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Dear Mayor and City Council members Parks and Crow, thank you for taking the time to talk with the Dripping Springs Mountain Bike Club during our discussion meeting, and for answering our many questions.

At this time, the club does not wish to seek a new agreement with the city regarding the DSRP trails. After careful consideration, the club does not believe any agreement or fee arrangement for the use of the public trails is justified.

The club would, however, consider future consultation and partnership with the city regarding the trails. The club offered to help support DSRP by maintaining the trails, even under DSRP supervision, but the city found it unrealistic to offer the manpower during the times the club is available. The club is willing to come help with volunteer trail maintenance in the future as needed in partnership with DSRP.

The club is also happy to meet with DSRP to educate our riders on trail etiquette. Since club members are not the only riders or users of the trails, we hope that the city can find a more holistic and sustainable approach to trail use that would benefit everyone. We suggest posting signs asking mountain bike riders to ride clockwise and hikers and equestrians to ride/hike counterclockwise. We also suggest that the city post signs offering suggestions on what to do if encountering other people on the trail, picking up animal feces, and avoiding the trails when it rains due to the impact that horses and bikes can have on the trails. Placing signs on the trails offering trail etiquette and direction will extend the safety feature to all members of the public who want to use the trails. The club plans to abide by and help promote all reasonable DSRP rules when we show up to ride the trails.

Again, we thank you for your time. Jon Ballard, Joe Cimato and Jeremy Higdon will be your point of contact from here moving forward.

Dripping Springs Mountain Bike Club