



STAFF REPORT
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City Council Meeting Date: July 6, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: **Public hearing and consideration of approval of an Ordinance Approving the 2021 Dripping Springs Ranch Park Master Plan Update.**

- a. Presentation
- b. Staff Report
- c. Public Hearing
- d. Master Plan Ordinance

Agenda Item Requestor: Wade King

Summary/ Background: In 2020 it was identified by staff that Dripping Springs Ranch Park (DSRP) and the Dripping Springs population had evolved much since the Master Plan's original publication in 2017. It is industry best practice to update master plans anywhere from 5-10 years after their production depending on the utility of the plan. This is in place so that the goals and objectives best serve the community, meet the needs of both facility and park operations, and remain competitive as a dynamic tool to utilize for alternative funding methods, such as grants.

On November 19, 2020, a Request for Bids was published on the City's website and in the paper announcing the opportunity to submit proposals for the 2021 DSRP Master Plan Update. Multiple agencies submitted proposals and ultimately RVi was chosen out of several submittals to be awarded the project by the DSRP Board. A DSRP Master Plan update committee was then selected to assist with the process. The Committee consisted of DSRP Board Members Chair Todd Purcell and Penny Reeves, as well as city staff DSRP Event Center Manager Tina Adams, interim DSRP Manager Emily Nelson, and Parks and Community Services Director, Kelly Schmidt.

While ultimately, unforeseen events in staffing turnover and sever weather pushed the project beyond the desired timeline, it did come in on budget.

The process is detailed in the plan but in summary included public input sessions with internal and external stakeholders as well as a public survey. 2021 -2026 priorities, goals and objectives have been set with both the current

process results and former priorities established from the 2017 Master Plan that have yet to be achieved.

**DSRP Board
Recommendation:**

The Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board unanimously recommended approval of the proposed 2021 DSRP Masterplan Update at their special meeting held on June 16, 2021.

**Staff
Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the 2021 DSRP Master Plan update.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance approving the 2021 DSRP Master Plan Update
2. 2021 DSRP Master Plan Update authored by RVi
3. Original 2017 Master Plan authored by Luck Design Group

Next Steps/Schedule:

Publish the update to the Parks and Community Services webpage, utilize plan to direct future prioritized expenditures for operations and funding of the Dripping Springs Ranch Park.