



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Monday, November 01, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Eric Russell, Chair
Eric Henline, Vice Chair
Kristy Caldwell
Matthew Fougerat
Paul Fushille
Wade King
Tara Satine
Matthew Zarbaugh

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt
City Attorney Laura Mueller
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Presentation of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Chimney Swift Tower Eagle Project and Certificate of Appreciation. Presenter: Alexander Seshan**

MINUTES

- 2. Discuss and consider approval of the October 4, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

BUSINESS

3. **Discuss and consider Appointment(s) to City Development Agreement Working Group(s).**
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Appointment(s)
4. **Discuss and consider approval of a Request by the Dripping Springs Bird Club to fund, purchase, and install updated Bird Feeders at the Charro Ranch Park Bird Blind amenity.**
5. **Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the FY2022 General – Parks and Parkland Development Funds.**
6. **Discuss and consider the Appointment of Commissioners to the Veterans Park Committee and the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee.**

REPORTS

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

7. **Parks & Community Services September and October 2021 Director's Report**
Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
8. **Update on major planning projects.**
 - a. New Growth
 - b. Village Grove
 - c. Planning Department Project Report

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9. **Charro Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat
10. **Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh
11. **Founders Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioner Eric Henline
12. **Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioners Eric Russell and Tara Satine
13. **Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
14. **Rathgeber Park Committee**
Commissioners Kristy Caldwell, Paul Fushille and Matthew Fougerat

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

December 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

November 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

November 16, 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.cityofdrippingsprings.com, on **October 29, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.***

City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for auxiliary aids and services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by calling (512) 858-4725.

Chimney Swift Tower

DSRP

Alexander Seshan, Life Scout Troop 280, Sophomore at DSHS

Background on the Chimney Swift

The Chimney Swift is a threatened species of bird that eats harmful and invasive insects, such as the red imported fire ant and the clover leaf curculio. The Chimney Swifts need towers because like all swifts they cannot perch. They can only climb vertical surfaces, so their nests have to be vertical like the picture below.



The Chimney Swift Tower

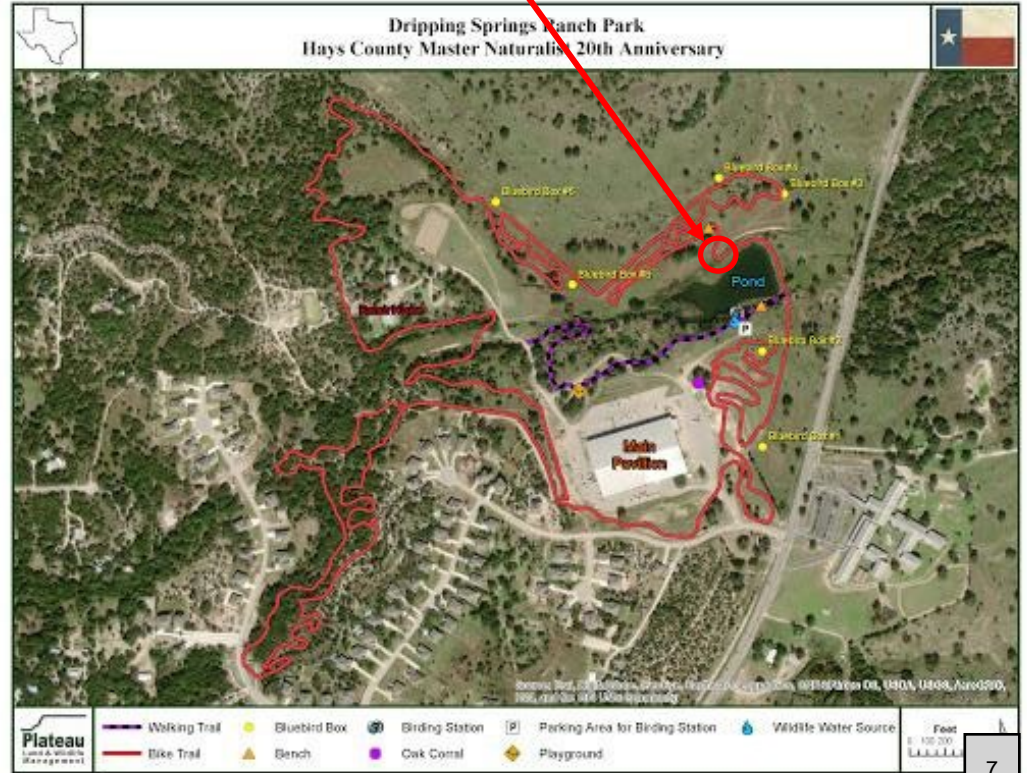
The chimney swift tower is designed such that the chimney swift can fly down into the tower and build a nest on the inner sides of the tower. The tower currently at Dripping Springs Ranch Park is 12 feet tall.



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Dripping Springs Ranch Park

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Work Weekends

Weekend 1

On the first weekend we constructed everything needed to bring to DSRP and start working on the project.

Weekend 2

On the second weekend we dug the foundation and got the bottom piece of the tower in.

Weekend 3

On the third weekend we went out to DSRP to finish the tower and put the top two pieces on the tower

Weekend 4

On the fourth weekend I went out to complete the tower with a coat of paint.



First Eagle workday at my house assembling the tower



Second workday onsite at DSRP. We're making the foundation and tower bottom.

