City of Fredericksburg

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 ~ 6:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL COMMENT FORM SPREADSHEET

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Bobby Watson, Councilmember
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Ms. Mayor and Council Members,

As we saw over Easter weekend, folks are still coming to Fredericksburg. They’re visiting family or “just getting out of the house” runs the risk of spreading the virus to local citizens. To date, very little has been done to discourage visitors. I believe our medical community has been very vocal on this, why are they being dismissed?

I’m of the opinion that as long as B&B’s are allowed to receive guests and (arguably) non-essential businesses are allowed to be open we are putting “the locals” at risk.

Everyone is facing financial sacrifice and while tourism is the golden-goose, that industry should not be treated differently than any other. As you know, many already perceive that our leaders cater to tourists and to Main Street, this is not helping with that perception.

Lastly, council should meet “live” (limit attendance to <50) and lead by example. We all know it’s rare that more than 50 people attend regular meetings so step up and lead this community as you were elected to do.

Jeffrey J. Williams
1409 Countryside Bend
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**COMMENTS:**

We need to open this economy back up. Us essential workers can not keep carrying to burden of everyone. The infection rate is less than .05% in the USA. We are going to destroy this beautiful community we have built if we keep over reacting. Covid19 is not a death sentence the common flu is more deadly. Please think about what you are doing and get people back to work. Open these restaurants and stores to the public. You dont have to promote tourism. Think of all the businesses that will never open again. Think about all these kids that dont get to go back to school. They need summer jobs as well. How do we get them ready for their future if they can not work or attend school. Just please think!

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I would like to comment on Agenda item #: Are B&B's allowed to open?
COMMENTS: Are we allowed to open our B&B's?

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Dear Mayor, Council Members and City Manager,

I want to be able to walk on the Main Street sidewalks in my hometown!

Tourists are beginning to congregate in groups on benches in front of businesses downtown. They are eating their take out food and wine while sitting on the benches and visiting with others in their party standing by them. This makes it almost impossible to pass them on the sidewalk without getting in close contact with them.

Saturday evening there were several parties of 5 or more in front of Cultures, Cross Mt. Winery and Fbg. Brewery.

Monday, Enchanted Rock and all state parks will open with the rule that visitors to the park must wear masks and keep the 6ft. social distancing rule.

What is the City Council going to do to safeguard its citizens who have been so diligent about following the health guidelines and want to walk downtown?

I hope you will IMMEDIATELY step up and take leadership to protect its citizens.

My suggestions are:

1. ROPE OFF THE MAIN STREET SIDEWALK BENCHES AND CHAIRS IN ORDER FOR THE 6 FT SOCIAL DISTANCES TO BE MET.

2. POST NUMEROUS COVID-19 PREVENTION HEALTH RULES DOWNTOWN.

3. PATROL THE SIDEWALKS IN ORDER TO BREAK UP GROUPS

Anticipating your decisions on how you will be protecting us.

Sincerely,
Gladys Frels
Hi my name is Kathleen Treichel and I run the page - COVID-19 community assist for Fredericksburg on Facebook. It is meant to help anyone who has a need or can fill a need during this time. My brother Dr. Chris Comfort is Chief medical officer at Calvary Hospital in New York, my sister is a professor of public health in Michigan and both accept the very sobering reality of this new virus and agree that requiring masks to be worn at any open venue in particular grocery stores would greatly reduce the virus spread. The mask not only protects the wearer but if someone is contagious and doesn't know it (which is why the virus IS spreading still) then it can contain the airborne spread. It may be easy to wish that it won't overcome our community and I pray that it won't everyday, but we may be walking around HEB with people from large urban areas who have been exposed, who are in the midst of the virus and are exposing anyone not wearing a mask. Please consider this for the short term progress of the virus until we see it spike in
Texas and start going down. Also Abbott labs has a rapid Covid-19 testing machine and wonder if our city has one or can get one asap because easy testing will be a key factor in getting our city safely back on its feet, respectfully, Kathleen Treichel Thanks for all you are doing to keep us safe!

