



# DRIPPING SPRINGS RANCH PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Event Center Banquet Hall, 1042 Event Center Drive

Wednesday, June 02, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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## Agenda

### VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

*This meeting will be held via videoconference and the public is encouraged and welcome to participate. Public comment may be given during the videoconference by joining the meeting using the information below. Public comment for this meeting may also be submitted to the City Secretary at [acuningham@cityofdrippingsprings.com](mailto:acuningham@cityofdrippingsprings.com) no later than 4:00 PM on the day the meeting will be held.*

*The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board respectfully requests that all microphones and webcams be disabled unless you are a member of the Board. City staff, consultants and presenters, please enable your microphone and webcam when presenting.*

#### ***Join Zoom Meeting***

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***Meeting ID:*** 894 9248 4119

***Passcode:*** 224582

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### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

#### **Board Members**

Todd Purcell, Chair

Terry Polk

Penny Reeves

Pam Owens

Mike Carroll

#### **Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials**

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt

Interim DSRP Event Center Manager Emily Nelson  
DSRP Guest Services Coordinator Lily Sellers

## **PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS**

*A member of the public who desires to address the Board regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the Board's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the Board. It is the request of the Board that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speaker are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens for the City Secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentation of Citizens.*

## **BUSINESS**

- 1. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding an Amendment to the Joint Use Bleacher Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Independent School District.**
- 2. Report and discuss the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager hiring process and procedure.**
- 3. Discuss and consider approval of the updated 2021 Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan.**

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## **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.*

- 4. DSRP May 2021 Manager's Report**  
*Emily Nelson, Interim DSRP Manager*
- 5. DSRP May 2021 Financial Statement**  
*Shawn Cox, City Treasurer*
- 6. Parks & Community Services May 2021 Director's Report**  
*Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director*

## **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**

July 7, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

August 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

September 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

### **City Council Meetings**

June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

July 20, 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.*

*Due to the current Public Health Emergency and guidance from the Texas Governor including the current Disaster Declarations by the Governor and the City of Dripping Springs, and Center for Disease Control guidelines related to COVID-19, the City will continue with meetings conducted through videoconferencing. Texas Government Code Sections 551.045; 551.125; and 551.127.*

*I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, [www.cityofdrippingpsrings.com](http://www.cityofdrippingpsrings.com), on **May 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.***

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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.*



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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**Submitted By:** Emily Nelson, Interim Drippings Springs Ranch Park Manager

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**Council Meeting Date:** 06/02/2021

**Agenda Item Wording:** Discuss and consider recommendation regarding an Amendment to the Joint Use Bleacher Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Independent School District.

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Emily Nelson

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**Summary/Background:** We needed to make 2 updates to this agreement.

1. Original agreement stated the DSRP only had 1 set of portable bleachers. We now have 2.
2. Original agreement stated that scheduling was required to be with the Deputy City Administrator and the Director of Plant Operations. We updated scheduling to require the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager and the Director of Plant Operations.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**

**Attachments:**

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

**JOINT USE AGREEMENT**  
**for Portable Bleachers**

This Joint Use Agreement for the utilization of portable bleachers ("Agreement") is between the City of Dripping Springs (" City"), and the Dripping Springs Independent School District ("District"). In this Agreement, the City and District are sometimes individually referred to as a "Party", and collectively referred to as the "Parties".

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, City is scheduled to acquire two (2) sets of portable bleachers; and

**WHEREAS**, District owns three (3) sets of portable bleachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to use each other's portable bleachers for their respective events; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code authorizes political subdivisions of the state to contract for shared services or joint use of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, City and District agree to the joint use of the portable bleachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth in writing their respective rights, duties, and obligations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties mutually agree as follows:**

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL**

- 1.1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if expressly set forth herein.
- 1.2. **Interlocal Cooperation.** Each of the Parties is lawfully entitled to own and utilize the type of bleachers described in this Agreement and is therefore allowed to cooperate with the other Party for the mutual use of the bleachers.
- 1.3. **Current Funds.** All financial obligations incurred under this Agreement shall be payable with current funds.

**ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

Key terms in this Agreement are defined below. Certain other capitalized terms have the meanings

given in the Recitals of this Agreement where first used.

- 2.1 **Bleachers:** the portable bleachers described by the manufacture, Kay Park Recreation: 10 Row 45' Speedy Bleacher with Full Footboards, V4 Rail, & 48" Aisle & Handrail.
- 2.2 **City Bleachers:** the bleachers owned by the City.
- 2.3 **City Events:** recreational endeavors sponsored by the City that occur at City facilities.
- 2.4 **District Bleachers:** the bleachers owned by the District.
- 2.5 **District Events:** recreational endeavors sponsored by the District that occur at District Facilities.