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Third workday finishing the tower

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Third workday finishing the tower



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PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Monday, October 04, 2021 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Vice Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Eric Russell, Vice Chair
 Kristy Caldwell
 Matthew Fougerat
 Paul Fushille
 Eric Henline
 Tara Satine

Commission Members absent were:

Wade King
 Matthew Zarbaugh

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

City Attorney Laura Mueller
 Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary
 Parks Planning Consultant Brent Luck, Luck Designs

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Discuss and consider approval of the August 2, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to approve the August 2, 2021, Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

BUSINESS

2. **Introduction of new Commission Members and Overview of Parks & Recreation Commission Function and Duties.**

Vice Chair Russell introduced new Commissioners Tara Satine and Kristy Caldwell and discussed the function and duties of the Commission.

3. **Discuss and consider the appointment of officers to the Parks & Recreation Commission Chair for a term of one (1) year.**

- a. **Chair**
- b. **Vice Chair**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fushille to appoint Eric Russell as Chair and Eric Henline as Vice Chair of the Commission for terms of one (1) year. Commissioner Fougerat seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

4. **Discussion of the proposed park proposal for Dripping Springs Municipal Utility District Number 1 at 112.29 acres at Mokhtarian and surrounding tracts known as Village Grove on the east end of Sports Park Road and Sports and Recreation Park and south of 290. Applicant: Matthew Scrivener, P.E., Austin Land Innovations, LLC.**

Peter Verdicchio, John Doucet and Matthew Scrivner gave a presentation which is on file.

Brent Luck presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval with the following recommendations and considerations:

- (1) Trail connection along south minor collector connecting the residential community to Dripping Springs Sports Park be eight feet (8') wide at a minimum, and preferably ten feet (10') wide.
- (2) Consideration of the 1.0 acres of parkland central for use as a dog park.
- (3) Consideration of the following related to the minor collector and Dripping Springs Sports Park:
 - a. Perimeter fencing
 - b. Trail connections to Dripping Springs Sports Park
 - c. Buffer areas between the development and Dripping Springs Sports Park
- (4) Developer further define the look and use of the western most amenity pond.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Henline to recommend approval of the parkland dedication of 27.33 acres, including Parkland Development Fees, and for the City Council to consider staff recommendations as presented. Commissioner Fougerat seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

5. Update and discussion regarding the Dripping Springs Parks Foundation. Presenter: Robbie Zamora

Robbie Zamora presented the item and reviewed the vision of the Foundation and next steps.

A motion was made by Commissioner Satine to support the presentation of the Dripping Springs Park Foundation 501(c)(3) to the City Council. Commissioner Caldwell seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

6. Discuss and consider possible action regarding Parks & Recreation Committees.

a. Add and/or Remove Committees

b. Committee Appointments

A motion was made by Vice Chair Henline to table appointments to Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee and Veterans Park Committee to the next meeting, and to create a Rathgeber Park Committee and to appoint the following Commissioners to committees:

- Rathgeber Park Committee: Kristy Caldwell, Paul Fushille and Matthew Fougerat; and
- Sports and Recreation Park: Tara Satine.

Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

7. Discuss and consider approval of the 2022 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fougerat to approve the 2022 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Satine 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 Program. The commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

Reports are on file and available for review upon request.

8. July 2021 Parks & Community Services Director's Report

Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director

9. August 2021 Parks & Community Services Director's Report

Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10. Charro Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat

Commissioner Fushille reported that they are losing their head volunteer Sue.

11. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee - No report at this time.

Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh

12. Founders Memorial Park Committee - No report at this time.

Commissioners Eric Henline

13. Sports & Recreation Park Committee - No report at this time.

Commissioner Eric Russell

14. Veterans Memorial Park Committee - No report at this time.

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

November 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

December 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Fushille to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Henline seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 Commission Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval of a request by the Dripping Springs Bird Club to fund, purchase, and install updated Bird Feeders at the Charro Ranch Park Bird Blind amenity.

Agenda Item Requestor: Paul Fushille

Summary/Background: Paul Fushille and other Dripping Springs birders desire the approval of raising funds to install up to \$2000 for upgrades to the feeding stations at Charro. This will be a DS Bird Club drive. The goal is to get 2 aerials set up with baffles. Valued each at \$611.98. They are identical to is present at the Ranch Park aviary observation station. They have pulleys and can hold multiple feeders. The remainder of the money will go to feeders and installation equipment. For every \$25 donated, donors will get added to a raffle for one of the same aerial set ups thanks to Dripping Springs Wild Bird Unlimited. We will want the Bird Club to get recognition.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval and that a disclosure to donors of what the surplus funds raised will be used for in the advertisement/Sign Up.

Attachments: Image of Aerial setups

Next Steps/Schedule: None.

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Winch & Cable Available

Wild Birds Unlimited #501
 W40094
 HT Aerial Feeding Sta
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 \$549.99

Aerial Feeding Station

If your landscaping is on a hillside, this feeding station will allow you to raise your feeders into view of your favorite window or raise your feeders above a deer or bear's reach. This complete, easy to assemble aerial feeding station is mounted on a 2" square 14' aluminum pole. Your imagination will allow you to hang or mount a large variety of feeders onto this recycled poly wood hub, aluminum angle with 3/8" stainless steel arms. The assembled hub slides up and down using two double pulleys with rope system. For bear country a winch with stainless steel cable is available. Ground stake and top perches are included. Feeders not included.

Aerial Feeding Station 24" Extension

Wild Birds Unlimited #501
 W40282
 HT 2' Extension for Aerial
 Fee
 \$68.99

Aerial Feeding Station 48" Extension

Wild Birds Unlimited #501
 W40270
 HT 4' Extension for Aerial
 Fee
 \$89.99



Wild Birds Unlimited #501
 W40095
 HT Aerial Feeding
 StationGuard
 \$61.99

Aerial Feeding Station Guard

Guard is designed to protect your Aerial Feeding Station from squirrels and raccoons. This 11" diameter 24" long aluminum guard attaches to the bottom of your station's hub and will raise and lower with your feeders.



