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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK... JULY 2019

Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z)

At the 6-13-19 regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission took the following actions:

Recommended for Approval:

Voted to recommend approval of the Elkhorn Ridge Unit 3 final plat. This subdivision is the fifth of ten planned units in the Elkhorn Ridge subdivision. Unit 3 consists of 15 residential lots on 4.62 acres. This final plat will advance to the June 20th City Council meeting for official action..

Conrad Fothergill has resigned from the Commission and we are actively taking applications for a replacement. Please visit the following link if you want to apply. <http://www.fairoaksranchtx.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=723>

Conrad has been a great addition to both the P&Z and our Stakeholder group that helped update our Comprehensive Plan. Conrad also served for years on City Council and the FORHA board and has acted as a mentor to many of us who have chosen to serve as elected officials. Well done Conrad!

Plat Approvals – City Council

• At the June 20th council meeting, we will be considering the final plat establishing Elkhorn Ridge, Unit 3.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Reminding everyone that the five regular and two alternate ZBOA members selected were:

Shane Stolarczyk

Rich Nichols

Richard Morris

John Wall

Warren Needels

Craig Matson - Alternate

Chris Weigand – Alternate

We have sworn in all members of the ZBOA and our City Attorney's office delivered training to the members of the ZBOA. This group will meet in the future to select officers.

Staff and Council Continue Work on Annual Budget

Since the last time I wrote to you, our professional staff has begun working with council on the budget proposal for the 2019-20 fiscal year. You probably recall that the budget is driven by our Strategic Planning process. As a reminder I am repeating below the five pillars of the strategic plan that we are addressing.

- Financial Integrity
- Responsible Growth Management
- Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Public Health, Safety, and Welfare
- Operational Excellence

We completed a workshop on the Operating and Maintenance budget on May 29th. Our financial group has enhanced our processes this year with a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) tool that presents a color coded action plan showing the next five years including high level cost estimates in the out years.

This enhancement is moving us down the road to a more sophisticated approach to our planning. Our Finance staff is still building the modeling required to do this more detailed look. This will be an ongoing building block project for the next several years.

One additional enhancement has been standardizing the formats for the various departments. Lack of standardization was one of my concerns when I first began working on the city budget several years ago. While there is still work to do, our Finance folks have made great strides in getting estimates prepared in similar ways in all departments.

On June 17th, Council and Staff reviewed the Enterprise Fund

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(Utility) Budget and Strategic Action Plan. The needs in this part of our budgeting are pretty staggering. We are going to have to address issues like developing an equitable water/wastewater rate structure, updating our impact fee study, beginning construction of an elevated water storage tank, and performing some stopgap measures on the existing wastewater plant like making improvements in our solids handling capabilities to reduce the amount of sludge hauling we are having to do. We will also be working on developing a plan for our long-term wastewater demand.

Many of the projects we are reviewing are multi-year efforts. This has placed even more emphasis on the need for a strategic action plan approach to our planning. Our staff and council recognized the need for an approach that looked several years down the road a couple of budget cycles ago. Unfortunately, the tools to support this type of planning cannot be constructed quickly and the changes in organizational processes are similarly demanding. For our city, these changes are major transformational efforts that are already beginning to show their value.

Elevated Storage Tank

I will remind you that at the April 18th regular council meeting, the Council approved a Professional Service Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering design services for an elevated storage tank and authorized the City Manager to sign the agreement. There are both regulatory and practical drivers for doing storage tanks. When you reach a certain number of connections on a water system, TCEQ requires that you provide elevated water storage. This facility is also important for maintaining proper pressure for firefighting.

We held our first community discussion about the elevated storage tank on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Spring Creek United Methodist Church on Dietz-Elkhorn road. We had a good turnout with engineers from Kimley-Horn giving a well-planned presentation and manning a couple of stations with our staffers to address ideas around location and design of the elevated water storage tank. The meeting was informal on purpose so we could promote a free exchange of ideas between our residents and our staffers and engineering consultants.

We anticipate the next meeting will be held around September 10th. By this point, the engineers will have done much more work and will be presenting recommendations regarding siting and design. We are expecting council to approve a final site in November of this year. Engineering design is expected to be completed by August 2020 with construction to begin around November 2020. Construction time for a project of this magnitude is about a year, so that would indicate completed construction around November 2021.

We appreciate Spring Creek United Methodist Church allowing us to use their facility. Our city is blessed to have several churches

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that help us with space for public meetings from time to time.

Boerne-Fair Oaks Ranch-Kendall County Transportation Planning Committee

We were approached by Kendall County Commissioner Don Durden to be part of a regional approach to transportation planning. The goal is to develop short range and long range programs of transportation improvements and a program of recommended policies to guide the planning and design of the transportation/land use system within Kendall County.