### ARTICLE 3. TERM

- 3.1 **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall be effective on the date upon which the binding signatures of all Parties to this Agreement are affixed.
- 3.2 **Duration.** This Agreement shall be in effect for an initial term of one year, after which it will automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless: (a) a Party provides the other party with written notice of the intention not to renew the Agreement 90 days prior to end of the then-current year term; or (b) terminated as provided below.
- 3.3 **Termination.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon having provided the other Party with written notice 90 days prior to the termination date.

### ARTICLE 4. OBLIGATIONS

#### 4.1. City's Obligations.

- (a) City agrees to maintain and repair the City Bleachers in a good and usable condition during the term of this Agreement.
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties to these presents have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.**

**CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

**DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Foulds Jr.,  
Mayor

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTEST:**

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

by: \_\_\_\_\_



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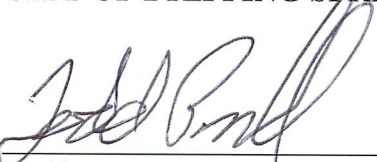
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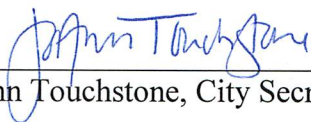
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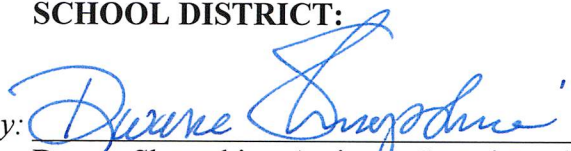
by:   
Todd Purcell, Mayor

Date Signed: 4-13-12

**ATTEST:**

by:   
Jo Ann Touchstone, City Secretary

**DRIPPING SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

by:   
Dwane Shropshire, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

Date Signed: 4-13-12

**ATTEST:**

by:   
Jaime Dydalewicz, Executive Administrative Assistant

DRIPPING SPRINGS  
**RANCH  
 PARK**

# MANAGER REPORT



## BACK IN THE SADDLE

Written by Emily Nelson

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# HIGHLIGHTS AND PREVIEWS



“ I want to give a huge "thank you" to the staff at Dripping Springs Ranch Park for everything they did for us this past weekend. You guys were there to help with any of our needs and we really appreciate it! We are lucky to have such a great facility to handle our event. ”



Our DSRP Social Media has been on a constant climb. The Shorty Scott Calendar Event on our Facebook page had over 12,600 views. We are excited to keep watching it grow.

**Insights**

[See All](#)

Last 28 days : Apr 27 - May 24 ▾

People Reached	<b>29,371</b> ▲97%
Post Engagements	<b>3,637</b> ▲147%
Page Likes	<b>42</b> ▲45%

