



**VEDC Update for Port Lavaca**  
**March 2026 RECAP**  
**Presented April 2026**

**Residential**

- VEDC has spoken to a developer who is interested now that a TIRZ has been created.

**Marketing**

- VEDC is updating the one-page market sheet for 2026. This should be available by the next meeting and will be included in the packet. TIRZ information and PACE Program information is to be included on all materials.
- VEDC will be adding the TIRZ information to all marketing, to include the website.
- VEDC staff continues to post on the City's Economic Development Facebook page and is posting on there.
- Staff was invited to Poland (by a local businessman) to meet with Polish businesses interested in business in the US, specifically Texas and this region.

**Business**

- VEDC staff is in initial discussion with a food/beverage business. The VEDC staff continues to reach out to restaurants/ cafes to create interest in Port Lavaca.
- VEDC staff is marketing empty pad sites and keeps in contact with the developers.
- Next business workshop will be in May. VEDC will be partnering with SBDC as well, to offer virtual workshops. VEDC will also promote all SBDC workshops to the business community.
- VEDC Staff to begin holding "Business Start Up" workshops. We may try in-person and virtual.

**Other**

- VEDC staff have scheduled meetings with the City Manager, to be recurring.
  - Discuss properties
  - Discuss residential
  - Discuss business opportunities
- VEDC staff and CM have discussed hosting monthly community meetings.
- VEDC will be hosting the quarterly VEDC Regional Partnership Meeting (open) on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. This will feature an update on all VEDC projects, including Calhoun County and the region. Invitations will follow.
- VEDC staff attended an International Economic Development Council Leadership conference, and also the TEDC Winter Conference.
- VEDC staff attend training and conferences throughout the year. There are training opportunities as they relate to economic development. **If any council member is ever interested in knowing more, please let VEDC staff know.**

VEDC President will update the council in person on a quarterly basis. Date TBD.