

**2015 State of the City
City of Bee Cave
by Mayor Caroline Murphy**

Changes on the Planning & Zoning Commission

The City Council made several appointments to fill recent vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission. One vacancy was created when Monty Parker, previous Commissioner, joined the City Council as its newest member on November 16. Another vacancy occurred when Vice-Chair (and former Council Member) Jack McCool resigned for personal reasons. Kevin Hight and Kevin Sawtelle were appointed to fill those vacancies, and Commissioner Jim Miles was reappointed for another term. Jim Norman was reappointed as Chair, and Commissioner Jaime Beaman was appointed to be the new Vice-Chair. The Council voiced appreciation to the current Commissioners for their service and thanked Mr. McCool for his many years of service to the Bee Cave community.

Bee Cave Public Library Celebrated 10th Anniversary

The Bee Cave Public Library celebrated its 10th anniversary with a fun-filled holiday event for all ages sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Barbara Hathaway, library director, recognized and thanked employees and volunteers for making the library's first decade a great success. Many attendees brought items that were placed in a time capsule (crafted by Rob Colvard) that will be opened in 2025. A very special thank you was given to the Rolling Sculpture Car Show for their donation of \$12,000 to the Friends of the Library.

Bee Cave Sculpture Park Added New Sculptures

The Bee Cave Arts Foundation introduced an additional ten (10) new sculptures to the existing eleven (11) sculptures in the Bee Cave Sculpture Park. The unveiling was coupled with a family-friendly event that included activities for the kids as well as food and sweet treats, live music, and prizes. In addition, this year's event was held in conjunction with the annual LTISD elementary and middle school art shows. The Sculpture Park occupies a portion of a seven-acre tract of land and features convenient parking, granite walking trails, a large spring-fed pond, over twenty-five species of native plants, and some of the largest oak trees in the area. The Sculpture Park is located next to the Bee Cave Police Department at 13333-A Hwy 71 West in Bee Cave, and many of the sculptures can be viewed from the street without getting out of your vehicle.

City Moved Forward with Purchase of Additional Land

The City Council voted unanimously to purchase approximately twenty-two (22) acres of undeveloped land located between Bee Cave Parkway and Hwy 71, across from the Ladera subdivision and next to the Hill Country Indoor sports complex currently under construction. The City has no immediate plans for how this land will be used; however, public ownership of this land will allow City leaders the flexibility for providing more open space and/or future city services as the area's population continues to grow.

City Annexed Land

The City Council recently annexed approximately four hundred eighty (480) acres of land into the corporate limits. The newly annexed land is comprised of four separate areas located off of Bee Caves Road (FM 2244), Hamilton Pool Road, and Hwy 71. For more details including

aerial maps, please visit the City's website and click on the online [Novus Paperless Agenda](#) for November 10, 2015.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update – Our Bee Cave 2037

The process of updating the [Comprehensive Master Plan](#) with the assistance of the consulting group Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC, continues. Why 2037 you may ask? 2037 will mark the 50th anniversary of the City of Bee Cave's incorporation as a municipality by the Texas legislature. Residents and business owners have been meeting to provide input on how they want to see long range development in the future. For more information about the Comprehensive Master Plan, public meetings, goals, objectives, and the anticipated timeline, please click on the link found on the City of Bee Cave's home page.

Top Issue for 2016 – Area Traffic Congestion

The City Council continues to work with TXDOT, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, and Lakeway elected officials on a RR 620 Corridor Study focusing on the entire length of RR 620 between Hwy 71 in Bee Cave and Hwy 183. The Committee is chaired by Bruce Byron, Project Manager, 360/620 Corridor Improvement Studies, TXDOT Austin District. An update and presentation of the preliminary design plans for improvements at both Falconhead Boulevard and Ladera Boulevard will be presented to the City Council at one of the upcoming January meetings.

City Website

The City's website contains announcements about municipal and library events as well as information on matters such as permitting requirements, ordinances, and code criteria. Agendas and supporting documents are now publicly available online via clicking on the [Novus Paperless Agenda](#) link found under the tab City Government, City Council Agendas and Minutes. Please feel free to contact any of the elected officials or staff at the City of Bee Cave, or visit the website: www.beecavetexas.gov. The City Council meets at Bee Cave City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The public is welcome to attend.