy food, drink, and music in the shade beneath the trees — and just in time, as spring-like temperatures endured through most of July. Local Peaches remain in peak form, and the ground has remained soft and green from all the sweet-tart juice that been dripped.

It's vacation season for residents, but that also means we're getting lots of stops from folks vacationing from elsewhere – we've had people from Seattle and Maine stopping by. With four new vendors approved in each of the last two months – bringing gardeners, beverages, microgreens, spreads, and crafts – the market is prepared to take on seasonal changes as certain vendors reach the end of their growing periods.



Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
6/30/21	41	537	Melvin Brown
7/7/21	42	517	Jerry Rivers
7/14/21	43	564	Bob Slaughter
7/21/21	35	509	Anna Rose
7/28/21	t/k	t/k	
7/1/20	33	n/a	Alex Dormont
7/8/20	27	n/a	None (Covid)
7/15/20	29	n/a	None (Covid)
7/22/20	27	n/a	None (Covid)
7/29/20	32	n/a	None

It's that time of year again to VOTE for our special Farmers Market!!!! As of August 17, 2021 – we have reached 500 votes!!!!



American Farmland Trust



Not Mushroom for Competition

Did we just get a heavy rain? Because your endorsements are popping up like mushrooms! Your customers are loving your market and are giving you some morel support. Your market is quite the find – just like the precious truffle!

Congratulations on your 500th endorsement!

OTHER PCS BUSINESS & PROJECTS

July 19, 2021 - Park System Signage Plan - Update

A Park System Signage Plan Committee has been formed. It consists of City Administrator, Michelle Fischer, Communications and Marketing Director, Lisa Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Paul Fuschille, Lead Charro Ranch Volunteer, Sue Harding, and Parks and Community Services Director, Kelly Schmidt. Their first meeting with Studio 16:19 was an orientation meeting of sorts and reviewed the first set of conceptual signage themes proposed. Following that meeting the Committee unanimously agreed that the concepts presented did not align with collective vision and the Committee asked that the firm produce additional concepts to review and choose from.



August 2021

Director's Report

SUBMITTED BY: Director, Kelly Schmidt & PCS Team

JULY PARKS ACTIVITY

CHARRO RANCH PARK

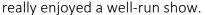
Submitted by- Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

Nothing to report.

DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK

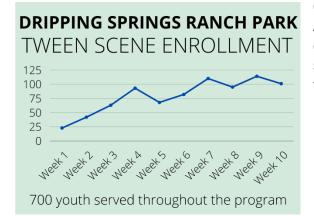
Submitted by - Emily Nelson, DSRP Manager

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FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK

DSYSA youth football program has begun its seasonal use of Founders Memorial Park. Their fall schedule is slated to be as follows:

Practices

August 1 – August 16 | Monday – Friday (4:45pm-8:45pm)

August 17 – September 3 | Monday – Thursday (5pm-8pm)

September 6 – November 5 | Monday – Thursday (5pm-8pm)

Games

September 25 – November 6 | Saturday (7:30am – 5:30pm)

RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

Nothing to report.

SPORTS & RECREATION PARK

Nothing to report.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Nothing to report.

Submitted by - Mack Rusick, Programs & Aquatics Manager

PROGRAMS & AQUATICS OVERVIEW









The full pool summer season schedule concluded on Sunday, August 15, 2021, with the start of the DSISD school year and the lifeguard staff returning to their respective universities, high schools, and various academic commitments. From August 16 until Labor Day the pool is only open on Saturday and Sunday from 12pm-6pm (Closed on Labor Day).

The 2021 summer season is nearly complete, and the summer was very successful. Several issues challenged staff at the onset and throughout the summer with technical and mechanical malfunctions of various components of the pool, but the staff were able to navigate them and still provide an incredible swimming experience for Tiger splash and pool patrons alike.



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Permits & Rentals for July	Qty
Itinerant Vendor Permits	0
Pavilion/Park Rentals	1
Pool & Pool Party Package Rentals	5
Triangle Banner Display	5
Co-Sponsorship Request	1 - Denied

EVENT - COMMUNITY MICRO EVENTS - None in August.

EVENT - CHRISTMAS ON MERCER - Attended first planning meeting.

EVENT - FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL — Nothing to report for August.

EVENT - WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY – Nothing to report for August.

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FARMERS MARKET

Submitted by - Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager



Summer Recap:

Being featured on Fox 7's "Market Monday" segment was an unbelievable kick-off for our summer and helped bring out the crowds. Also, by taking a marketing approach with the newsletter and using social media to focus on Dripping Springs' vibrant community, Johnna and I have seen both approaches grow the market, and we've had tons of fun along the way. The result has had long-time vendors saying they love the market's new energy, while new vendors consistently say they're reaching out because they're hearing good things.

And what a wonderful summer it was for the Farmers Market! We broke records with total vendors and visitor counts from May to July, and lower-than-average temps kept the Triangle's grass green throughout the hot season. This made the market a comfortable spot to enjoy the huge variety of delicious artisanal foods and drinks.

August Recap:

August was predictably slower in both vendor and visitor counts, with both dropping as vacation season rolled it. This didn't slow the market at all – we held contests and giveaways throughout the month, celebrating National Farmers Market Week and driving folks to vote for DSFM in American Farmland Trust's yearly contest, which in ends in mid-September. Through August, we hold the top spot in the Southwest region.

Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
8/4/21	34	503	Jerry Rivers
8/11/21	40	425	n/a
8/18/21	38	372	Jerry Rivers
8/25/21	36	334	Jerry Kirk

Roswell's Ruin

Last week, Roswell's Farmers Market was making a serious run in the vote, but thanks to your efforts, we've put them in their place and taken their space aliens.

What can these aliens teach us? Do they have technology that will help our gardens in late summer? Can they show us what "local" means across interstellar distances? And what do we do with them in their off hours? Will they like miniature golf? Or are they more into beer gardens with sprawling views of the Hill Country?

In any case, there's still a few weeks left in this vote, and as you can tell, we're going a little loopy from the pressure. We're still up on #2, Winnsboro, TX, but not by enough to get comfortable.

So if you haven't already, please <u>vote online</u>. And share that link with friends, family, or anyone you know who wants Dripping to be #1. We sure do appreciate it. Or as our new alien friends say, *mahalo*.





OTHER PCS BUSINESS & PROJECTS

August 30, 2021 - Park System Signage Plan - Update

The Signage Plan Committee has expanded to include a few park partners in addition to key City personnel. The first draft of the signage plan concept is being narrowed down to the Rustic Modern Concept. The Committee overwhelmingly selected this concept out of a total of 3 thematic options presented. Next steps- Studio 16:19 will now expand their concept to ensure all design elements comply with the City's sign ordinance. Color palette and sign materials will be finalized. Content will be presented to the signage committee for review and feedback as it is developed for each park. Then it will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review and final recommendations.



Item 6.

RANCH PARK

MANAGER REPORT



A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Written by Emily Nelson

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HIGHLIGHTS AND PREVIEWS





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"My kids love these nights!!"

-- Chelsea Stobaugh Faerber

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TWEEN SCENE ENROLLMENT



Coming Soon in September

Texas Beef Initiative Team RopingSeptember 4-5

Eskimo Dog Show and Confirmation
September 11

Fences Over Bee Cave September 17-19 Private Party September 24

Private PartySeptember 25

AATDC Dog Agility Show September 24-26



Dripping Springs Ranch Park, if City Council approves, is going to work with a vendor to bring a Haunted House to the Ranch Park for Halloween weekend. The Ranch Park will be selling the tickets and making a percentage of sales.