The Steering Committee proposed for this effort is the Kendall County Judge and the mayors of Boerne and Fair Oaks Ranch. I spoke at the May 28th regular meeting of the Kendall County Commissioners Court to express our willingness to participate in this effort. I pointed out that future development of Ralph Fair Road was especially important to our city and asked that our recently developed Master Transportation Plan for our city be included in the deliberations. More to come on this topic.

Upcoming Events

Bulk/Brush Pickup will begin in August. Watch for notifications.

Our annual street maintenance program will begin in late August or September.

We will post more specific information about this work later in the summer.

Resident Volunteers/City Staffers at Work

- Our city Facebook page is continuing to attract readers. We currently have 1,643 people following our page. We have had 1,458 likes and reached 1,946 members during the past month. For those of you who are Facebook fans you can find us at City of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX. Our page is used for sharing information about the city, but it is not a public forum. The page is monitored and objectionable or off topic material will be removed.

- We congratulate Municipal Court Clerk Debbie Landrum on attaining Level III certification in her vocation. In the entire state there are only 100 Court Clerks who have obtained this level of certification.

D-Day Observed in Fair Oaks Ranch

Our June 6th council meeting fell on the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing. We celebrated with a moving proclamation written by our Assistant City Manager, Carole Vanzant, for this special event. Our City Hall grounds were decorated with American flags, courtesy of the First Lady of Fair Oaks Ranch. Thank you Dedie! The most special part of the observance was having World War II Marine Corps veteran Mac McWilliams lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mac enlisted Mayor Pro-Tem Havard's granddaughter, Maggie Bowles (age 10), to help with doing the pledge. Maggie was attending the council meeting with her mother, Air Force Major Sarah Bowles.

Memorial Day Activities

Dedie and I went with some friends to see the Sentimental Journey Orchestra perform at the Cailloux Theater in Kerrville. The Andrews Sister tribute group, The Memphis Belles, also

performed as part of this Big Band observance of Memorial Day. It was a great show.

A very special treat of this performance was that the brass section included the finest trumpet player in Fair Oaks Ranch, Mr. Jim Manzo. I have had the privilege of watching Jim perform many times at police and other patriotic observances. Jim is a great example of the Fair Oaks Ranch folks who share their talents to help others.

Independence Day Activity

It is hard to imagine that we are closing in on Independence Day as I write this. We got so many request for an encore performance at the 30th Anniversary fireworks celebration that we have scheduled another fireworks event. For those of you who pick up this publication early from our Facebook page, here is the information:

Date: **July 3rd**

(Vendor was too swamped with engagements to do the 4th)

Location: Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club

Time: Open seating beginning at 7:00 pm

Fireworks Show: 9:15 pm to 9:30 pm (dusk)

Fireworks provided by "Magic in the Sky" who also did the 30th Anniversary

I will remind everyone once again that you can get our police department to pay special attention to your home while you are on vacation. All it takes is a quick trip to the police building to fill out a request.

Stay cool and have a great summer.

Garry Manitzas

Mayor – Fair Oaks Ranch

VBS at First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Fair Oaks Ranch recently hosted their Wacky World of Water VBS. Attendees enjoyed water themed Bible stories, skits, songs, games, crafts, and snacks. FBC of Fair Oaks Ranch concluded their VBS with a dinner on Friday and a special VBS Sunday school service.





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TGR Salutes Don Reddout's Service to District



Don Reddout, Former TGR District 1 Representative

After nearly 11 years of service on the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District's board of directors, Don Reddout, decided to retire from the board. His board colleagues gave him a very fond farewell.

"Don's work on the Trinity Glen Rose board has been stellar, and we will certainly miss his steady hand and guidance moving forward," said TGR Board President Joe duMenil.

"Don is unique in that he worked through the District's transition from our startup years to the recent progress we've made in research on the Trinity Aquifer, community outreach and partnerships with other regional agencies. We certainly wish him the very best and know we can always count on him if we need his counsel in the future."

Reddout has served on board since 2008, and is a former City Administrator for the City of Bandera, Mayor of Grey Forest for eight years and is currently involved with the fire department in the Grey Forest and Helotes area. Reddout helped start the Grey Forest water utility.

District 1 is home to Madla Park and many aquifer recharge features. There are also various topography changes in the area, which border the Government Canyon Natural Area.

District 1 boundaries include Loop 1604 on the east, Culebra Rd. on the south, Galm Rd. on the west and Scenic Loop Rd. on the north.

TGR and the 86th Texas Legislative Session

The Texas Legislature meets every other year, and is just now wrapping up the 86th session of the State of Texas' governing bodies. Since the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District was established by the State of Texas, TGR board and staff members closely follow every action the legislature contemplates on water and the environment.

"Any piece of legislation that makes its way through the House and Senate must also include public hearings. So during a legislative session, we not only rely on our legislative consultant to keep us up to date on potential new laws, but we watch those sessions and hearings on the internet," said TGR General Manager George Wissmann. "Plus, we keep our board informed so they can stay in the loop as well."

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