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Masks should NOT be a requirement anywhere. It can be recommended but NOT required. That infringes on our rights. Also, small business like wineries, restaurants, and stores need to be allowed to be opened up sooner rather than later. Most to almost all of the town is composed of small businesses. If the city does not allow them to open up soon, the entire town will crumble. My husband and I do not live in Fredricksburg, but we do plan to travel there in mid-May for our anniversary and we plan to be able to visit all the restaurants, wineries, shops, and other small businesses that we that we desire, which would help contribute back to the economy of the beautiful town of Fredericksburg. We love it there and we want to see it survive because we know so many people depend on it and it would be a disaster if Fredricksburg is not allowed to be opened up just because of a virus that is not even as deadly as the flu. The flu has killed more people this year than Covid-19 already and it is ridiculous that our government is crippling our economy.
because of it. My husband and I look forward to visiting this beautiful town as scheduled in May and enjoying our stay. Thank you.

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I would like to comment on
Agenda Item #: There is no Agenda item for the Wuhan Flu Virus (COVID19) reopening plan.

COMMENTS: We should reopen all outside venues, Dog Park, City Parks, etc. Using the same guidelines as the State is using to reopen State Parks. All retail business in Fredericksburg should be reopened as per State guide lines. Recycle should be reopened since this is accomplished by personal vehicle and no physical interaction between donor and worker is required. City needs a plan to reopen restaurants using social distancing guide lines. Hospital should be reopened for elective surgeries. As of last Wednesday, there was only one confirmed Wuhan Flu Virus (COVID19) victim and they have recovered. So, we need our town open as quickly as the state allows.

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: lifting of COVID 19 restrictions

COMMENTS: Want to know how to re-open the economy? Look to Taiwan Who has only had 6 deaths in a nation of 23 million. They did not shut down business or schools. Every person entering an office, café or public place had their temperature taken., If a fever was detected they were denied entry. And everyone's hands were sanitized prior to being allowed entry. This was without minimal disruption to society and less damage to their economy. We could implement this right now and get this town up and running again. Open All businesses. Open the hospital for elective surgery and procedures - open the parks - NOW

With the pandemic at the absolute top of the nation's priority - why isn't our city taking active immediate steps to get people back to work NOW - not in 6 months.
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**COMMENTS:**

Fredericksburg is a destination town. When we open our businesses and restaurants again please remember that the cities of Austin and San Antonio now have more than 1000 positive cases of Covid-19. The quarantined residents of those cities will likely flood into our town for some shopping, good food, good wine and fun, risking the residents of our little city with an outbreak that we do not want to see or that our medical community can handle. Very soon Enchanted Rock Park will open and certainly there will be many visitors traveling in from these cities. Please wait. Stay home. The peak of the virus is predicted to peak in early May. It's ALWAYS better to be safe than sorry.

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Texas Government Code, Chapter 552

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In what format do you wish to receive the information? Email
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Request

Although I am not a business owner I am worried for the local business here in my community. KVUE news reported on a number of cities that were proactive in applying for grants to help their local businesses. What exactly has Fredericksburg done for the local businesses? With the loss of almost two months worth of revenue the city must realize that the amount of money lost business will not be able to pay their bills on time. Some may not be able to reopen on time if at all. Staff may have found other jobs to work. What will you do to assist the local business community during such uncertain times?

Notes:

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COMMENTS: The covid 19 pandemic isn’t what the media makes it out to be. This is an economic move more then anything. I think its time we make decisions for ourselves on a local level. The government does not have our best intentions in mind... they never have. Let's get back to life and take the things we have learned from this and utilize it.
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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

COMMENTS:

Our country, Texas and Fredericksburg are in a crisis. Unless we want Fredericksburg to look like a ghost town instead of the vibrant, historic, community oriented and supported, tourist town it has been, the council needs to be proactive and make some tough decisions. We need leaders. We need creative thinkers. We need a plan. Now.