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UPC Number 859292006654
 Customer Part Number:
 Lot Number

WBU1200101
 SuperSuet No-Melt Cake (12 pack)

Item 4.



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the FY2022 General – Parks and Parkland Development Funds.

Agenda Item Requestor: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director
 Shawn Cox, Finance Director

Summary/Background: Rathgeber Natural Resource Park development is on pause. A comprehensive Park Master Plan and environmental impact study have yet to be completed for the property. Such a plan/study could cost the city approximately 75k – 120k and take several months to a year. The Master Plan has not been budgeted for as of yet because the city is awaiting notice as to the amount of funding, we will be awarded from the 2020 Hays County Parks and Open Space approved bond measure. Our goal is to fund the plan, study, and development with that award. In the meantime, several developments are being presented to the city that encompass all sides of the future public park. In these conceptual development plans, all are indicating desired access to Rathgeber and including exact points of entry.

Staff is requesting a budget amendment to enable the procurement of a baseline study that will determine whether the several proposed points of entry are acceptable for the park. Additionally, the study will determine and propose the best point of entry and recommend a feasible quantity based on future vision and mission of the park. Primarily the park entrances must provide access to the resource in locations that will have the least amount of impact on the ecosystem and natural resources both during their development and for perpetuity.

Parks Revenues:

- TXF from Parkland Development has been increased by **\$10,000.00** (From \$111,731.40 to \$121,731.40)
 - This additional revenue will be utilized to fund a contract to evaluate connectivity at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park

Parks Expenditures:

- Park Consultants expenditures have been added in the amount of **\$10,000.00**

- This expenditure will be utilized to fund a contract to evaluate connectivity at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park and is being funded through a transfer from the Parkland Development Fund.
- All Parks Public Improvements expenditures have been added in the amount of \$32,942.50
 - This funding is being included to complete the Park Wayfinding Signage project which was expected to be completed in FY 2021.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval.

Attachments:

Next Steps/Schedule: Shawn Cox, Finance Director to present to City Council on November 2, 2021.

PARKS

CHARRO RANCH PARK – Submitted by Sue Harding, Lead Volunteer

September 11, 2021, workday at Charro Ranch Park: 8 volunteers spent 3 hours pulling weeds and string trimming the area in the demonstration gardens and on the trails.

October 7 & 9, 2021. Sue Harding secured a donation of 20 cubic yards of mulch to replenish the trails from the parking lot down to the bird blind and around the demonstration garden. 6 volunteers spent 3+ hours distributing donated hardwood mulch to all trails around the demonstration gardens and the trail heads leading from the parking lot. The workday's main objective was to remove the big weeds in the paths and cover with the mulch. The trails usually look great once finished and surprisingly stay that way for many months.

Photos show master naturalists Mike Meves, Becky Reynolds, Irene Bondi, and Dick McBride; behind the camera is Dick Barham.



DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK – Submitted by Emily Nelson



Springs Ranch Park has seen its busiest event schedule post covid. Every weekend has brought a unique event(s) into our facility. From dogs to horses, September really saw a lot of new faces from our community coming to enjoy the different types of events. We hosted our first dog conformation and rally show with the Southeast Texas American Eskimo Dog Club. They were delighted with the turnout and are looking forward to hosting more events with us. Our roping club, Texas Beef Initiative, ran an amazing team roping over Labor Day Weekend. We loved working alongside them and supporting their efforts. We were even able to squeeze a dog agility show into

September. We were lucky that the weather brought moderate temps which kept everyone comfortable. Our October only picked up even more speed.

We opened October with Buda Buckle Bash, a lamb and goat show. Our long time show host, Texas Market Guide, ran a well-attended shopping fair. This is her 9th year hosting events at DSRP. Dripping Springs Ranch Park was so excited to host Rodeo this year. Ticket sales really picked up and we are excited to watch it continue to grow. We wrap up October with a

final hoorah. We have a co-sponsored Haunted House, a DSRP Hunter/Jumper Show, and a free community Halloween movie. WOW!

The staff at Ranch Park have really pulled together through this time. Even though we are short-handed, we have been hitting our marks and delivering excellent service to our users. We hired a new Ranch Hand, Heather Newman. She has already become an asset to the team. We are in the process of 2nd round interviews for our final open position. I have been focusing on the improvement projects that we would like to complete at the Ranch Park. Our calendar is so full that it will require some creative scheduling to complete these improvements. The Ranch Park team is dedicated to becoming known for excellent customer service and great entertainment opportunities for our community. It was such a delight to get smiles and waves from our community tweens that attended Tween Scene this summer while we were out working Rodeo. That's the kind of community we want to foster.

FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK

September and October have breathed life into Founders Memorial Park. The hot days of summer are subsiding and the return to school DSYSA athletic activities, park pavilion rentals, and Pound House's wildly successful Dripping Springs Pumpkin Festival are driving people into the park in numbers unparalleled to previous years.



RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCE PARK

Wildlife Management has begun at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park. To that end, a Volunteer Wildlife Manager position was created and is being filled by Robert Ellis who is Dick Rathgeber's grandson. Ellis has been serving as the registered Hays County Wildlife Manager on property for over a decade.

