



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

Commission Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider options for a memorial in recognition of Brenda Medcalf's years of service to the Founders Day Commission.

Agenda Item Requestor: Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Summary/Background: Several Commissioners expressed interest in creating a memorial downtown in recognition of Brenda Medcalf's fourteen years of service to the Founders Day Commission. Possible memorial options and associated costs are as follows:

- Dedication of a new bench in a City park: \$2,000
 - Includes bench and plaque
- Dedication of a tree in a City park: \$2,000
 - Includes tree planting and plaque
- Dedication of an existing bench downtown: \$2,500
 - 50% discount approved by City Council: \$1,250
- Dedication of a planned bench in the new pedestrian alley near the downtown restrooms in "Stephenson Way"
 - 50% discount approved by City Council: \$1,250

Funding for such a memorial may not be allocated from the FDC budget or event sponsorship, and must be donated for this specific purpose. For instance, 25 individuals could donate \$50 each. A pledge of \$75 has already been made.

Staff Recommendations: Staff recommends selecting an undedicated bench downtown on Mercer or on Stephenson Way and add a dedication plaque in Brenda Medcalf's honor.

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Select a memorial option.
2. Gather funding.
3. Work with Staff to execute the project.