



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

**Residential**

- VEDC and CM have set a meeting to speak 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 was invited to Poland (by a local businessman) to meet with Polish businesses interested in business in the US, specifically Texas and this region.
- Staff was invited to join a business trade mission in Turkey (hosted and paid by third party). There is a lot of interest in the area.

**Business**

- VEDC staff is still in discussion with a food/beverage business, as they have not made final decisions. This is still active.
- VEDC staff is marketing empty pad sites and keeps in contact with the developers.
- Next business workshop will be in June. VEDC will be partnering with SBDC as well, to offer virtual workshops. VEDC will also promote all SBDC workshops to the business community. Funding will be discussed.
- VEDC Staff to begin holding “Business Start Up” workshops. We may try in-person and virtual. Advertising for these to begin in May.
- VEDC staff to attend SELECTUSA – a global summit for foreign direct investment. Texas is marketed, and meetings are held with interested parties from other countries. This is hosted by the Department of Commerce. Report from summit will come next month.

**Other**

- VEDC staff have scheduled meetings with the City Manager, to be recurring.
  - Discuss properties
  - Discuss residential – meeting in May.
  - Discuss business opportunities
- VEDC hosted the quarterly VEDC Regional Partnership Meeting (open) on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to attend when you can.
- 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.