

CITY OF DESOTO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

June 19, 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 started on Wednesday, June 10. The project is scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, June 30.

GRIMES PARK RENOVATIONS | Grimes Park soccer renovations started on June 10 and are scheduled to be completed by July 15. United States Specialty Sports Association, (USSSA) 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.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM | The City accepted small business grant applications and a total of 88 applications were received. Staff reviewed applications for completion and qualifications this week. This upcoming week, the Small Business Grant Scoring Committee will score 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, the American Airline Center, and mobile testing teams have surpassed 60,000 administered tests. 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, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the Texas National Guard will conduct a walk in testing site limited to 200 tests at the Town Center Black Box Corner Theatre. As of today, there are 172 identified DeSoto addresses with positive cases and 259 individual positive cases.

STRATEGIC PLANNING | Staff hosted community dialogue sessions on Thursday, June 18 with over fifty participants that provided great feedback. The next step is to consolidate the information gathered from the session and organizing information to complete an environmental scan.

RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE | Based on City Council input received at the May 18 Topical Work Session, staff is finalizing the rental registration ordinance. The next step will be hosting a public meeting on July 16. The previously anticipated date of the first week of July for the proposed public meeting would not allow sufficient public notification time. Staff anticipates that the ordinance will be ready to consider at an August City Council Meeting.

Weekly Events & Meetings

June 22 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Council Conference Room	July 21 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Council Chambers)
June 23 CIP Budget Review Meeting at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Council Chambers)	July 23 City Council Budget Workshop City Council Conference Room 6:00 PM
June 26 Fourth Friday Concert location TBD, virtual broadcast at 8:00 PM Natural Change Band	July 24 City Council Budget Workshop City Council Conference Room 9:00 AM
July 7 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Council Chambers)	July 24 Fourth Friday Concert – Gospel Review – virtual and live in the Outdoor Amphitheater (if possible) 8:00 PM
July 9 City Council Pre-Budget Workshop City Council Conference Room 6:00 PM	July 27 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM City Council Conference Room
July 20 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM (TBD)	

