



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Public Hearing for DS Comprehensive Plan Set for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Planning and Zoning Meeting**

**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** -- Since January 2016, the City of Dripping Springs Council Members, staff, community leaders, citizens, and area residents have been working together on updating the Comprehensive Plan for the City. On August, 23<sup>rd</sup>, that Plan will make its way to the City's Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at 7 pm at City Hall, 511 Mercer Street, for a public hearing and then consideration, discussion and possible approval.

The first phase of the planning process included a community survey. More than 1,600 participants completed the survey and provided feedback on goals and recommendations that embrace the values of the community as well as any concerns.

Two Town Hall Meetings were held in April and May 2016 and provided a forum for discussion on various topics such as traffic, wastewater, housing, economic development and tourism, infrastructure and managing growth. After much discussion, attendees voted on the most important issues to them. Some of the topics that received the most votes included: traffic, rainwater collection, wastewater reuse, affordable housing, rental housing, higher density housing, and improvements to Mercer Street, the Triangle, and Historic Districts.

From the responses gathered at the Town Hall Meetings, a Land Use Meeting, focus groups, and through the surveys, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, staff, and advisory members have worked to develop a document that reflects public input and provides clear and specific actions for the community to undertake. Once the Plan is approved, it will provide long range goals and a vision for future actions for the City.

If the Comprehensive Plan is approved at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, it will then go to City Council at their September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7 pm for a public hearing and possible approval.

A draft of the Plan with recommendations and goals is available online at [www.cityofdrippingsprings.com](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com). If you cannot make either of these meetings, please submit your comments to City Secretary Kerri Craig at [kcraig@cityofdrippingsprings.com](mailto:kcraig@cityofdrippingsprings.com).

Once the Plan is completed, there will be opportunities for citizens, non-profit groups, and other organizations to take ownership of action items identified in the plan. For more information, please contact City Hall at 512-858-4725.