



Founders Day Committee Special Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, April 06, 2026, at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of 14 Committee members present (8 required), Chair Shindler called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Committee Members present

Jeff Shindler, Chair
Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair
Susan Warwick, Secretary
Scott Berry
Justin Cornett
Lisa Garza
Sharon Goss
Mark Handley
Scott Phillips
Kimberley Rutherford
Jordan Searle
Eric Strang
Thomas Toms
Michael Ward

Committee Members absent

Jerome Borges
Sirena Cumberland

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present

Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
Parks and Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Director Roman Baligad
City Attorney Aniz Alani
Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
Council Member Sherrie Parks
Council Member Geoffrey Tahuahua

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. **Discuss and consider possible action regarding the FY26 Founders Day Festival budget and possible Budget Amendment request.**

\$87,850 has been received in sponsorships. Expense for Sanitation is over budget because of the expanded event area. \$3600 for Dispatch is an unexpected expense. Our 10% increase in Fire and EMS was not a sufficient increase. T-shirts for volunteers (\$1310) is an unbudgeted expense. The cost for the security cameras (\$2116) was not in the budget but will, hopefully, be covered by an in-kind sponsorship. The Committee will continue to collect numbers and assess the need for a possible budget amendment prior to next week's meeting. No action was taken.

2. **Discuss and consider possible action regarding the proposed 2026 Founders Day Political Expression Policy.** *Aniz Alani, City Attorney*

No action was taken because the Founders Day Committee discussed and voted upon the 2026 Founders Day Political Expression Policy during the March 23, 2026, Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting

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**
Members: Handley, Borges, Strang (St. Martin de Porres Reps)
Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Arts & Crafts vendor booths are 100% full, with 23 on the waitlist.

4. **Budget Committee**
Members: Garza
Staff: Finance Director Shawn Cox, Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Discussed in Business item #1. Committee Member Garza will email the budget to all Committee members.

5. **Carnival & Food Committee**
Members: Goss, Phillips, Warwick (Lions Club Reps)

College Street Food vendor booths are full. Sale of carnival tickets will begin at noon on Friday, April 10, and end at noon on Friday, April 24.

6. **Cook-Off Committee**
Members: Toms, Garza, Cornett (Cook-Off Club Reps)

The Cook-Off judging area will be in Roxie's parking lot.

7. Downtown Relations Committee

Members: Searle, Holtzendorf

Letters for businesses will continue to be distributed.

8. DSISD Committee

Members: Cumberland, Berry (alternate)

DSISD lighting in DSHS parking lot and in the carnival area on DSISD property will remain on until 12:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and until 10 pm on Sunday.

9. Entertainment Committee

Members: Cornett, Holtzendorf

Contracts for entertainment artists and sound have been returned or are in the process of being returned. Plans are being made for a Mahjong teaching event in the hospitality tent on Saturday morning. Proceeds will be donated to FDC as a custom sponsorship.

10. Parade Committee

Members: Rutherford and Holtzendorf

Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Parade meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, at DSRP. Probable numbers of entries are 24 paid, 8 DSISD groups, and 2 or 3 sponsors.

11. Traffic & Parking Committee

Members: Borges, Holtzendorf, and Toms

Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

No report given.

12. Publicity Committee

Members: Ward, Cornett

Staff: Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett

Social media posts are continuing. The Photo Op action area promises to be super cool.

13. Safety & Security Committee

Members: Strang, Shindler, Handley

Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad, and City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett

We are waiting on the NHEMS quote. Hays Sheriff is coming in slightly under budget. Fire is coming in over budget. We will have one more Spears officer than last year. Surveillance towers will come in as an in-kind sponsorship. Hays Sheriffs will need 4 golf carts (only is included in our budget). Emergency Management Coordinator Baligad stressed the need for safety during the event.

14. Sanitation Committee

Members: Phillips, Shindler, and Holtzendorf
Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett

Sanitation is over-budget but necessary because of the event's extended area. Arrangements are being made for food vendors to have access to fresh water and for disposal of gray water. TDS is providing trash bags, but we might need to provide additional bags.

15. Site Plan Committee

Members: Shindler and Handley
Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Ask for maps if needed.

16. Sponsorship Committee

Members: Ward, Cornett, and Garza
Staff: City Attorney Aniz Alani, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

FDC has an increase in the count of sponsors (57 vs 54) over last year. PEC is the \$7500 parade sponsor. Ascension Seton and Legacy Bone & Joint each paid 50% of the \$20,000 Main Stage Sponsorship. Efforts continue to obtain additional sponsors.

17. Volunteer Committee

Members: Rutherford
Staff: Parks Maintenance Manager Patrick Baglietto, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

All but one volunteer spots have been filled. T-shirts for volunteers are ordered.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Founders Day Committee Meetings

April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
April 18, 2026, Workday Meeting
May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
July 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Holtzendorff to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously 13 to 0.

This special meeting of the Founders Day Committee was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

<i>Susan Warwick</i>

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