NO TRESPASSING
PARK CLOSED TO PUBLIC

WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT
AREA



UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PROHIBITED
CONTACT 512-858-4725 TO REPORT VIOLATIONS



PROGRAMS & AQUATICS – Submitted by Mack Rusick

The end of summer swim season went well! Even though our Head Guards all left for school mid-August we were able to keep the pool open on the weekends until Labor Day weekend. I was glad to see many families coming out to enjoy the pool during the heat of the day. Many expressed that they were both glad that the pool had stayed open a bit longer but also wished that we could remain open on weekdays or even later into the fall.

The last day of the season we had the Bark in the Park event, where all the pups in the community came out to take a dip in the pool! The puppy plunge was a huge success especially when accounting for the fact that the event had been rescheduled from its original date on Aug. 15th because of poor weather. We had dogs of all breeds and sizes. Some of them LOVED the water and some were content to avoid it. Wading pools were set up on the pool deck and one was filled with ice which a few dogs absolutely loved! So much fun to watch. Lots of laughter and wet dogs.

While the puppy plunge portion of the event went smoothly there were several hiccups on the park side of the event. Because the event had been rescheduled a lot of the vendors that had agreed to attend and provide free goods/services dropped out last minute or simply didn't show. This was disappointing but we simply had to roll with the punches. At the end of the night a few families stayed for the outdoor movie but ultimately an incoming storm sent everyone home for the night. Altogether it was a great event and so many people expressed how much they enjoyed the puppy plunge and looked forward to attending next year.

Now that the pool has been put into hibernation, I have been working on organizing and recording camp supplies and inventory as well as researching and beginning the development of the structure for Spring and Summer adult softball 2022 season. Jason Cones has agreed to be our point of contact for the Adult Softball Program going forward. He contacted staff at the end of the 2021 season and offered his services in place of Coach Waits.

Pool improvement projects have been our number one priority to initiate since the beginning of our new fiscal year (October 1). We don't want to underestimate the possibility of another potentially harsh February and the setback weather can bring for improvement projects. Thermal blankets, a blanket reel, and reel cover have been ordered. Custom thermal blankets take a minimum of 6 weeks to produce, and we have no way of knowing how supply chain impacts will delay the equipment ordered. to cover and enable the most efficient operation of the pool. Professional connections were made at the World Waterpark Trade Show on October 20 and staff explored several options for the new pool filtration and finishing the pool deck expansion project with a surface layer of cool decking.

A partnership offering with the YMCA of our Adult Softball Program was explored during the months of September and October. Mutually the PCS team and the YMCA team agreed that it would be best for the first trial year to hold on exploring a partnership. I have been working on gathering information from nearby cities and making connections through local reps of USA Softball. They have been helpful resources to get the program started.

We have been working on the vision for Coyote Kids Camp 2022. Two brainstorming meetings produced themes and our general schedule for next year to include weekly trips to Founders Pool to cool off our Coyotes on those hot summer days. After being turned down by DSISD to use their school buses for transportation we were able to find a shuttle service in town that happily agreed to provide service for us. We also had our first camp counselor interview! We are hoping for an awesome staff this year to sustain and grow our incredible Coyote Kids Nature Camp Program!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

EVENTS

September 5 Bark in the Park @
Founders Memorial Park & Pool



October 8 Star Party @ DSRP
Celebrated Dark Sky Month



October 9 – Big Day @ DSRP
Celebrated our efforts to become a certified Bird City!



October 28 – 31 – Dead Hill Ranch @ DSRP

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4 Christmas on Mercer
- April 22-24 Founders Day Festival
- May 7 Festival of Flight – World Migratory Bird Day



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

International Dark Sky Community – October was proclaimed Dark Sky Month and we held a star party at DSRP to celebrate the occasion! Lots of other wonderful Dark Sky initiatives happening through the efforts of Hays County Friends of the Night Sky

Texas Bird City – Bird City Committee met in September and October. Application activities were assigned.



**Keep Drip Beautiful – Keep Texas Beautiful Affiliate
October 22 – Fall Sweep w/ Sky Bridge Academy**

Sky Bridge Academy Park Clean Up Volunteer Day was organized and facilitated by Programs and Aquatics Manager Mack Rusick. Teen and adult volunteers picked up litter in both Founders Memorial Park and then on to Sports & Recreation park. The weather proved to remain beautiful for a day filled of civic engagement and support for our parks



COMMUNITY SERVICE PERMITS + PARK RENTALS + CO-SPONSORSHIPS

Permits & Rentals	Qty
Co-Sponsorship Requests	4
Commerical Activity in Park Permits	1
Filming Permits	0
Itinerant Vendor Permits	10
Park Rentals	4
Pavilion Rentals	8
Pool Rentals	0
Triangle Banner Displays	10

FARMERS MARKET – Submitted by Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager



For the third time in four years, Dripping Springs has the title of best Farmers Market in Texas and the Southwest Region. The three-month-long vote, held by American Farmland Trust, helps to raise visibility of Farmers Markets and the issues their providers face. It’s a marathon of a celebration, and we’re all thrilled to have regained the top spot.

In the better-late-than-never category, we welcomed an ice cream vendor to the market after a summer-long search. Bésame Ice Cream delivers a truly decadent selection of flavors and has been an instant hit among the after-school crowd. All in all, we’re heading into the fall season with a full house, and perhaps the widest range of shopping options the market has seen.

