



Item 4

Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: August 28, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Commissioner Karen Huber

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Karen Huber

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action on a proclamation to commend the Spicewood Long Term Recovery Committee for their work on behalf of the Spicewood area residents in the year after the 2011 Labor Day fires.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

WHEREAS, in response to the Spicewood Wildfire on Labor Day 2011 - which burned hundreds of acres, damaged and destroyed scores of homes and structures, and dramatically affected the Spicewood area - community members began to meet at the Grace Outreach Family Church; and

WHEREAS, they quickly formed the Spicewood Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) to organize their efforts to respond, recover, and rebuild; and

WHEREAS, the Spicewood LTRC has made it their mission to bringing together voluntary organizations to assist residents affected by wildfires, to coordinate and maximize service delivery and planning, and generally to provide services for people affected by the Spicewood Labor Day Wildfires; and

WHEREAS, through this mission, the Spicewood LTRC provides residents with spiritual and emotional support, community care through case management, and provides home repairs and home rebuilding; and

WHEREAS, the Spicewood LTRC has recruited over 900 volunteers, assisted 60+ families, helped provide the clearing of at least 42 home sites, provided three donation and essential needs locations totalling 15,000 square feet, created an interactive website (www.spicewoodltrc.org) to inform citizens of the community needs, coordinated construction resources, established a local food bank for survivors for a period of two years, has extensively fundraised, and performed many other commendable acts; and

WHEREAS, by supporting and strengthening families in the aftermath of the Labor Day fires, the LTRC is strengthening our Spicewood area community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT PROCLAIMS AND HEREBY COMMENDS THE SPICEWOOD LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF SPICEWOOD.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

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