## **EEDC Report**



## October 2024



1. Attended National Night Out and visited with each entity. This such a great event that brings families out to meet our first responders.

2. Wrapped up several projects before leaving on vacation- 7 Iron Pizza, TMCN Visitor's Guide Advertisement, and Project Burnt House Agreement (1stDraft).

3. Completed Empty Building List and contacts – letting them know we are here to support them. Created a excel sheet with each empty business and the owner's information, reaching out to each of them with questions about their buildings. (Are they interested in Leasing or selling the property, their plans for property? etc.)

4. <u>Foster Building rental agreement – Emailed Mr.</u> Bowen and he replied back on October 8th that he would pay the \$800.00 and decide which agreement

he would accept. I sent a follow up email on October 29<sup>th</sup> (no response as of today).

- 5. Updates: Doors at Ware house, Mark's Lawncare, Project Burnt house, roof on Foster Building and Façade Applications
- 6. We are a certified Texas Film Friendly Community through the Governor's Office. Will be updating photos and any filming that can be uploaded into our profile on their website- areas around town and surrounding countryside to appeal to companies looking for sites to do commercials, movies, etc.
- 7. We are officially an Affiliate with Keep Texas Beautiful and we received our sign (below). We will contact TX Dot to hang sign at one of the entrances to Eden. This is up to their degression. The City of Eden work crew has been hard at work and it shows. If you see any of these guys, please tell them how much we appreciate their efforts, and those efforts make Eden a nicer place to live and work. If you haven't made it to the Garden of Eden, I urge you to stop by, check it out.
- 8. Also, working with the Beautification committee on planning 2024-2025 projects so we can apply for the grants offered through our affiliation with Keep Texas Beautiful.
- 9. Participated in the Concho County Hospital, Clinic, and Pharmacy Trunk or Treat. The turnout was great and the vendors really out did themselves.

- 10. The Halloween Business Contest was a great success and had lots of participation! Our little town looked awesome!! We set up Trunk or Treat at the Annual Scare on the Square hosted by the Eden Public Library.
- 11. Met with the Concho County Saddle Club to discuss bringing back the Bull Ride Event and adding A classic Car Show with possible Poker Run.
- 12. Filed Release of Lien with the State of Texas -UUC division and met Kiser Ironworks at the Paint Rock Courthouse to file the release of lien. They paid off their IRP Loan on October 18th.
- 13. Future Project- A tour of the empty buildings- Project "Imagine the Possibilities" along with a conference or a workshop held in Eden with TMCN and Local Organizations and getting bids to renovate our warehouse buildings for future businesses.
- 14. Met with a potential group interested in doing a small music venue at the Green Apple Art Center. More information to come in near future.
- 15. The Camouflage Cotillion will be November 16, 2024. This is a Chamber of Commerce event that brings in lots of Hunters from our area ranches. I will be there to work and I hope each of you will help support their event.
- 16. Making Christmas Plans- Decorating downtown and in our Parks, Holiday Painting Party, Jingle Mingle for Downtown Business (details in the works).
- 17. As you all can see October was a very busy month and I took off for 2 weeks!
- 18. I will be attending the Basic Economic Development Course in San Antonio November 11th-15<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to making important contacts and learning more about Texas Economics and how we fit into those dynamics.

