



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Craig Rice, Maintenance Director

Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a request to improve the landscaping Veterans Memorial Park adjacent to and surrounding the Welcome to Dripping Springs sign pursuant to partial lease of Veterans Memorial Park.**

Agenda Item Requestor: VFW Post 2933 and American Legion Post 290

Summary/Background: VFW Post 2933 and American Legion Post 290 is requesting approval to rework the garden beds in front of the Dripping Springs Welcome sign. They are proposing to:

1. Remove all the existing rocks and plants.
2. Downsize the garden bed for a 6-x9.5' bed with metal edging and cut stone matching the existing look of the new DAR improved bed.
3. Cover the area with nylon mat that will prevent grass and weed growth.
4. Work with master gardeners to select plant that will not block the welcome sign and that are native to Texas.
5. Cover the bed and new plants with mulch.
6. Clean up the unused area of the existing bed and plant grass.

The proposed maintenance plan for watering, weeding, and general maintenance of the garden is satisfactory.

The proposed plants for the garden beds are native plants to Texas and drought tolerant as required by City Ordinance.

Commission Recommendations: The Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed improvements on June 7, 2021

Recommended Council Actions: Staff recommends approval of the proposed improvements

Attachments:

1. Letter from Tony Chamness
2. Planting and improvement plan
3. Maintenance Plan (Approved by City Maintenance Director)
4. Proposed plant and supply list

Next Steps/Schedule:

With City Council approval, VFW Post 2933 and American Legion Post 290 will begin reworking the garden bed discussed.