Totals and Averages by Month				
	July	August	September	October
# Markets	4	4	5	2
Vendors	161	148	191	80
Vendors Reporting	159	148	190	80
Total Sales	\$52,387	\$51,519	\$73,933	\$33,692
Average per Vendor	\$329.48	\$348.10	\$389.12	\$421.15
Customers	2107	1634	2187	1200
Per Market	527	409	437	600
Sales per Customer	\$24.86	\$31.53	\$33.81	\$28.08

Date	Vendors	Customers	Music
9/1/21	38	376	Jerry Kirk
9/8/21	38	392	Bob Slaughter
9/15/21	39	453	Jerry Rivers
9/22/21	40	503	Jerry Kirk
9/29/21	36	463	Bob Slaughter
10/6/21	42	625	Bob Slaughter
10/13/21	38	575	Jerry Rivers

Farmers Market Weekly Newsletters are a hit! If you haven’t yet you must sign up for them. Charlie + Johnna never disappoint with their humor, highlights and weekly content!



DRIPPING SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

3-6pm | Veterans Memorial Park | 160 E. Mercer Street | DSTX

We're in the Kale House Now

Fall is here, and for a lot of folks that means sweaters, spiced ciders, and pumpkin-flavored everything, but for me it means it's time to warm the house with soups, stews, and chilis. As an amateur chef, it's the time I come into my own. After all, at its most basic, soup is the easiest thing in the world. All you need is broth and whatever else you want to throw in.



This time of year, we're also starting to see some of the tougher vegetables come into season. Kale may be stubborn as a salad base, but it is wonderful in soups. While lettuce and spinach break down instantly in heat, kale cooks beautifully, softening and losing some of its strong flavor, but retaining its fiber and nutrients. And if you keep the crispy stem, you can even add a little crunch.

As we get deeper into the colder months, I hope to feature lots of soups and stews using the produce and meats you find at our market, but since kale has started showing up, I'm going to kick off with one of my favorites – scroll down for the recipe.

OUR MISSION

To provide a community gathering place where local food producers, artisans and community organizations educate and sell directly to consumers.

The City of Dripping Springs believes that local agriculture is essential to the region's economy, and is committed to making economic and educational connections between residents and local agricultural producers through the Dripping Springs Farmers Market.





Wildlife Manager VOLUNTEER

A. GENERAL PURPOSE

Under the general supervision of the Parks and Community Services Director, the Volunteer Wildlife Manager will be responsible for overseeing the wildlife management plan in the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park including managing wildlife and its impacts on the park, as well as recording information related to the wildlife management plan. The Volunteer Wildlife Manager will also assist in prohibiting and documenting any unauthorized access to the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.

B. ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide wildlife management services including predator control and invasive species mitigation and creating and documenting existing site wildlife and mitigation counts tracking seasonal trends and verified negative impacts.
2. Coordinate when management practices should be facilitated, assisting Parks and Community Services Director with the creation of mitigation timeframe and public communications efforts.
3. Provide recommendations related to wildlife management to the Parks and Community Services Director.
4. Facilitate guided site visits upon requests and as availability permits.
5. Maintain records for central wildlife management activities, including documentation activity spreadsheet and provide quarterly reports to the Parks and Community Services Director.
6. Assist Parks and Community Service Director with the development of a City of Dripping Springs Wildlife Management Plan for the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.
7. Supervise, administer, implement, and evaluate the Wildlife Management Plan once instituted.

8. Prohibit and document unauthorized access to the Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.

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Wildlife Manager

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Courteously educate violators/trespassers of park status upon encountering them at the Park.

- 9. Assist in placing and maintaining park signage.
- 10. Performs all other duties as assigned.

C. EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 1. Experience in wildlife biology, wildlife management, natural resources management, or closely related field.
- 2. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with city employees, City officials, media, and general public.
- 3. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- 4. Ability to handle confidential and sensitive information while maintaining confidentiality.
- 5. Valid Texas Driver’s License and good driving record (required).

D. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by the volunteer to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to perform the essential functions if needed.

- 1. Work is performed mostly in field settings. Considerable outdoor work is required in the wildlife management in the Rathgeber Natural Resources Park. Must be able to work outside in all weather conditions and be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds.
- 2. Must be skilled in compound bow hunting.
- 3. Experienced outdoorsman skill a must. Exposure and expertise in invasive wildlife trapping and relocation (i.e., Wild Hogs).
- 4. While performing the duties of this job, the volunteer is regularly required to stand; sit; walk; talk or hear; handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The volunteer is often required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

E. VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer hours will be set in coordination with the Parks and Community Services Director sufficient to perform the functions of this position. This is a volunteer position that is directly supervised by the Parks and Community Services Director.

A. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The City’s employment decisions are made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, handicap, or marital status. Discrimination or harassment against any person in recruitment, examination, appointment, training, promotion, discipline, or any other aspect of personnel administration because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, membership or non-membership in employee organizations, or because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sex, or marital status is prohibited. If you would like to arrange for accommodations, we encourage you to contact the City Administrator at (512) 858-4725.

Please note: This Volunteer Description is not a contract and shall not be construed to alter a volunteer's at-will relationship. The terms and conditions of any volunteer's position with the City may be altered by the City Council at any time. To the extent reasonably possible, this Volunteer Description, and the Park Rules shall be read together in harmony. If there are conflicts between this Volunteer Description and the Park Rules, the most specific term or condition of employment shall govern.

**FOR IMMEDIATE
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Dripping Springs Farmers Market is Again Ranked #1 in Texas *Also Ranked #1 in the Southwest*

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – September 28, 2021 – For the third time in four years, Dripping Springs has the title as the number-one Farmers Market in Texas. This comes after a three-month-long nationwide vote organized by American Farmland Trust.

The contest, which celebrates Farmers Markets across the country, not only recognizes the Dripping Springs Farmers Market as number-one in Texas, but also ranks it atop the Southwest region. Markets were voted on by patrons and shoppers at thousands of farmers markets across the United States.