I would like to respectfully suggest a 20% reduction in property taxes for the coming tax year. Our hardworking businesses will not be able to pay their 2020 tax bills without any revenue. Many households, including mine, have experienced rapid and drastic income reductions as well as job losses. I would further suggest a 20% reduction in the city's budget except for critical city services. We are all suffering, but we need to be reminded that we are all in this together and together is how we are going to climb out of it. Our very survival as the town that we know and love is at stake. I look to you, our council members to lead us.
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COMMENTS: Considering that exercise was listed as essential by the Governor and Ken Paxton’s office deems golf course within their right to remain open, I would like to know when Lady Bird will be reopened.

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

It doesn’t appear that COVID-19 is on the agenda tonight as an action item. However, you have followed Gov. Abbott’s guidelines in declaring a state of emergency. Should you follow the governor’s current schedule, as incoherent as it is, retail stores could be open by this Friday, April 24, for take out service, whatever that means.

Because we are a tourist destination city and many retail stores cater to people from out of town, we could be opening Fredericksburg to the virus which we have been fortunate to avoid thanks to residents and businesses who have been responsible in staying at home and limiting contact with the public.

Please read the following piece from today’s NYT If you decide to meet to discuss and act on COVID-19 issues, which I sincerely hope you will do, please take into account this piece, answer the questions raised there, and implement an effective process for dealing with and avoiding the spread of this disease.

1. Are you prepared to wait an additional 14 days or longer and to test to ensure there are no cases of the virus here, at a minimum, before opening the city to tourists? This means you would need supplies of testing kits and quick turnaround results. And you would not be following Abbott’s current plan.

2. Do you have a plan for testing everyone in Fredericksburg? And for screening any tourists who may appear on Main Street after opening Main Street businesses.
3. Do you have a plan for opening bars and restaurants?
4. Do you have a plan for accessing sufficient quantities of PPE to protect healthcare workers should the virus mushroom in Gillespie County?
5. Do you have a plan for contact tracing and testing those who have come in contact with an infected person?
6. And should you put in place restrictions for opening businesses, do you have emergency ordinances for fining violators and police action to ensure compliance?

Thank you for taking action on these matters.
Kathy Sanford

April 20, 2020

By David Leonhardt
Opinion Columnist
1. Every day for the past two weeks, another 25,000 or so Americans have been diagnosed with the coronavirus. It’s great news that number is no longer growing, but it’s barely started to fall.

2. Countries that have succeeded in containing the virus made much more progress in reducing the number of new cases before reopening. “China did not allow Wuhan, Nanjing or other cities to reopen until intensive surveillance found zero new cases for 14 straight days, the virus’s incubation period,” as The Times’s Donald McNeil writes.

3. The vast majority of the American population — perhaps about 90 percent — has not yet been exposed to the virus. So there is tremendous potential for outbreaks worse than any we have experienced so far.

4. The testing program in the United States remains terribly flawed. About a month ago, the Trump administration promised 27 million tests would be available by the end of March. Late April is now approaching, and yet only about 4 million tests have been conducted. The current pace of testing needs to triple before the country can safely reopen, Harvard researchers estimate.

5. We also haven’t fixed our shortages of protective equipment for health care workers. As a recent paper from the conservative-leaning Mercatus Center puts it: “Demand has rapidly outstripped supply as the urgent need for personal protective equipment (PPE) such as surgical masks, respirators, gloves, and gowns, as well as for ventilators, continues to grow apace with the COVID-19 global pandemic.”

6. Most places in the United States don’t yet have a plan for aggressive contact tracing — the process of tracking people who may have been exposed to the virus. “Only a few states are recruiting and training the army of public health workers who will be needed to track, trace and isolate anyone exposed to the coronavirus,” Politico’s Joanne Kenen wrote. This kind of tracing has been vital to reducing the virus’s spread in South Korea and elsewhere.

