



# Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting

*Dripping Springs City Hall*

*511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas*

*Monday, December 08, 2025, at 6:30 PM*

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Committee present, Chair Shindler called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

#### **Committee Members present**

Jeff Shindler, Chair  
Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair  
Susan Warwick, Secretary  
Jerome Borges  
Justin Cornett  
Sirena Cumberland  
Lisa Garza  
Sharon Goss  
Scott Phillips  
Kimberly Rutherford  
Thomas Toms  
Michael Ward

#### **Committee Members absent**

Scott Berry  
Mark Handley  
Jordan Searle  
Eric Strang

#### **Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present**

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson  
Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz  
Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett

### BUSINESS AGENDA

#### **1. Discuss and consider possible themes for the 2026 Founders Day Parade.**

The Committee wishes to have the theme of walking for the 2026 Founders Day Parade. We will allow the participants to interpret how they will execute the theme. The exact name for the theme has not yet been determined.

**2. MINUTES REPORT**

*Susan Warwick, Secretary*

No corrections

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Reports are for purposes of planning and providing staff direction for activities related to the Founders Day Event, and no action shall be taken.*

**3. Arts & Crafts Committee**

***Handley, Borges, and Strang***

*Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

Applications for Arts & Crafts vendor booths will be sent to returning vendors at the end of December. New locations for vendors previously down the middle of Mercer Street will be on Mercer towards City Hall.

**4. Budget Committee**

***Garza***

*Staff: Finance Director Shawn Cox*

No report given

**5. Carnival & Food Committee**

***Goss, Phillips, and Warwick***

The agreement between DSISD, DS Lions Club, and the City of Dripping Springs has been finalized. Location and type of fencing in the carnival area will be determined.

**6. Cook-Off Committee**

***Toms***

Location of Cook-Off Club Headquarters in Roxie's parking club has yet to be finalized.

**7. Downtown Relations Committee**

***Searle***

No report given

**8. DSISD Committee**

***Cumberland and Berry***

No report given

**9. Entertainment Committee**

***Cornett***

*Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

Committee Member Cornett presented proposed layouts for the two entertainment areas:

The old post office parking lot will be a family-oriented area. A Kid Zone, a platform for some local musicians with lots of seating under a big tent, Cowboy Cabanas, the Knights of Columbus booth, and the wine garden will be located here.

The City Hall parking lot will house the Main Stage under a large tent with plenty of seating, the Green Room, the VIP area, an area for beverages from local distilleries and micro-breweries managed by Peak, Cowboy Cabanas, seating under the big oak trees, several food booths by local restaurateurs, and possibly a one-day Farmers Market.

**10. Parade Committee**

***Rutherford and Holtzendorf***

*Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

The parade theme will be announced in January. Registration opens March 1, with approximately 3 weeks for registration. The parade meeting will be two weeks before the festival. A press release announcing the changes to next years' festival and parade was sent out on December 2.

**11. Parking & Transportation Committee**

***Borges, Holtzendorf, and Toms***

*Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad, City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

Shuttle bus service on Saturday of the festival will be handled by the DS Rotary Club again this year. Drop-off and pick-up will be in the same location as last year.

**12. Publicity Committee**

***Ward***

*Staff: Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett*

No report given

**13. Safety, Security, & Traffic Control Committee**

***Strang and Handley***

*Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad*

No report given

**14. Sanitation Committee**

***Phillips, Shindler, and Holtzendorf***

*Staff: Parks Maintenance Manager Patrick Baglietto*

No report given

**15. Site Plan Committee**

***Shindler***

*Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett (Electrical Setup and Road Closures)*

Maps are being created.

**16. Sponsorship & Hospitality Committee**

***Ward, Cornett, and Garza***

*Staff: City Attorney Laura Mueller, Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

First wave of Early Bird Sponsorship emails has been sent out.

**17. Volunteer Committee**

***Rutherford***

*Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz*

The list of volunteers needed from Founders 2025 will be sent to committee members in case there are additions, changes, etc. Sign-Up Genius for volunteers will be active mid-January. Festival T-shirts to be given to volunteers was discussed.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Founders Day Committee Meetings***

January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

January 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

***City Council Meetings***

December 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

January 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Holtzendorf to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously 11 to 0.

This regular meeting of the Founders Day Committee was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

<b><i>Susan Warwick</i></b>
<i>Susan Warwick, Founders Day Committee Secretary</i>