



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Council Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of recommendations for appointment to the Founders Day Commission of Jerome Borges from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, and Thomas Toms from the Cook-Off Club, for commission terms ending June 30, 2026; and the appointment of Jeff Shindler as Commission Chair for a term of one (1) year.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Council Member Sherrie Parks

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.

Each of the participating organizations provides the City Council with a recommendation for representative appointment to the Commission. There are currently (1) vacant seat from the Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club and (1) vacant seat from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

Per Ordinance, one member is appointed by the City Council as the Chair, annually, at the recommendation of the Commission.

Commission Recommendation: The Commission recommends approval of the representatives from St. Martin de Porres and the Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club to serve on the Founders Day Commission, and appointment of Jeff Shindler as Commission Chair.

Recommended Council Actions: Approve the recommended appointments of Jerome Borges and Thomas Toms to their respective organization representative seats for terms ending June 30, 2026; and appointment of Jeff Shindler as Commission Chair for 2025.

Attachments:

- SMP Letter of Recommendation – Jerry Borges.pdf
- 08.21.24 – FDC Application_Borges, Jerome.pdf
- Cook-Off Recommendation – Toms.docx
- 09.25.24 – FDC Application_Toms, Thomas.pdf

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Inform applicant of council decision
2. Send welcome letter and calendar invite
3. Update master roster, group email and city website
4. Distribute updated roster and notice of new members to commission