7. The same goes for quarantining: We don’t yet have anything approaching a full plan. A recent Times Op-Ed, by the public health experts Harvey Fineberg, Jim Yong Kim and Jordan Shlain, explains.
The bottom line: If the country reopened now, we would probably end up in lockdown again soon, while also needlessly increasing the death toll from the virus.
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COMMENTS: Looking through the Agendas... You all are only “updating” us on Covid-19. Something we see and hear about nonstop on the news. What is your plan of action? Will you only be “updating” us on what we already see on the news or do you all have a plan for the City of Fredericksburg. It seems, and this is obviously a personal opinion, that you, the City Council, is doing the bare minimum concerning the successful future of the entirety of Fredericksburg and it’s citizens, which includes you and your families too.
Hi, Shelley. I've left a comment below the link for today's city council meeting. Let me know if you need my address or phone number, but I believe you already have both. Also, if you can get anyone to read this Texas Tribune story, it might help the decision-making process. It's about a doctor in Donley County who is also the county judge. He decided that data was important for local government decisions.

https://www.texastribune.org/2020/04/20/donley-county-really-hardest-hit-texas-coronavirus/?utm_campaign=trib-social-buttons&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR0z7q1cz9q1uWqw7gQixovOQLauk5eq02a9YJDTkeaaYJD

Dear mayor and city council members: Thank you for allowing the public to submit comments online. This one concerns the contagious virus ravaging our country. I appreciate what you have done so far. Texas cities as a whole appear to be doing a good job of managing, but I believe that’s in part due to limited testing of the public, and testing happens even less in rural areas like Gillespie County. I don’t believe our one confirmed case here is realistic, considering that Highway 290 runs right through town and that traffic, while lessened, continues daily. We also still entertain visitors, and many of us ignore the guideline of wearing a face-covering in public to protect others. We will likely see more visitors as state parks open up. I believe work is left to be done here, starting with increased testing of people. That way more of us will have the information we need to decide what to do next, based on facts and not wishes. And please consider encouraging or requiring that people wear face coverings when out in public. Strong leadership gives us confidence.

Barbara Elmore
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<td>As an employee of a downtown business in Fredericksburg Texas, I am disappointed that the local governing body has NOT approached or initiated any visible or viable help for the businesses in our tourist centered economy. What are the steps that the leaders of our community going to take to get Fredericksburg Texas back functioning and profiting?</td>
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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: 4 (COVID-19)

COMMENTS:

1. Why are we not hearing directly from our mayor during this time? San Antonio hears from their mayor multiple times a day with updates and advisories. To date, we have not heard a response from our mayor on HCMH's letter concerning Covid-19 or advice to small business owners on how to handle retail situations in essential businesses.

2. Will the city consider limiting the number of people per family who are allowed to shop at grocery stores at one time? Understandably, there are situations where a parent must take their young children with them, but many people are carelessly putting us all at risk by shopping with multiple other people for no apparent reason.

3. Will the city take a stand on requiring masks in all public places? The most effective way to prevent the spread of Covid-19, outside of staying home, is to wear a mask, even if you're asymptomatic. Since you may not know you are a carrier, it stands that if we are in public, we should ALL have masks.

4. At a time when local governments are being put to the test, why are we not hearing more from OUR local government? We need the city to keep us updated, as well as enforce things that
will help us minimize the spread. If only one store in
Fredericksburg is taking necessary precautions, it is almost in
vain. Please help us unify in our actions.

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COMMENTS:

1. Why aren’t we receiving daily updates from our mayor during this time? Other cities in Central Texas, like San Antonio, have been receiving updates and other information from their mayor MULTIPLE times a day. Fredericksburg, however, has yet to hear from its mayor, especially regarding the city’s response to HCMH’s COVID-19 letter or advice for essential small business owners conducting retail operations.

2. In general, why aren’t we hearing from our city government more often about COVID-19 response efforts and updates? It’s the city’s responsibility to keep its citizens safe and informed. Please help citizens and small business owners alike unify COVID-19 prevention efforts by being more vocal.

3. Will the city limit the number of people per family/group allowed in grocery stores at one time? Obviously there are times where more than one person MUST go to the grocery store (ex. families with younger children, older customers, customers with disabilities, etc.), but numerous people are putting others at unnecessary risk by bringing additional people
into stores without reason.