## Coming Soon in June

**Coyote Kids Summer Camp**

June 1 - August 13

**Fences Over Bee Cave**

June 18-20

**Wedding Reception**

June 5

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June 5

**2021 District 10 4-H Horse Show**

June 15-17

**Harrison Hills Annual HOA Meeting**

June 23

DSRP Operating Fund  
Income Statement  
For the Seven Months Ending April 30, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
<b>Revenues</b>				
Riding Series	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,416.67	\$ 17,130.01	\$ 51,916.69
Fair and Rodeo Profit	0.00	0.00	7,900.00	0.00
General Donations	0.00	0.00	43.11	0.00
DSRP Programs	708.00	0.00	708.00	0.00
Cleaning Fees	50.00	833.33	2,100.00	5,833.31
Staff Fees	300.00	333.33	2,783.40	2,333.31
Horse Riding Permits	970.00	833.33	7,777.05	5,833.31
Interest Income	80.70	83.33	322.02	583.31
Other Income	60.00	83.33	3,755.00	583.31
Field Rental	250.00	0.00	1,975.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	35.00	0.00	1,230.00	0.00
Indoor Arena Rental	5,175.00	0.00	14,775.00	0.00
Event Facility Rental	0.00	9,333.33	450.00	65,333.31
RV Site Rental	1,960.00	1,500.00	12,500.00	10,500.00
Stall Rental	1,840.00	1,833.33	19,049.99	12,833.31
Outdoor Arena	200.00	0.00	3,050.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	1,340.00	416.67	2,143.00	2,916.69
Special Event Room Rental	650.00	0.00	(750.00)	0.00
Merchandise Sales	567.00	1,250.00	13,895.50	8,750.00
TXF from HOT Parking Lot	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
NA Small Event Room	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00
Small Indoor Arena	1,050.00	0.00	2,962.00	0.00
NA Concession	200.00	0.00	850.00	0.00
DSRP Concessions	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
TXF from Gen Fund	0.00	0.00	43,286.21	43,286.21
TXF from HOT	0.00	5,606.30	33,642.81	39,244.10
DSRP Sponsorship	650.00	0.00	7,325.00	0.00
TXF from Ag Facility Fund	4,200.00	2,146.67	19,950.00	15,026.69
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>20,285.70</b>	<b>31,669.62</b>	<b>224,053.10</b>	<b>314,973.55</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Sales Tax	217.37	0.00	1,120.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	58.33	0.00	408.31
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	2,292.74	0.00
DSRP ON CALL	800.00	866.67	5,800.00	6,066.69
Camp Program Supplies	132.14	550.00	132.14	550.00
Training and Education	0.00	416.67	226.58	2,916.69
Stall Cleaning	0.00	166.67	0.00	1,166.69
Grounds Maintenance	1,450.00	852.42	7,800.00	5,966.94
House Maintenance	79.98	1,237.50	15,249.25	8,662.50
House Furniture & Equipment	0.00	20.83	69.99	145.81
House Supplies	0.00	45.83	66.81	320.81
General Maintenance & Repairs	1,167.30	5,000.00	9,333.38	35,000.00
Fleet Aquisition	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,568.00
Dues, Fees and Subscriptions	1,096.93	498.62	1,842.18	3,490.34
Network/Communications	989.88	1,625.25	3,809.95	11,376.75
Riding Series	890.64	4,083.33	11,602.21	28,583.31
DSRP Postage	10.71	0.00	10.71	0.00
Merchandise Supplies	0.00	583.33	4,797.00	4,083.31
DSRP Improvements	(605.00)	2,166.67	17,725.00	15,166.69
Other Expense	3,011.00	1,708.33	3,075.10	11,958.31
Mileage	0.00	41.67	0.00	291.69
Alarm	0.00	0.00	5,527.00	1,080.00
House Septic	0.00	62.50	0.00	437.50
Propane/Gas	0.00	250.00	916.30	1,750.00
Electric	4,444.00	5,000.00	32,941.54	35,000.00
Water	448.96	833.33	3,533.11	5,833.31

DSRP Operating Fund  
Income Statement  
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	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Supplies	3,537.18	2,500.00	10,579.24	17,500.00
Office Equipment and Supplies	4,901.73	425.00	9,467.97	2,975.00
TXF to HCLE	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	7,700.00
Portable Toilets	65.00	0.00	455.00	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	21.56	2,083.33	8,456.33	14,583.31
Equipment	0.00	858.33	0.00	6,008.31
Equipmental Rental	0.00	83.33	(125.00)	583.31
Fleet Maintenance	675.19	208.33	929.59	1,458.31
Contingencies	0.00	4,166.67	0.00	29,166.69
	<u>23,334.57</u>	<u>37,492.94</u>	<u>157,634.12</u>	<u>302,798.58</u>
Total Expenses				
Net Income	\$ (3,048.87)	\$ (5,823.32)	\$ 66,418.98	\$ 12,174.97



**PARKS**

**Charro Ranch Park:**

Due to the World Migratory Event on May 8 at Charro Ranch Park, the monthly volunteer workday was canceled.

**Dripping Springs Ranch Park & Event Center –**

*Submitted by Emily Nelson, Interim DSRP Manager*



The month of May was so exciting at the Ranch Park. It was the first time for a lot of the staff to experience a heavily booked month. From horses to comic books, the Ranch Park staff successfully hosted new and returning events. Retromania, a comic book and retro toy expo, was so pleased with their first show at DSRP that they are already booking return shows. Both Shorty Scott Memorial Roping and Central Texas Arabian Horse shows successfully returned to the Ranch Park. Shorty Scott had record attendance that had ropers watching the sunrise. Even our two DSRP Riding Series shows experience a surge in attendance. While our Arena rentals naturally slow down due to Texas heat, our first ever Coyote Kids Summer Camp will be ramping up. All 11 sessions are almost completely sold out! We are so excited to reconnect our campers with Nature this summer. From meteorologists

to survival specialist, the campers get to experience an exciting lineup of guest speakers each session of camp. Dripping Springs Ranch Park is definitely back in the saddle and we couldn't be happier.



**Founders Memorial Park & Pool:**

*Submitted by Mack Rusick, Programs and Aquatics Manager*



We are excited to finally open to the public for the summer at the end of May. Although the rain and weather have made things difficult, we are hopeful the sun and the community will come out and enjoy the facility! We have had many people every day dropping by the pool to ask when we are opening. We have several families that have already purchased season passes and several rentals set up for the season as well. We have opened Swim Club registration for youth ages 9-15. These classes are 1hr long for two-week sessions and provide both swim instruction and fitness for young swimmers. Despite posting on the PCS Facebook we only have one person registered. We are hoping to blast more advertising for the program to generate more registrations.