Running from June 21 to September 19, 2021, the 13th annual America's Farmers Market Celebration helped raise visibility of Farmers Markets and the issues their providers face, helping make a difference for farmers, ranchers, and communities.

"It has been an honor to be part of this community that recognizes the importance of local food and art," said Gouri Johansen, Chair of the DSFM Board. "I am very proud of the vendors and market staff for providing excellent products and service to our customers."

"I'm grateful for the Dripping Springs Farmers Market," said Nikki Dahlin with the DSFM Board. "To be able to buy the most nourishing local foods and fine crafts in one place on a weekly basis is a rare privilege. It's a chance to learn about how wholesome food is raised and prepared, and to build valuable connections in a festive environment. I'm fortunate and delighted to be able to participate."

"It was a marathon of a celebration and we're all thrilled to have regained the top spot," said Market Manager, Charlie Reed. "That the market has once again been recognized is a testament to the quality our local providers bring week after week, as well as the vibrancy and enthusiasm of the Dripping Springs community."

The Dripping Springs Farmers Market is operated by the City of Dripping Springs and a volunteer board of directors. The market is held every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, also known as "The Triangle," located at the RR 12/U.S. 290 intersection.

For any questions regarding the Dripping Springs Farmers Market, contact farmersmarket@cityofdrippingsprings.com or call 512-894-2400. You can also visit the following:

Website: <https://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com/events/pages/vendor-application-resources-and-fm-rules>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ds_farmers_market/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DSFarmersMarket>

Information about the competition: <https://markets.farmland.org/>



For Immediate Release

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Dripping Springs Proclaims October as Hill Country Night Sky Month

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – September 29, 2021 – At a recent City Council meeting, the Council proclaimed October as Hill Country Night Sky Month in Dripping Springs. Dripping Springs joins The Hill Country Alliance (HCA) and many other communities in our area that are dedicated to the preservation of the region’s night skies. October will be the second annual Hill Country Night Sky Month and will be a celebration of the star-filled night sky — one of our region’s most dazzling features — and the many ways that Hill Country communities are working together to preserve it.

Dripping Springs is known for its beautiful night skies. It is the first city in Texas to be designated as an International Dark Sky Community and the sixth one in the world. This designation was given to the City in 2014 by the International Dark-Sky Association. Its beautiful star-filled skies are one of the wonderful things that makes Dripping Springs a wonderful community. It also attracts tourism, thus helping the local economy.

To help maintain that designation, through the proclamation, the City Council encourages citizens to learn about light pollution and why it matters, to learn about night sky friendly lighting and lighting regulations, and to implement practices and lighting improvements that will reduce light pollution to preserve the night skies. During October and all year round, Dripping Springs residents and businesses can follow some of these guidelines to help protect the skies:

- Turn off exterior decorative lighting
- Use light only when and where needed
- Use only as much light as needed
- Aim needed lights down
- Extinguish pot and floodlights
- Minimize blue light emissions
- Use energy efficient lighting sources and fixtures

- Use timers, dimmers, and motion sensors
- Select warm LED bulbs that are under a 3,000 Kelvin rating.
- Draw blinds or curtains to reduce light spill that contributes to sky glow.
- Turn off interior lighting especially on higher stories

The proclamation also encourages citizens to enjoy the night sky and to participate in the Dripping Springs and the Hill County region's events, programs, and activities celebrating the night sky. Those include:

- **Lights Out Dripping Springs**

All across America, birds are migrating to their new homes. To help in the migration, the City of Dripping Springs launched **Lights Out Dripping Springs**, asking residents and businesses to take a pledge to turn off exterior lights during Fall Migration: September 5 - October 29 from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. By turning off excess lighting during the months migrating birds are flying overhead, communities can help provide them safe passage between their nesting and wintering grounds. Residents and businesses can learn more and take the pledge at:

cityofdrippingsprings.com/night-sky

- **Dripping Springs Star Party**

Come explore the wonders of the night sky at the Dripping Springs Star Party at Dripping Springs Ranch Park on Friday, October 8, from 8:00pm-9:30pm. Local astronomy enthusiast, Doug Witkowski, will be bringing a telescope to teach and point out constellations. You may even see some of the Draconids Meteor Shower, that reaches its peak on October 8. This is a free event, but you need to register. Learn more and register at

cityofdrippingsprings.com/night-sky/pages/join-our-october-star-party

These are just some of the activities and events taking place during October. You can find more on the Hill Country Alliance website (HCA) at hillcountryalliance.org/nightskymonth. HCA is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to raise public awareness and build community support around the need to preserve the natural resources and heritage of the Central Texas Hill Country.

For any questions regarding the Proclamation or Dripping Springs activities during Hill Country Night Sky Month, contact Melanie Blakely at mblakely@cityofdrippingsprings.com, or call the City of Dripping Springs at 512-894-2400.

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Dripping Springs Participates in October Big Day on October 9

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – September 30, 2021 – Bird enthusiasts from all over Dripping Springs will gather at various parks the morning of Saturday, October 9, for “October Big Day,” where participants will assist in spotting/counting birds, learn about bird identification, and the use of the eBird app.

Big Days are 24-hour opportunities to celebrate birds near and far. This local bird count is part of the second-ever Global Bird Weekend and celebrates World Migratory Bird Day. Big Day 2021 hopes to set a new record for birding.

The local bird counts will be led by local biologists and HC Master Naturalists from 8-10am at Charro Ranch Park, Founders Memorial Park, Milton Reimers Ranch Park, and Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Space is limited to 10 people per park and 20 people at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. The purpose of the local park events is to help in the bird count and to also provide our community with bird education, awareness, and conservation.