4. When will the city enforce that ALL people MUST wear masks when in a public place? Besides staying home, wearing a mask is the leading way to prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially when there are asymptomatic carriers. As there’s no way to know who’s an asymptomatic carrier without an increased availability of tests, it stands that EVERYONE should be wearing a mask in public.
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 I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: 4

COMMENTS:

As a business owner in this community operating in the capacity allowed by the authority during this pandemic, I realized the important role small businesses play in this community in providing the needed service the locals require. Some of us have braved the odds to survive the crisis, adapting to new more costly standard of procedure to assure a safe and continuous operation, servicing the needs of the population of Frederickburg. My business is not the only one in town in the position of operating at lost to provide a service greatly needed. Frederickburg folks are proud people and will stand tall and strong always for the sake of this town and what it has grown to represent all over the State of Texas and beyond, but at this point can I please ask you for a word of encouragement to your business community, we all need to know that you all appreciate what we have been doing to service this community during the crisis and what we are always doing during the normal time to service and go above and beyond, and even sometimes the inhumane efforts we go through to service the tourist we draw during the weekends. Without any of us, small businesses, Frederickburg could be a
pretty boring destination and turn into a ghost town like many of other Texas town, something to think about when the discussion comes to the part of what the city can do to get us all back on track. I suggest looking into the reserve you have and share some of what we’ve been paying and collecting back with us... some way or another, be creative but please do something that tells us you care about us and what we bring to the town.
Because caring for us small businesses is caring for Fredericksburg, Thank you for your time.
Richard Beaupre

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As a business owner in this community operating in the capacity allowed by the authorities during this pandemic, I realized the important role small businesses, specifically service industry, play in this community, providing the needed service the locals and passers by require. Some of us have braved the odds to survive the crisis, adapting to new and more costly standard of procedure to assure a safe and continuous operation, all to service the needs of the population as well as keeping the majority of our staff employed. My business is not the only one in town in the position of operating at loss to provide a service greatly needed. Fredericksburg folks are proud people and will stand tall and strong always for the sake of this town and what it has grown to represent all over the State of Texas and beyond, but at this point can We please ask you for creative solutions to help a severely damaged local economy or at the very least some words of encouragement to your business community. We all need to know that you appreciate what we have been doing to service this community during the crisis as well as what we are continuously providing during the “normal” times, when Main Street commerce have to
go above and beyond to host the tourist during weekends and holidays. (Collecting unprecedented amounts of Taxes for the City)

Without any of us, small businesses, Fredericksburg could be a pretty boring destination and turn into a ghost town like many of other Texas towns, something to think about when the discussion comes to the part of what the city can do to get us all back on track. Be creative but please do something that tells us you care about us and what we bring to the town.

Because caring for us, small businesses, is caring for Fredericksburg.

Thank you for your time.

Richard Beaupre

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

I do not have a business but I am a citizen. I have been extremely concerned with the lack of leadership. I have written numerous emails with only one reply. The "leaders" have offered no comments of encouragement or gratitude. It is the citizens, not the leadership, who have taken the initiative to insure the safety of our community with a few exceptions. As you know, there are still non-essential businesses open and they are drawing customers. I witness this during my daily walks. Although, wearing masks in public places is highly recommended, there are still those who do not.

I know our businesses are suffering. However, opening up our community to those from other locations who are "locked down" will likely bring cases of COVID-19 here. Being a tourist destination, we are "non-essential" but people are looking for places to escape the San Antonio area, Austin area and others. We are lucky to have had only one case but with more tourists, the cases will likely increase.

Has the City or County considered any assistance to the businesses? It is my understanding other cities and counties in the area have provided some sort of assistance.

I do not have the answers and I know the decisions are difficult but I do believe we need to proceed extremely carefully with some REAL leadership and enforcement of whatever mitigation efforts are in place. So far, from my viewpoint, the enforcement of Texas' stay-at-home orders and closing of "non-essential" businesses have been non-existent here.

