



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

Council Meeting Date: May 21, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of the reappointment of Brenda Medcalf, Sharon Goss, Clint Holtzendorf, and Brian Varnell; and appointment of Jeff Shindler, Kimberly Rutherford, and Michael Ward to the Founders Day Commission as at-large members for terms ending June 30, 2026.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Founders Day Commission

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.

Commission Members are appointed by City Council with five (5) members serving at-large, and nine (9) members serving as representatives of the following organizations that are involved with the planning of the Founders Day Festival; St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church (3 seats), Dripping Springs Lions Club (3 seats), and the Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club (3 seats), with one member appointed by the City Council as the Chair.

Per ordinance, the Founders Day Commission provides the City Council with their recommendation for appointments for at-large members.

Commission Recommendation:

The Commission voted on 5.13.24 to recommend releasing Jeff Shindler from his current term as Cook-Off Club Representative expiring June 30, 2024, and appointing him as an at-large member. The Commission also voted to recommend approval of two new at-large members: Kimberly Rutherford and Michael Ward, for terms ending June 30, 2026.

Due to oversight, the Commission did not hold a vote on the reappointment of Clint Holtzendorf; however Chair Medcalf recommends approval. Similarly, the Commission does not provide recommendations for organization representatives; but Chair Medcalf recommends approval of the reappointment of Sharon Goss as Lions Club Representative and Brian Varnell as Cook-Off Club Representative for terms ending June 30, 2026.

Recommended Council Actions: Approve the appointments and reappointments of Brenda Medcalf, Clint Holtzendorf, Jeff Shindler, Kimberly Rutherford, and Michael Ward to the five (5) at-large seats for terms ending June 30, 2026.

Approve the recommendation of reappointment of Sharon Goss as a Lions Club Representative; and of Brian Varnell as a Cook-Off Club Representative.

Attachments:

- 09.06.2023 – FDC Application_Ward, Michael.pdf
- 04.26.24 – FDC Kimberly Rutherford.pdf
- 2024 Resignation – Commissioner Debish
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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