



To: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. and the City Council of the City of Dripping Springs
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RE: Comprehensive Plan 2045 – Progress Update

The 2045 Comprehensive Plan for Dripping Springs is about 40% through its development, and has now transitioned from the analytical process of data gathering and research and moved into the more interactive process of stakeholder and resident interviews.

In April at the city's Founder's Day celebration, a public survey was conducted online to solicit input from the community. That effort resulted in over 400 responses, the summary of which is included here as an attachment to this memo. A second online survey, released on August 12th, has been even more well-received and currently stands at nearly 750 responses. The link to take that survey can be found on the city's Comprehensive Plan website <http://reimaginedrippingsprings.com>.

In the second half of May and all of June, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) in conjunction with city staff formed a virtual shared reference document of community members both in- and outside the city limits. Those identified were noted for their role in critical development and operations of the region: finance, real estate and housing, education, public health and safety, transportation, general retail, etc.

This group was divided and seated in two separate sessions of in-person stake holder meetings on July 15th in city hall. The purpose of the meetings was to gather the institutional knowledge of the participants, specifically about how they perceive the direction of the city, in the context of their profession. Another set of stake holder meetings was held August 29th and 30th, this time virtually via video conferencing. Two of the meetings were one-on-one interviews with community leaders, and two others were group calls. At those meetings the participants were called upon to refine and expand upon the data collected in the July meetings.

Next on the horizon in the near term is the first of the all-encompassing public input meetings. Monday, September 12th beginning at 5:30 P.M. in the multi-purpose meeting room at Dripping Springs Ranch Park, the consultant team with city staff will host all persons interested in the development of the city and the Comprehensive Plan. There the team will explain the plan

development process and gather information about the perceived direction of the city up until now and in the future.

In the future there are planned three additional public meetings, one each in November '22, February '23, and April '23.

More virtual focus group meetings with community champions and our CPAC will be assembled in late September and October to discuss the results of the community surveys and the input gathered at the September public meeting. September is also the timeframe for staff here in Dripping Springs to host our own community input meetings, termed "Meeting-In-A-Box" on the attached Gantt progress chart.