Those wishing to participate can sign up via the following links:

- Charro Ranch - Meet at Parking Lot
Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adac29a2f4c70-october2>
- Ranch Park Sign up (2 groups) - Meet at Bird Blind
Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adac29a2f4c70-october>
and <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adac29a2f4c70-october1>
- Founders Memorial Park - Meet at Pound House Entrance Parking
Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adac29a2f4c70-october4>
- Reimers Ranch Park (Travis County) - Meet at Climber’s Pavilion
Sign Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49adac29a2f4c70-october3>

If you can’t make it to one of the local parks, wherever you are on October 9, take a few minutes to join the world of birding on October Big Day. Be a part of the global team and help set a new record for birding.

Here's how to participate if you cannot make it to one of the local parks:

[Get an eBird Account](#)

eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by millions of birders. It helps compile everyone's sightings into a single massive October Big Day list—while at the same time collecting the data for scientists to use to better understand birds. Sign up here: ebird.org/news/october-Big-day-2021. It's 100% free.

Watch Birds on October 9

It's that simple! You don't need to be a bird expert or go out all day long. You can report birds from anywhere in the world—even 10 minutes in your backyard will help.

Enter What You See and Hear on eBird

You can enter your sightings via the free eBird Mobile app. The app allows you to keep and submit lists while you're still out birding, explore nearby Hotspots, and will even track of how far you've walked so you can focus on watching birds.

Watch the Sightings Roll In

During the day, participants can keep an eye on how the lists are growing in different parts of the world. Follow along with reports from more than 160 countries.

Last year on October Big Day, more than 32,000 participants submitted 80,400 checklists with 7,128 species. This year's observations will help better understand global bird populations. You can learn more about the **GLOBAL** Big Day here: <https://ebird.org/news/october-Big-day-2021>

For any questions regarding the **LOCAL** Big Day, call 512-894-2400 or reach out to Paul Fushille or Amanda Peña Bustillos with the Dripping Springs Birding Club at dsbirdingclub@gmail.com.

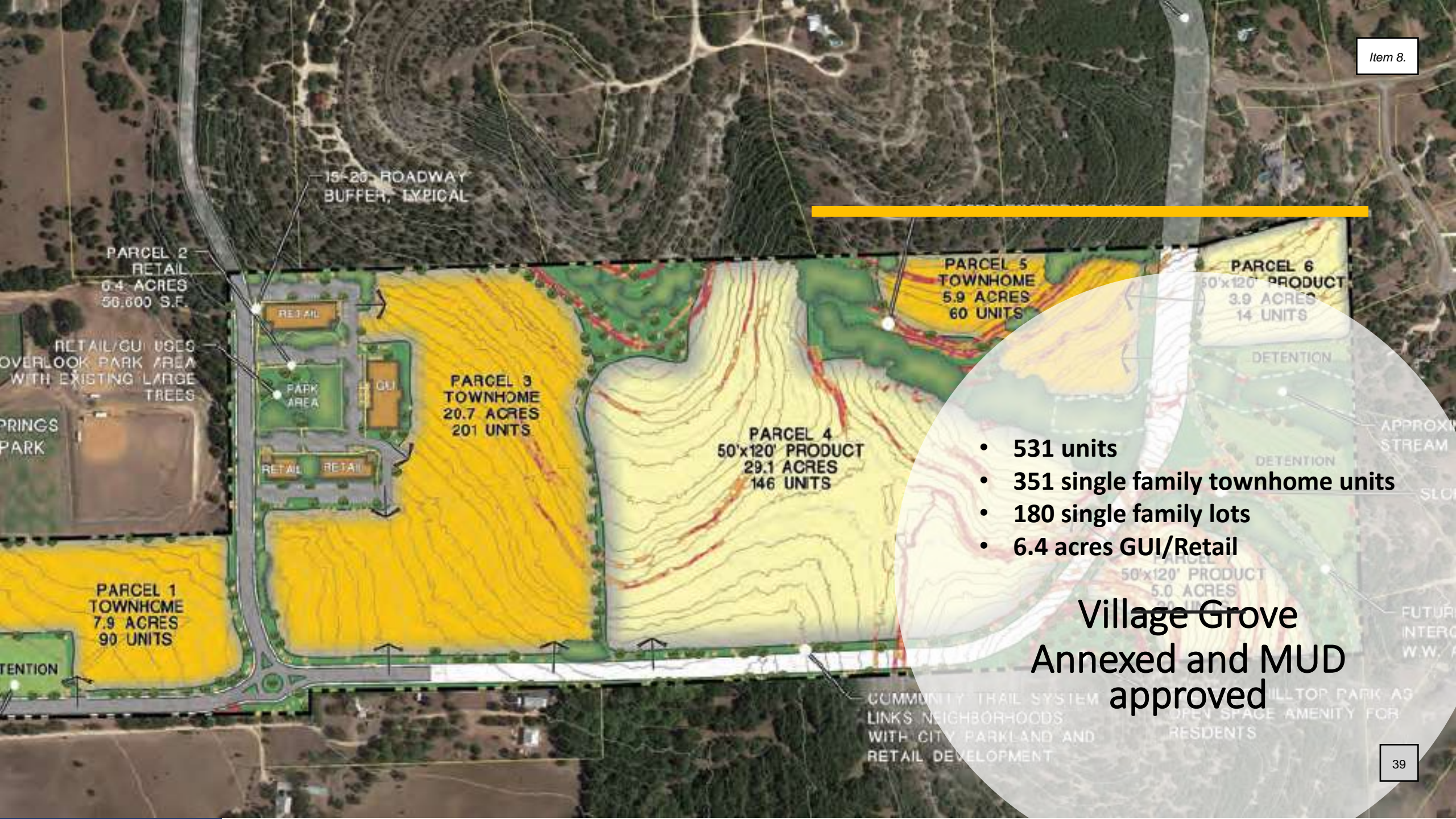
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Village Grove

Laura Mueller, City Attorney



PARCEL 2
RETAIL
6.4 ACRES
56,800 S.F.

