



STAFF REPORT
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City Council Meeting Date: January 19, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider approval of a recommendation from the Founders Day Commission to cancel the 2021 Founders Day Festival

Agenda Item Requestor: Founders Day Commission

Summary/Background: The Commission entertained event modification ideas over the last several months, however, due to the current rising Covid-19 case numbers triggering Stage 5 restrictions in Travis County and increased restrictions in Hays County, the Commission unanimously agreed to recommend the cancellation of the 2021 Founders Day Festival to be held April 23 – 25, 2021.

The Commission felt that it would be impossible to maintain control over the number of attendees as Founders Day tends to draw crowds upwards of 14,000 per day, possibly leading to a “super spreader” event. Their concern for the health and safety of the Dripping Springs community was their primary motivator. The Commission plans to safely revive Founders Day in 2022.

FDC Recommendation: On 1.11.2021 Founders Day Commission unanimously recommended canceling the 2021 Founders Day Festival.

Attachments: None.

Next Steps/Schedule: Communication to the public regarding the cancellation of Founders Day 2021.