

TO: CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS  
FROM: Kim Fernea  
RE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT  
DATE: August 11, 2021

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Please accept this memo as the City of Dripping Springs Economic Development Committee's (the "Committee") monthly update to Council regarding projects and progress during the month of July 2021.

The Committee convened at City Hall on July 28<sup>th</sup>, our first in-person meeting since the onset of COVID.

**Agenda:**

- **Call to Order**
- **New Committee Member introduction:**
  - Tiffany Duncan, Chief Human Resource Officer for Dripping Springs Independent School District, has been appointed by Council to the Committee. She has been with the district for 8 years. The Committee feels having a voice to represent DSISD is critical to our work. We are excited to benefit from her insight and participation.
- **Business Agenda**
  - Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club Update, *David Rhoades, President Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club*  
The Committee benefited from receiving an update on the Driftwood Golf and Ranch Club. Some highlights include:
    - Community is slotted to provide 315 lots.
    - 65-70% will be primary residents
      - 60-65% are from Texas, with 85% from Austin
      - Major demographic for residents is 45ish with young children
      - The Community is providing the City with 25 million gallon storage for treated gray water
        - Using treated effluent to water the course
        - Installing 7 miles of waste water lines to connect with the Treatment Facility [and necessary lift station(s)]
        - Will also require rain water harvesting
  - Bill LeClerc joined the Committee to share a concept he is considering bringing to Hays County
- **Reports**
  - City Council Monthly Report – *Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*
    - (1) We have been in multiple budget presentations as we work towards a budget to be approved in August or September.
    - (2) In June, we approved a conditional use permit for a mobile food vendor and a bar on Old Fitzhugh, specifically for the Dog n Bone, which has taken an old building and revitalized it in keeping with the historic appearance.
    - (3) In June, we accepted an annexation petition for a portion of the Cannon Tract (about 100 acres) being developed by Ashton Woods and then we approved the project as a whole, including rezoning, an offsite road agreement, and agreements for water and wastewater.
    - (4) We approved a CUP for construction of an accessory dwelling unit on Ramirez Lane, which is the subject of the Home in a Month project by Hometown Missions.

- (5) We approved various appointments to boards and commissions, including approval of Sherrie Parks to the Greater San Marcos Partnership Board of Directors to represent the city.
- (6) Also in the pipeline, at P&Z last night, they recommended approval of Wild Ridge development (960 units on 283 acres) and got a preview of the Anarene/Double L development (about 2500 units, including 250 for senior living on 1677 acres), which will likely go back to P&Z for action in the near future.

**Committee members present:** Melanie Fenelon, Whit Hanks, Susan Kimball, Andrea Nicholas, Patrick Rose, Keenan Smith, Tiffany Duncan, Council Member April Harris-Allison, Council Member Taline Manassian, Kim Fernea

**Chamber members present:** Denise Schroeder and Gigi McClaskey

**City representatives present:** Mayor Bill Foulds, Michelle Fischer