

Executive Director Report

I will meet with someone looking for a store front for a business on Friday, April 17th.

We have officially closed with Equipment Share and I will be forwarding documents shortly for everyone to review.

I have had a conversation with David, City Manager and Brian, Mayor Pro Tem and I will be coordinating a Farmer's Market for Sweeny on May 9th from 9 am to 3 pm at the Sweeny Community Center. This will be the one time the city puts it on. They are asking if the EDC will plan to bring it back on a regular basis. We are looking to find a few of the businesses that might be interested in setting up a store front in Sweeny to provide meats, vegetables etc. 3 or more times a week.

I have been invited to attend the P66 Sweeny STEM Scholars Luncheon in May. I have scheduled a meeting next week with the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber to meet and discuss collaborating to get Sweeny a grocery store/meat market. They have connections with La Michoacana Markets. Worked with Jeff, Attorney to get amendment for Trilogy Resources performance agreement.

Working with Dusty, Trilogy and Joe from Equipment Share to help with the pipeline easements so they can get going on their building.

Met with Tinted Tunez Customz they are need 5,000 square feet to bring their business into the city limits. They currently have a store front in Angleton and live in Sweeny. They have outgrown their building in Angleton (2,500 square feet). I mentioned the 1.5 acres at the industrial park. Their business is car audio, alarms, lights, and window tint. They also do laser engraving and embroidery. Everything Sweeny Graphics and C and M Signs could do and are no longer here. They are also interested in maybe bringing in a snack shop – snow cones, nachos, hot dogs, etc.

I was out of the office Monday and Tuesday but have been very busy. Wednesday morning David and I met with the Hispanic Chamber and was a great meeting. Resulted in the city joining the Chamber and they have immediately began working on trying to help with a meat market/grocery store, Mexican restaurant and possibly with a pharmacy. I have provided the Hispanic Chamber with information they requested – demographic and income information about Sweeny. With the help of Kaydi, our city secretary, and Debbie from the Alliance.

A big thank you to Brian, David and DeLane - I was out sick on Tuesday, and they met with Jees Wiz BBQ and Caters they are out on FM 521 near Rosharon, and they want to come to Sweeny.

I also sent an email to Major Farms. – I sent that email out to everyone.

I met this morning with Mr. Trevino with T Designs here in Sweeny. He is currently working out of his garage but needs to expand.

I reached out to PT Brunner, and the Eye Lash business is no longer in that building, and it is available. (He did meet his performance agreement with us.) I hope to meet with him next week to look at that space.

I have reached out to Funk Properties and Mr. Funk said he would return my call to provide information about the old LifeCheck pharmacy building. The gentleman that has purchased 123 Main Street, Sweeny (Elvira Alvarez place) reached out to me today. He would like to talk about settling the debt so we can release the lien. He owns the Swamp Shack right outside of town on Hwy 35. He is wanting to make that space on Main Street a Mexican Restaurant. He has made arrangements with the county to pay the \$24,000 in back taxes. He would like to make arrangements to pay off the debt she owed us in 6 equal monthly payments. The balance is \$8,325. That would be \$1,387.50 a month.

I also reached out to Brittinee Hardin at TNMP and the electrical for Stark is in line with the contractor to get done. I had to pay \$3,008.59 for the electrical for the grinder station. Thank you to Neal he took the payment to hand deliver to Brittinee at TNMP.

I have been in conversation with Joe from Equipment Share and with David and Dusty's help we are trying to get them the information they need from Energy Transfer. So, they can move forward. They are afraid they won't be able to meet the initial deadline to begin construction due to the easement for the pipeline. Thank you to Dusty and David for helping me with this.

I did attend the Beautification Meeting yesterday – it was the final prep meeting for Pride Day festivities.

Just as an FYI... the Farmers' Market registrations are going well. I have emailed and handed out a lot of registration forms. Any help I can get on Saturday, May 9th would be great. It is the day before Mother's Day.

Received 3 quotes back for fireworks. None of which can provide services for the 3rd or the 4th of July. They are booked years in advance. They can provide fireworks, but not the service to pop them.

Attended council meeting.

Attended Lower Brazos River Coalition Luncheon (BC Alliance).

Trilogy inquiring on the balance of their performance agreement.

Posted in The Facts for the public hearing of the entrance sign.

Spoke with Alex deDemko with Golden Shovel.