



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator

Council Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval of a Donation Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Lions Club for the refurbishment of the Dripping Springs Monument

Agenda Item Requestor: Debbie Nemanich, Dripping Springs Lions Club Service Director

Summary/Background: The granite monument by the Dripping Springs located at the west end of the Mercer Street bridge was dedicated by the Dripping Springs Lions Club in 1980. The monument is located within the right of way owned by the City. The lettering has worn off and the inscription is no longer legible. The Lions Club has offered to refurbish the monument, including reletting the inscription. This requires a donation agreement. The volunteers plan to do the work in the next few months once it has cooled off a bit.

Local historian Carl Waits provided the City with the inscription, which reads:

“Where the Tonkawa once prowled the cool clear waters of the Edward

Aquifer burst forth along this brook milk house branch and drips musically

From the limestone over hang Circa 1850. The Moss, Wallace and Pound families

started a small settlement near this Dripping Springs. One of them Mrs Nannie

Moss named the community for the Dripping Springs. As the community grew it

became a stagecoach stop and an educational center with a post office being

established in 1857. An aborted effort to establish a military Academy in the

1880's evolved into a boarding school under the aegis of the Pedernales Baptist

Association. Also during this period the town was laid out with names for streets

that were bordered by flag stone side walks in 1854. With a past firmly rooted in

faith and sacrifice we face the future with confidence.”

The Lions Club members at the time are engraved on the sides of the monument.

(Mr. Waits noted that there are some inaccuracies in the inscription.)

Recommended Council Actions:	Approve the donation agreement with the condition that the city’s Maintenance Director be kept up to date on the refurbishment and approve the methods and materials used to refurbish the monument.
Attachments:	Donation Agreement and Form.
Next Steps/Schedule:	Notify Lions Club of City Council action.