



To: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr., and the City Council
From: Tory Carpenter, AICP – Planning Director
Date: January 17, 2023
RE: Comprehensive Plan Status Update

I. Background

The 2045 Comprehensive Plan for Dripping Springs is well under way. This memo provides a brief overview of the status of the Comprehensive Plan process and what to expect moving forward. Staff continues to work closely with our consultants, DTJ Design, throughout this process.

After the last two-day public workshop October 17 & 18, it became clear that the DTJ team needed to coordinate with more stakeholders to gather additional information.

II. Individual Stakeholder Meetings

To fill the data gap mentioned above, staff and the DTJ team scheduled meetings with various stakeholders on specific topics related to the City and Comprehensive Plan. These meetings are an opportunity for the design team to ask questions and get clarification and key issues.

The City and DTJ team has hosted the following meetings to date:

- **11/17 – Regarding PDDs and Development Agreements**
 - With Laura Muller, Ginger Faught, and Tory Carpenter
- **12/08 – Regarding Water & Wastewater**
 - With Aaron Reed, Ginger Faught, and Tory Carpenter
- **12/14 – Regarding Floodplain**
 - With Chad Gilpin and Tory Carpenter
- **12/15 – Regarding West Travis County PUA Water**
 - With Walt Smith, Jennifer Reichers, Ginger Faught, and Tory Carpenter
- **01/06 – Regarding Historic Preservation & Downtown**
 - With Keenan Smith, Michelle Fischer, Ginger Faught, and Tory Carpenter
- **01/12 – Regarding Dripping Springs ISD**
 - With Holly Morris-Kuentz and Tory Carpenter

Staff expects the following meeting to be hosted within the next few weeks:

- **Regarding Hays County Conservation**
 - With Alexandra Thompson and Marcus Pacheco
- **Regarding Transportation Master Plan**
 - With Leslie Pollack.

III. Next Steps

While we do not have an updated project schedule from the DTJ team, we expect one shortly after the last of the stakeholder meetings is held.

With the information gathered from the stakeholder meetings, we can expect the DTJ team to provide more accurate updated maps. These maps will be presented as three possible growth scenarios to help guide input at our next stakeholder workshops. The DTJ team will use the guidance and feedback provided at these workshops to create an implementation plan which will likely include a development code update or rewrite.

Staff will provide an updated schedule to City Council once it is available.