Thank you,
Julie Montgomery

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: 4 (COVID-19)

COMMENTS:
1. Why haven't we been getting updates from our mayor? She should be advising the people of Fredericksburg on what to do and how to take preventative measures in response to HCMH's COVID-19 letter (like wearing masks, how to run businesses safely, etc.).
2. Is the city limiting the number of people in a family that are allowed in grocery stores at a time? How are they doing this? I understand that there are some situations in which more than one family member needs to go to the store, but what about the people who have no reason and are unnecessarily putting others at risk?
3. When will the city require masks to be worn at all times in public places? Wearing a mask is the best way to prevent exposure to COVID-19, but this isn't being enforced here.
4. Cities from across Texas are hearing from their local governments, why haven't we? Fredericksburg isn't just a dot on the map anymore. Citizens and frequent visitors alike should have access to updates and city progress reports.

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I would like to comment on Agenda Item #: 6/B, 7/B

COMMENTS:
I would like to start are by thanking the lord that most of our community including our elected officials are healthy and safe during this devastating time. And want to also thank you for your time and consideration on my points.

- having worked in the area for many decades (multiple professions) we’ve never seen something like this. Having strong and vocal leadership is more important than ever in times like these. Most of my friends / coworkers dont know where there next paycheck is coming from, and we dont know what our future looks like. This isn’t just a time for us to sit on our smart phones and catchup on Netflix like some of y’all perhaps. We have to work to survive! please look to other Texas communities that are taking a more aggressive approach to helping there communities and their people.

6/B; how on earth does this seem like a good time to raise Utilities, when everyone is broke on their you know what.. ?? And aren’t commodities cheaper right now anyway??
7/B; How on ether do we justify spending 4 million dollars of tax payer money, when those tax payers are out of their jobs? And businesses shut down? Seems like a good time to put that little project on hold.. and see how you can really help this community survive this time.. we cannot just rely on it’s German heritage forever.. it’s the workers that do the work thats needed to make the taxes that pay for things.. not the heritage..

Once again, we appreciate this town and you all and have faith that it will return, with proper leadership.

Thanks again, and God Bless DM

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I would like to comment on Reopening our Community

Agenda Item #: 

COMMENTS: I would like to see the local government step up and take precautions for our community. They need to be seen and giving the community comfort and guidance. I would like to see Fredericksburg open up slowly with closed borders for the time being. We have luckily had only one case so far, let us do everything we can to keep it that way and to keep our citizens safe. If we can get out and about to support local businesses without worrying about interacting with people from other cities it would make us all feel safer. I think we need to keep strict social distancing measures in place and to keep bars and restaurants as to-go only for the time being, only allowing a few people into stores at a time, masks on when in public, whatever we can do to keep our people safe. And, we our city officials need to listen to the people, businesses and hospital and what we would like for our town. The blatant disregard for our wishes will hopefully turn out voters to get people into office who have OUR best interests and priorities FIRST and tourist money very far down the line. We all want a good economy, but not at the expense of our people.
To Whom it May Concern:

1. Will the City of Fredericksburg be requiring all citizens to wear masks while out in public?
2. Does the city plan on keeping us updated on the status of testing? Sid Peterson does a daily update to let people know how many tests have been taken, how many positives, pending, negatives, etc. Even if the information hasn't changed, it's comforting to know that they are informing the public daily. I've haven't heard anything from either the hospital or the city about any of this. I know more about what is happening in Austin and San Antonio than I do my own community.
3. I think before you consider opening Fredericksburg for business, you should be certain adequate testing is being done, and that every measure is being taken to ensure the safety of it's most vulnerable citizens. Currently you see a hodge podge of people adhering to the State guidelines and CDC guidelines, and others clearly not interested in protecting themselves or others. Clear CITY/COUNTY guidelines would go a long way in keeping us all safe.

Thank you,
Darbee Stehling

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COMMENTS: Consider allowing people to participate real time with city council mtgs.

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