



CITY OF HALTOM CITY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Board/Commission: Economic Development

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New Business Development

A total of 28 Certificates of Occupancy for new businesses were filed during January and February. Some of the new businesses are *Finley's Total Boat Restoration*, located at 5023 NE 28th Street, *A1 Barbershop* located at 4912 Broadway Avenue and *Handling Systems & Conveyors, Inc.* located at 4217 Garland, Suite A.

A new restaurant opened in C.T. Plaza. *D Bistro*, located at 4228 Belknap, Suite 102, serves Asian cuisine and specializes in crawfish and pho.

Blackmon Mooring, the property restoration and remediation company, has bought the building and land at 5718 Airport Freeway and will move its headquarters and operations hub there from Fort Worth. The building was formally occupied by Hawk Electronics and is 56,000 square feet. Blackmon Mooring plans to expand the building in Haltom City in the future.

Update on IH 820 Corridor

North Tarrant Express and Bluebonnet Construction are anticipating completing the construction of IH 820 by September 2014. Staff continues to meet with them on regular basis to ensure coordination of connectivity and signalization.

Tiseo Paving, the construction company for the backage roads, has bladed out the roads for construction. Utility work has been completed on the north and south backage roads.

Unclaimed Freight has been demolished and The Great Western will soon follow. Both the Fire Department and SWAT Team have performed specialized training in the vacated motel.

Right-of-way acquisitions for construction have been completed. However, there remains

two parcels that are undergoing eminent domain procedures.

On March 17 a public meeting was held for property owners on Northern Cross Blvd. As part of the widening of the street, a portion of the road will be rerouted to the north and the section of Northern Cross Blvd. which fronts the homes will be renamed. Residents voted to rename the street Wisdom.

Update on Belknap and Hwy. 377 Realignment Project

TXDOT has let the contract for construction. It is anticipated that TxDOT will take 30 to 40 days to review the bidder's documents, after which construction will commence. Utility poles and signals have been ordered and delivered. The poles and signals mirror the design and color of the poles along the 820 corridor.

Chamber of Commerce Interface

The Department staff continues to participate in chamber programs. These include Ribbon Cuttings, Chamber Luncheons, Economic Development Directors Forums and Chamber Newsletters.

On January 30, the Q1 Chamber Business Workshop was held at the Birdville Center of Technology & Advanced Learning. The workshop topic focused on the use of social media for businesses.

Prospects

A traffic signal on Denton Highway at Madge Place is still ongoing. The new signal is a requirement for a grocer seeking to lease the former Metro Foods space in Haltom Plaza. TXDOT has approved the warrant study and is now reviewing plans. Representatives for the grocer are working with the Planning & Zoning department on future signage.

A restaurant chain is considering a location on Airport Freeway. Information on signage requirements was provided.

Staff met with a technology service business owner and his broker representative to discuss a possible relocation to Haltom City. Information about building requirements and incentives were provided.