The plumber finally arrived after several weeks of delays to hook up the gas lines and get the new commercial heater running. Several days of cold water for swim practice made for some very grateful swimmers and tiger splash volunteers when the heat finally kicked on. Unfortunately, without the thermal covers the cooler weather has caused us to eat up our propane quickly. Managing the temperature down as low as possible helped conserve some of the cost but sadly there is not much to be done except

wait for warmer weather. Staff hiring for 2021 is complete and new-hire orientation was held at City Hall where the Finance department's Penny Appleman helped to complete hiring paper and City Administrator, Michelle Fischer gave a presentation on the City's personnel manual. The guards were excited to receive their uniforms and equipment and participate in some team-building exercises. The last portion of orientation was spent in the water practicing patron surveillance, proper rescue techniques, and putting it all together with our EAP (Emergency Action Plan).

Tiger Splash had their first swim meet in the pouring rain on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Despite the bad weather operations, it ran smoothly and it was fun to see all the young swimmers in their first race. Many families attended with ponchos, umbrellas, and tents to shield from the rain. We spent extra effort hosing off muddy feet before kids entered the water. We were relieved to get through the entire meet without any delays from lightning or thunder. It will be an event that many of us won't forget!

We will be opening to the public for Memorial Day Weekend and are anticipating warmer weather on the horizon!

### **Sports & Recreation Park:**

Nothing to report.

### **Rathgeber Natural Resource Park:**

Nothing to report.

### **Veterans Memorial Park & Triangle**

Nothing to report.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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*Submitted by Melanie Blakely, Community Services Coordinator*



May 8, 2021 was the first annual Festival of Flight (World Bird Migratory Day) from 8am-12pm. Paul Fushille, Dripping Springs Parks Commissioner, lead the charge in starting a Community Bird Group that has grown leaps and bounds. The tour times were 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 and they were fully booked. Followed by the tours were kids crafts that was hosted by Twisted X Brewery. Unfortunately, due to high winds the movie in the park "A Big Year" was postponed until later in the summer.

May had a total of seven (7) private pavilion rentals. The end of May brought "April Showers", so we had to reschedule 2 of the rentals.

There were two (2) permits that were issued in May. One special event permit for the Community Date Night and one Itinerant Vendor Permit was issued for peaches for Farmers Market.

May seems to be a good indicator of how busy this summer's rentals will be, residents are ready to get back out and enjoy good food and good company!

### **Coyote Kids Nature Camp**

*Submitted by Hanna Gregory, Coyote Kids Nature Camp Director*



The last month has been a very busy and exciting one for the Coyote Kids Camp crew. Last week, we reached maximum enrollment for the entire summer! We spent most of the month developing curriculum, making sure that our campers will be able to take away not only fun memories, but also, new knowledge. Each week has its own theme, with activities to match. This includes curriculum-rich activities, games, and guest speakers. Our goal was to have at least one guest speakers scheduled per week, and with the help of friends and neighbors, we made it happen. My favorite guests of the summer include the meteorologist during Big Sky Fun week, the traveling reptile educator who will bring live animals during Ways of the Wild, and the Fire Truck during Wet-N-Wild.

Staff training for the Coyote Kids camp counselors took place over the past two weekends. We are so thankful to be fully staffed with a group of such incredibly passionate and talented folks. Now that staff training is over, we are focused on ordering the rest of our supplies and getting the Coyote Den ready for the campers next week. We are looking forward to a great summer!

### Farmers Market –

*Submitted by Charlie Reed, Farmers Market Manager*



May was a happening month for the Farmers Market, starting with the return of long-time crowd pleaser, Blanco Cowboy Kettle Corn, after two years away. The Market was also featured on Fox7 Austin with three live segments on the morning of Monday, May 10. For the event, reporter Tierra Neubaum interviewed five vendors, which led to some shoppers coming to the next market from as far away as Liberty Hill. Throughout the month, Johnna revived the Market's Instagram account to further feature vendors as well as exciting, cute, and fun scenes from each week's event. Make sure you follow

the Market @DS\_Farmers\_Market and tag your photos to show off your good times, fabulous finds, and the delicious recipes you create when you get home!



### Marketing, Website, Social Media, Branding & Communications

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

- Road closure requests
- Itinerant Vendor Permits
- Event Permit for events held on city property and events held within City Limits
- Co-Sponsorship applications that include banners at the triangle requests
- Filming Permits (which tend to be last minute in nature – less than 48hrs notice)

It is a goal of the department to streamline operations and scope of the Programs & Events Coordinator position through renaming the position to serve comprehensively in the coordination of all aspects of community services and not just events and programming. The title change will be to that of Community Services Coordinator and the scope will expand to include the coordination of all such services in addition to events and programs will fall under the Programs & Aquatics Manager's scope entirely.