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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: April 17, 2024

RE: **March 15 to April 13 Economic Development Department Activity**

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- Multiple ED incentive applications out, 6 Economic Impact Studies and one Rental Assistance Program Application in process; multiple Chapter 380 Agreement negotiations upcoming (alerted Knight law firm);
- Received 9 RFP responses for the E. Manor Development #1 Feasibility Study and one direct proposal: dated, logged and opened; reviewed proposals, commented, assessed, created spreadsheet and distributed to balance of review committee to score; 4/19 award by City Manager requested to add to 4/17 Council agenda for vote;
- Manor Downtown Design Workshop with Catalyst Commercial team held at City Hall and input/ideas being integrated into next step programming;
- Met with Ginsel tract owner's reps re: large retail discounter prospect; showed land to DFW golf cart showroom prospect;
- Met with brokers from Colliers on local land prospect; met downtown building owners on a historic building they want to sell;
- Discussed Krantz 22 acres next to E. Manor Dev. #1 with Adam Green (Stream Realty) and Jimmy Krantz;
- Met with Dalfen principals on annexation; call with City and Dalfen attorneys re: same;
- Manor Economic Foundation Board Meeting at Big Austin HQ;
- Toured Manor with Bob Farley, VP of Opportunity Austin to show him properties and progress;
- Capital Project and Infrastructure Project Status Meeting with GBA;
- Pflugerville Community Development Corp "Pfarm to Pfab" event attendance – Mayor Harvey panelist;
- Met with Colin Armstrong and Greg Gitcho on Hill Ln. property annexation; they want a storage yard industrial use, but no reason to annex if no improvements are made;
- Congressman Casar Grant Award Event – Manor City Hall;
- Met J.E. Dunn Construction reps on state of the industry: costs, availability, rates, forecast; shared findings with City Manager;
- New Website migration kickoff with Qually: still don't have login access through CivicPlus; Mr. Dunlop is researching;
- Followed up on solid waste RFP for city collection services; consultant to publish 4/26;



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- Attended Opportunity Austin Regional Planning Meeting; attended Opportunity Austin EDC Meeting;
- Met Opportunity Austin re: sponsorship package; responded to 3 Opportunity Austin RFPs;
- Attended 2 Regular City Council Meetings and 4 Staff Meetings.