



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Diana Boone, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: August 6, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: Approval of the reappointment of Marianne Simmons, Nikki Dahlin, Janet Musgrove, and Sherrie Parks terms ending June 30, 2026, and the reappointment of Gouri Johannsen as Committee Chair for a term of one (1) year.

Agenda Item Requestor: Diana Boone, City Secretary

FMC Member Responsibilities

Summary/Background: **Section 6.05.002:** The purpose of the Dripping Springs Farmers Market Committee (the committee") is to: Fulfill the mission of the market; Provide oversight of the market in order to make recommendations related to the market; and Serve as an advisory body for the city council.

Section 6.05.006: The committee is advisory only. They have no authority to make decisions binding on the city. The authority of the committee will include: To make recommendations to the city council regarding market operations; To evaluate the market to identify means of making improvements; To make recommendations related to the drafting and implementation of all rules and procedures for the market to the city council; To assist city staff with the operations of the market, in addition to preparations and post-event recovery of the site; To make recommendations to city council regarding budget for the farmers market and expenditures related to appropriated funds; To perform other duties as established in the rules and regulations for market operations, as enacted by the city council; The committee's work and work product will be subject to the Public Information Act, Texas Government Code chapter 552.

Member Selection

Section 6.05.005(c): Every year, city staff will prepare a slate of nominees for city council consideration. Committee members shall be appointed by majority vote of the city council. Committee members may be residents or business owners in the city limits or ETJ or within 150 miles of the city limits. At least two committee members must be market vendors of which one shall be an agricultural producer. Although not strictly required, preference for committee membership shall be given to persons who raise, grow or make food products, or artists who make crafts from agricultural products.

Membership Requirements

Resident or business owner located in the City Limits or ETJ, or within 150 miles of the city limits. At least two members must be market vendors

Officer Appointments

The chair shall be appointed by the city council from among the membership. A vice-chair shall be selected by the committee members. In the absence of the chair or vice-chair, the remaining committee members may select a person among themselves to preside over a meeting.

Gouri Johannsen has served as the chair of the committee for several years and would like to be considered to continue as the chair.

Membership

The committee shall have eight members who shall serve two-year terms. Members may be reappointed with no limitation on the number of terms one member may serve.

Current Members

Member	Term
Gourir Johannsen, Chair	06/30/25
Marianne Simmons	06/30/24
Teresa Strube	06/30/25
Nikki Dahlin	06/30/24
Claudia Oney	06/30/25
Janet Musgrove	06/30/24
Erika Fritz	06/30/25
Sherrie Parks	06/30/24

Vacancies and Applicants

There are four (4) members with terms that expired June 30, 2024, and no vacancies. All members with expiring terms have requested reappointment. There was one (1) new applicant that met requirements.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

Commission recommends the reappointment of all expired members.

**Staff
Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the reappointment of Marriane Simmons, Nikki Dahlin, Janet Musgrove, and Sherrie Parks for terms ending June 30, 2026, and the reappointment of Gouri Johannsen as the committee chair for a term of one (1) year.

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Inform reappointed members and applicants
2. Update website

