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Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, July 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Deputy City Secretary Coleman swore in current Founders Day Committee members Jeff Shindler and Michael Ward who were re-appointed for another term, and also swore in new Committee member David Inman.

With a quorum of 10 Committee members present (8 required), Chair Shindler called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Committee Members present

Jeff Shindler, Chair
Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair
Susan Warwick, Secretary
Justin Cornett
Lisa Garza
Sharon Goss
Mark Handley
David Inman
Scott Phillips
Michael Ward

Committee Members absent

Scott Berry
Sirena Cumberland
Kimberley Rutherford
Jordan Searle
Eric Strang
Thomas Toms

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks and Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
City Attorney Aniz Alani

MINUTES

1. **Minutes Report June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting**

Susan Warwick, Secretary

Report is for update purposes only and no action shall be taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. **FY26 Sponsorship & Income Status Report.**

Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz.

3. **Status Report and discussion with the City Attorney for recurring agreements that may or may not need to be updated for the 2027 Founders Day Festival.**

City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Attorney Alani shared which recurring agreements are current and which need to be updated. He also explained if the Committee wants recurring agreements with vendors, we should request bids. Assistant Director Nelson explained the request for bids should include 50% for low cost value and the other 50% would include our criteria for best value.

BUSINESS AGENDA

4. **Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a committee Vice Chair for 2027.**

A motion was made by Committee Member Handley that Vice Chair Holtzendorf continue to serve as Vice Chair of the Founders Day Committee. Committee Member Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously 9 to 0.

5. **Discussion and possible action on member assignments to the various Founders Day Committee subcommittees necessary to plan, coordinate, and execute the Founders Day Festival.**

The Committee plans to re-organize and re-assign the various Founders Day Committee subcommittees at the August meeting. The hope is that each committee member will chair only one subcommittee. An additional subcommittee will be added to take care of committee members during the event, assuring each member is hydrating, eating, taking breaks, etc.

6. **Discussion and possible action on the creation of a non-voting "deputy" member level to expand the Founders Day Committee.**

We hope to create the position of (non-voting) Deputy member of FDC, each of whom will work with the chair of his chosen subcommittee. We will need to outline expectations and boundaries for the deputies. Each chair can determine the number of deputies needed for each subcommittee. FDC is planning to have a Deputy Volunteer Fair in September.

7. Discussion and possible action on a policy recommendation for the participation of political groups and candidates in festival activities, including booths and parade.

A motion was made by Committee Member Cornett to exclude all political organizations and campaigning by candidates from the Founders Day Festival Parade and all festival booths. Committee Member Goss seconded the motion which carried unanimously 9 to 0. City Attorney Alani will draft the proposal to present to City Council. We will need the approval of City Council.

8. Discussion and possible action on alternative parade operations and possible alternative Friday evening attractions at the 2027 Founders Day Festival.

The parade will have to be different during the next two years during the construction on Old Fitzhugh Road. We tried a walking parade last year and were not pleased with the results. This year we are hoping to have stationary floats and displays parked on Mercer Street. The parade watchers will walk among the floats (where candy can be handed out) instead of the parade traveling through the observers. We are also hoping the DSHS marching band, Hi-Steppers, and cheerleaders will hold a pep rally at the City Hall to kick off the event and then lead the crowd as they march up Mercer to the floats. The logistics and timing for getting the floats in and out will need to be worked out. We are brainstorming possible activities, such as armadillo races, community talent show, chicken poop bingo, for the Nesthaven Stage area on Friday night, while the band and street dance will be at the Main Stage area. The carnival would be allowed to be up and running during the Friday festivities.

9. Discussion and possible action on equipment and services to be included when drafting a Request For Bids Package(s) to support the 2027 Founders Day Festival planning process.

Discussed in Department Reports Item #3. Further discussion included further time and effort to be expended to request bids, that the Request for Bids is time-sensitive and the process must be started within the next month, the fact that the price of a service is not always the best reason to choose a vendor, the fact that every dollar the FDC raises with sponsorships is spent on the festival, that no city dollars are spent, that the FDC appreciates the city employees' assistance, time, and effort in putting on the event, and the option to create a 501C(3). Assistant Director Nelson stressed that because the Founders Day Festival is a city of Dripping Springs event, the FDC needs to do due diligence in obtaining 3 bids for budget items and to be transparent in our dealings. City Attorney Alani will bring some drafts of Requests for Bids to our next meeting. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN

Reports are for purposes of planning and providing staff direction for activities related to the Founders Day Event, and no action shall be taken.

10. Arts & Crafts Committee

Members: Handley, Inman, Strang (St. Martin de Porres Reps)

Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

- 11. Budget Committee**
Members: Garza
Staff: Finance Director Shawn Cox, Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
- 12. Carnival & Food Committee**
Members: Goss, Phillips, Warwick (Lions Club Reps)
- 13. Cook-Off Committee**
Members: Toms, Garza, Cornett (Cook-Off Club Reps)
- 14. Downtown Relations Committee**
Members: Searle, Holtzendorf
- 15. DSISD Committee**
Members: Cumberland, Berry (alternate)
- 16. Entertainment Committee**
Members: Cornett, Holtzendorf
Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
- 17. Parade Committee**
Members: Rutherford and Holtzendorf
Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
- 18. Traffic & Parking Committee**
Members: Inman, Holtzendorf, and Toms
Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
- 19. Publicity Committee**
Members: Ward, Cornett
Staff: Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
- 20. Safety & Security Committee**
Members: Strang, Shindler, Handley
Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad, and City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
- 21. Sanitation Committee**
Members: Phillips, Shindler, and Holtzendorf
Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
- 22. Site Plan Committee**
Members: Shindler and Handley
Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
- 23. Sponsorship Committee**
Members: Ward, Cornett, and Garza
Staff: City Attorney Aniz Alani, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

24. Volunteer Committee

Members: Rutherford

Staff: Parks Maintenance Manager Patrick Baglietto, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Founders Day Commission Meetings

August 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holtzendorf to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Handley seconded the motion which carried unanimously 9 to 0.

This regular meeting of the Founders Day Committee was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

<i>Susan Warwick</i>
<i>Susan Warwick, Founders Day Committee Secretary</i>