RETAIL/GUI USES
OVERLOOK PARK AREA
WITH EXISTING LARGE
TREES

SPRINGS
PARK

RETAIL

PARK
AREA

GUI

RETAIL

RETAIL

PARCEL 3
TOWNHOME
20.7 ACRES
201 UNITS

PARCEL 4
50'x120' PRODUCT
29.1 ACRES
146 UNITS

PARCEL 5
TOWNHOME
5.9 ACRES
60 UNITS

PARCEL 6
50'x120' PRODUCT
3.9 ACRES
14 UNITS

PARCEL 1
TOWNHOME
7.9 ACRES
90 UNITS

PARCEL 7
50'x120' PRODUCT
5.0 ACRES

DETENTION

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APPROXIMATE
STREAM

SLOPE

FUTURE
INTERCOMMUNITY
W.W. TREATMENT PLANT

COMMUNITY TRAIL SYSTEM
LINKS NEIGHBORHOODS
WITH CITY PARKLAND AND
RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

HILLTOP PARK AS
OPEN SPACE AMENITY FOR
RESIDENTS

- 531 units
- 351 single family townhome units
- 180 single family lots
- 6.4 acres GUI/Retail

Village Grove Annexed and MUD approved

Consent to Municipal Utility District - HIGHLIGHTS

Easement and Road to 290 from Site

Road to Rob Shelton south of Sports Park Road

Consent to MUD with Exterior Design Standards

Annexation of 112 acres adjacent to Sports and Recreation Park

Potential Partnership with City on GUI/Retail

Parks

- Trails throughout development
- Park Development Fee Paid in Full
- 2 Planned Public Parks

Proposed Plan Approved by Parks Committee

Will be reviewed again at Planned Development District process

PARKLAND SUMMARY			
Residential	531 units		
Required Parkland Area:	23.09 acres	1 AC / 25 DU	
Parkland Credit Summary	Area	Calculation	Dedication
Public Parkland			
Public Park	2.60 acres	100% credit	2.60 acres
Public Open Space	16.12 acres	100% credit	16.12 acres
Amenity Pond	2.84 acres	100% credit	2.84 acres
Total Public Parkland Dedicated:	21.56 acres		21.56 acres
Private Parkland			
Private Parkland	7.06 acres	100% credit	5.77 acres*
Private Open Space	1.23 acres	0% credit	0.00 acres
Non-Amenity Pond	0.49 acres	0% credit	0.00 acres
Total Private Parkland :	9.55 acres		5.77 acres*
Total Private & Public Parkland Credits:			27.33 acres
Required Parkland Dedication:			23.09 acres
Delta:			4.24 acres
Parkland Development Fee			
	Units	Calculation	Total Fee
Total Required Fee	531	\$648 / DU	\$344,068
Offroad Trails	11,038 ft		
Roadside Concrete Trails	6,360 ft		

*Private Parks can count up to 25% of total required parkland acreage.

Item 8.



Open Issues

Coordinate project with Sports and Recreation Park

Plan Retail/GUI tract

Parking

Finalize location of roadway connection to 290

On-site amenities are adequate for the density

Coordination with neighbors

Lot sizes

Next Steps:

Annex the property and approve the Consent to MUD Agreement

- **Submission of Planned Development District Ordinance and Zoning Application**
- **Development Agreement Working Group meetings**
- **Finalize Wastewater Agreement**
- **Coordination on Retail/GUI tract**
- **Zoning Process**
- **Platting Process**
- **Site Plan**





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Update on Planning Projects

Laura Mueller, City Attorney

Howard Koontz, Planning Director

CONCEPTUAL PROJECT INFORMATION*

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL AREA - 28.78 ACRES

RESIDENTIAL - 275 UNITS AT ± 9.56 DU/AC GROSS

- 1 BD DUET HOME - 1-STORY DUPLEX - 66 UNITS
- 2 BD COTTAGE HOME - 1-STORY ATTACHED GARAGE - 34 UNITS
- 2 BD COTTAGE HOME - 2-STORY ATTACHED GARAGE - 50 UNITS
- 3 BD COTTAGE HOME - 2-STORY ATTACHED GARAGE - 49 UNITS
- TOWNHOMES - 2-STORY ATTACHED GARAGE - 76 UNITS

*PROJECT DETAILS ARE REPRESENTATIVE AND MAY CHANGE BASED ON FURTHER ANALYSIS DURING THE DESIGN PROCESS

Item 8.

New Growth Memorandum of Understanding

- 240 units
- 5.8 acres commercial
- Single Family Attached and Detached Residential Units
- Provision of Wastewater with Wastewater Agreement with Interim Solutions to follow



Memorandum of Understanding- HIGHLIGHTS



Rental Townhome Project – 240 (New Type of Project)



Improve Roger Hanks Parkway



Wastewater will be covered by Wastewater Agreement with needed wastewater improvements



Park Development Fee and Parkland Dedication



Commercial Tract to benefit the residents and 290 access



Next Steps, if approved:

- **Development Agreement Working Group meetings on updated PDD Application**
- **Finalize Wastewater**
- **Full Parks review**
- **Zoning Process**
- **Platting Process**
- **Site Plan**





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