



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: September 21, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider Appointments to the Founders Day Commission for the following seats and terms:**

- a. (1) At-large for an unexpired term of June 30, 2022
- b. (1) Lions Club Representative for term of June 30, 2023
- c. (1) Cook-Off Club Representative for term of June 30, 2023
- d. (1) St. Martin de Porres Church Representative for term of June 30, 2023

Agenda Item Requestor: Ginger Faught, Deputy City Administrator

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 seats) members serving at-large, and nine (9 seats) members serving as representatives of the following organizations that are involved with the planning of the Founders Day Festival, and with one member appointed by the City Council as the Chair.

- 3 seats - The Lions Club
- 3 seats - Cook-Off Club
- 3 seats - St. Martin de Porres Church

Commission Seat Expirations

Member	Seat	Appointment Request
Jake Adams, Vice Chair	At-Large	Request Reappointment
Brian Daniel	At-Large	Request Reappointment

Dee Marsh	At-Large	Request Reappointment
VACANT	At-Large	Term June 30, 2022
Martin Garza	St. Martin de Porres	Stepping Down
Darrell Debish	St. Martin de Porres	Request Reappointment
Clint Holtzendorf	Cook-Off Club	Request Reappointment to At-Large Seat
Susan Warick	Lions Club	Request Reappointment

Vacancies for at-large seats were advertised on the city website and noticed in the Century News. The following applications were received for the at-large seats:

- Clinton Holtzendorf – serving an expired term as the Cook-Off Club Representative
- Pam Owens – Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau President and CEO

Letters of nomination were received for the following:

- Darrell Debish – St. Martin de Porres Church
- Susan Warwick – Lions Club
- Danny Rowe – Cook-Off Club

Commission Recommendation:

At the September 13, 2021, meeting the Founders Day Commission tabled recommendation for the (3) seats currently held by Jake Adams, Brian Daniel and Dee Marsh, and recommended the following for appointments (the additional representative for St. Martin de Porres Church will be presented for appointment at a later date):

- Clinton Holtzendorf – At-large seat for unexpired term ending June 30, 2022;
- Darrell Debish – St. Martin de Porres Church Representative for a term ending June 30, 2023;
- Susan Warwick – Lions Club Representative for a term ending June 30, 2023; and
- Danny Rowe – Cook-Off Club Representative for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Recommended Council Actions:

Staff recommends the reappointment of Darrell Debish and Susan Warwick for terms ending June 30, 2023, and the appointment of Danny Rowe for a term ending June 30, 2023.

Appointment of the At-large seat is at the pleasure of the Council with the two candidates being Clinton Holtzendorf and Pam Owens.

Attachments:

- Nomination/Recommendation letters
- Application for Appointment

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Inform applicants 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