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Town Hall Meeting Set for October 21 to Discuss Draft Comprehensive Plan

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Editors Note: If you have any questions regarding this press release, please call City Administrator Michelle Fischer or Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught at 512-858-4725.

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – The City of Dripping Springs Council Members and Planning and Zoning Commission met last week for a joint workshop which focused on a draft Comprehensive Plan for the City. Also in attendance were more than 40 residents and area business representatives, who listened to a brief presentation of the Draft Plan by LCRA Community and Economic Development representative Chris Holtkamp.

Providing a little history on the effort, Mayor Todd Purcell said the City of Dripping Springs first adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 1984, updated the original Plan in 1995, and adopted an entirely new Interim Plan in 2004.

Purcell said the process to update the current Plan began in October 2009. “There was a community survey, various town hall meetings and focus groups. A Steering Committee was appointed and has worked with LCRA and Pedernales Electric representatives to ensure that priorities identified in the workshops or meetings were included in the Plan,” Mayor Purcell said.

Holtkamp, the LCRA community planner who has facilitated the Plan and open meetings, said the Comprehensive Plan provides a framework for decision-making by the Council and its Commissions. “A Comprehensive Plan provides direction based on identified needs and priorities from citizens,” he said. “It will also provide a clear action plan or blueprint to accomplish goals and objectives from the Plan.”

Holtkamp said that after months of public input through various workshops and open meetings, as well as an additional eight to ten meetings with the Steering Committee, a Draft Plan is now complete. The Plan includes a variety of topics that are important to the development of the city, including demographics, community vision, future land use, historic preservation, downtown revitalization, housing, and community and economic development.

The next step in the process includes a Town Hall Meeting set for Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Interested citizens will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the Draft Plan before it is sent to the City Council for discussion or adoption. Copies of the Draft Plan are posted on the City website at <http://www.cityofdrippingssprings.com>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Plan, please forward them to chris.holtkamp@lcra.org before the October 21st meeting.

Holtkamp said “once the Plan is adopted, the real work begins.” He encouraged the entire community to stay engaged with the implementation process and celebrate successes as projects are accomplished.