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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: February 21, 2024

RE: **January 13 to February 16 Economic Development Department activity**

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- Attended 3 GBA project status meetings, 1 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon;
  - Zoom call and in-person meeting with BuildBlock principals on industrial development representation of other clients including Wonik, an EV battery manufacturer, downtown development plans, and developing infrastructure for Old Kimbro tracts;
  - Met with 290 Ginsel tract brokers to discuss potential major discounter location and incentives progress;
  - Met w/Lezlie Le and Turnkey Ventures re: modular home factory building 165K sf on 15-20 acres with 125 employees;
  - Zoom call w/Zalaram LLC, broker, CM and staff re: utility easements and requirements for wastewater at Manor Commercial Park;
  - Site tours with Chinese firm with an Austin office representing a Chinese EV battery manufacturer interested in purchasing 150 acres;
  - Zoom call w/Garfield Public/Private re: potential services on public facilities: schedule follow-up visit with CM;
  - Lunch with Cedar Park EDC to discuss recent common project activity;
  - Council communication on final brand selection, Chickenango brand rollout discussion;
  - 2 Zoom calls w/ Ryan Companies to discuss potential incentives for new restaurants sites
  - Lions Club Roundtable discussion w/Rep. Cole, TxDOT, CTRMA, Comm. Travillion, et al re: US290 expansion;
  - Zoom call w/BCG (accounting) and Gregory Miller on how they can support MHPFC;
  - Legislative update Zoom call with Opportunity Austin's Stacy Schmidt;
  - Met w/Lezlie Le and 3 principals from cold storage developer looking for sites in Manor;
  - Submitted East Manor Development No.1 (former CAYSA tract) RFP for Sports/Recreation Complex Feasibility Study Council approval and Manor Commons Amended 380 for Council consideration 2/21;
  - Zoom call on downtown planning with Catalyst Commercial and staff;
  - Met with developer and principal re: major hobby retailer for 973/290 SWC;
  - Met w/Julie Lessiter of TSU Round Rock re: new class offerings 2024;
  - Google meet with Lezlie Le and principals re: movie & entertainment venue site;
  - Attended 2 Regular City Council Meetings; 1 State of the City Address; 1 City Council Workshop; 1 Downtown Workshop; CTRMA Board meeting; 5 Staff meetings.