

CITY OF DESOTO

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

WEEKLY UPDATE

June 26, 2020

Projects of Community Interest

DESOTO RANCH NATURE TRAIL | Construction continues on the DeSoto Ranch Nature Trail with the installation of wood cribbed steps, drainage swales, and erosion control mats. The project is scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, June 30.

GRIMES PARK RENOVATIONS | Grimes Park soccer renovations are scheduled to be completed by July 15. United States Specialty Sports Association is hosting a Baseball World Series Saturday, June 27 through Wednesday, July 1. They have established and will follow COVID-19 Return-to-Play Guidelines & Procedures.

POLICE BODY WORN CAMERA REPLACEMENT | The Police Department is proposing to replace the current body worn camera system with an Axon Camera System. This new system has several advantages over the current models including backend upload enhancements and improved performance on officers. If approved by the City Council, deployment of the Axon System is anticipated to start on August 1.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM | The City accepted small business grant applications and a total of 88 applications were received. This week, the Small Business Grant Scoring Committee has been scoring the completed and qualified applications. After all applications have been scored, funding will be available execution of the contract and receipt of all business documentation.

Project Updates

CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 | Ellis Davis will be administering up to 1,000 tests daily through the end of July with the collaboration of the DeSoto Fire Department. The American Airline Center mobile testing units will be relocated to the University of Dallas on Wednesday July 1. Walmart is offering drive through testing daily 7:00 AM through 9:00 AM. DC3 Church opened a testing site on Wednesday June 10, and will remain open for testing every Wednesday 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Methodist Charlton drive through testing is by appointment only Monday through Friday 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM. On June 30 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the Texas National Guard will conduct a walk-in testing site limited to 250 tests at Meadow Creek Park on June 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As of today, there are 301 identified DeSoto addresses with positive cases and 259 individual positive cases

STRATEGIC PLANNING | Staff is consolidating the data researched for DeSoto's environmental data scan that will be utilized as part of the strategic plan. On Monday June 29, the internal committee will gather to finalize the environmental scan and will forward to the consultant for implementation along with the consolidated data gathered by the surveys and dine and dialogue. The next step is

the strategic planning sessions with the City Council starting on the week of July 6. These dates will be distributed to the City Council next week.

RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE | Based on City Council input received at the May 18 Topical Work Session, staff is finalizing the rental registration ordinance. A public meeting is set for July 16 to provide an opportunity for community feedback prior to consideration of the ordinance. Staff anticipates that the ordinance will be ready to consider at an August City Council Meeting.

WORKFORCE HOUSING POTENTIAL BOLTON BOONE ROAD NORTH OF DANIELDALE ROAD | City Manager Wright held a meeting this week with a developer interested in pursuing a Workforce Housing project on Bolton Boone Road north of Daniieldale Road. Workforce Housing is a federal program designed to provide affordable housing for individuals and families whose earned income is insufficient to secure quality housing within a reasonable proximity to the workplace. The City Manager's Office will be setting up a date within the next few weeks to take interested Council members to see local Workforce Housing projects completed by this developer.

Weekly Events & Meetings

June 30 City Council Work Session at 5:30 PM (Video Conference)	July 21 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Video Conference)
July 1 First Annual Police Brisket Cook-Off at 12:00 PM - PD Training Facility	July 23 City Council Budget Workshop 6:00 PM (Video Conference)
July 7 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Video Conference)	July 24 City Council Budget Workshop 9:00 AM (Video Conference)
July 9 City Council Pre-Budget Workshop City Council Conference Room 6:00 PM (tentative)	July 24 Fourth Friday Concert – Gospel Review – virtual 8:00 PM
July 20 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM (Video Conference)	July 27 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Video Conference)

