



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

Council Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of David Inman as recommended by St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and the reappointments of At-Large Members Michael Ward, Clinton Holtzendorf, and Jeff Shindler; Lions Club Representatives Sharon Goss and Scott Phillips; Cook-Off Club Representative Justin Cornett; and St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Representative Eric Strang, for two (2) year terms ending June 30, 2028; and for the reappointment of At-Large Members Jordan Searle and Kimberly Rutherford; Cook off Club Representative Thomas Toms; and the reappointment of Jeff Shindler as chair for a one (1) year term ending June 30, 2027.

Agenda Item Requestor: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Summary/Background: The Founders Day Commission is a fourteen-member advisory commission tasked with managing the City of Dripping Springs' Annual Founders Day celebration. The Commission is responsible for planning, promoting, arranging, and organizing Founders Day. The Commission makes recommendations to city council regarding the improvement and safe operation of the Founders Day celebration.

Currently, commission members are appointed by City Council with six (6) members serving at-large, and nine members serving as representatives of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church (3), Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club (3) and Dripping Springs Lions Club (3), organizations that are involved with the planning of the Founders Day Festival. One member from the commission shall be appointed by the City Council as the Chair to serve a term of one year.

The Founders Day Committee has recommended that (3) three members with terms expiring in June for what would have been a 2 year term, change to a 1 year term so it can even out the number of members whose term expire at the same time.

Member	Term	Seat
Jeff Shnider, Chair	06/30/26	At-Large
Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair	06/30/26	At-Large
Jordan Searle	6/30/26	At-Large
Kimberly Rutherford	6/30/26	At-Large
Michael Ward	6/30/26	At-Large
Susan Warwick, Secretary	06/30/27	Lions Club
Sharon Goss	06/30/26	Lions Club
Scott Phillips	06/30/26	Lions Club
Thomas Toms	06/30/26	Cook Off Club
Lisa Garza	06/30/27	Cook Off Club
Justin Cornett	06/30/26	Cook Off Club
Mark Handley	06/30/27	St. Martin de Porres
Eric Strang	06/30/26	St. Martin de Porres
Jerome Borges	06/30/26	St. Martin de Porres
Sirena Cumberland	6/30/27	DSISD
Scott Berry	6/30/2027	DSISD Alternate

All members, except one (highlighted in yellow), requested reappointment.

Recommendation letters for organization representatives were received and have been included in the packet.

**Commission
Recommendations:**

Appointments were added to the Founders Day Committee agenda and the committee has recommended approval of the new appointment and reappointment of current members with expiring terms.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Staff recommends approval

Attachments:

1. Recommendation Letters
2. Reappointment Requests
3. Applications

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Inform applicants of City Council decision
2. Send welcome letter to new member(s)
3. Email commission regarding appointments
4. Update roster
5. Update website