



CITY OF HALTOM CITY
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Board/Commission: Economic Development

Quarter: Second Quarter 2015

Date: July 9, 2015

New Business Development

For the second quarter of 2015, Haltom City saw 35 new businesses obtain a certificate of occupancy. Some of these new businesses include *Tarrant Paint & Stain*, located at 1812 Higgins, *Best Africa Braids*, located at 4045 E. Belknap, Suite 15, *Car Audio & Window Tint*, located at 4012 NE 28th St. and *Mello Signs*, located at 4500 Waldemar, Suite 5A.

The Corner Vet, a new animal hospital, recently opened at 6370 N. Beach. They provide essential pet wellness care and accept walk-ins.

Representatives from Haltom City joined the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce in a ribbon cutting celebration for *Five Star Personal Injury*. This new business is located 3400 Denton Hwy. and is the second location in the metroplex. Five Star Personal Injury provides Chiropractic care. The property owner may seek a grant for planned improvements to the building.

Economic Development Assistance Grant

At the April 23 meeting, the EDC Board awarded assistance grants to two new businesses. The owner of a new business, *Hi Line Tool*, was awarded a \$15,000 grant to help offset the cost of installing a fire sprinkler system and water line tap. Hi Line Tool, which specializes in the sale and service of power and hydraulic tools, will be located at 3909 Broadway Avenue.

The developer for a new retail center, *ZaPri Plaza*, was awarded a \$50,000 grant to help offset the cost for extensive infrastructure work. Once complete ZaPri Plaza will be 8,700 square feet and located at the intersection of Harris Lane and E. Belknap.

Conference and Networking

During the last quarter, staff participated in the conference and networking event called BISNOW State of the Market. Utilizing booth space, development opportunities were showcased and marketing materials were distributed to the attendees. At the event figures

from the local economy assessed the state of the area's commercial real estate as well as the key trends and issues for the future. BISNOW is platform for commercial real estate news, events & education.

Update on the Backage Roads and IH 820 Corridor

The north and south signals along IH 820 require new wiring to be pulled before the lights can be activated. Staff is working with TxDOT, North Tarrant Express and TISEO Paving to prepare for a necessary closure of one lane going east and west so the work can be completed in one day.

Staff proposed the last of change orders to Council and will again make the proposal to the Council on July 13. This change order will completes the drainage requirements along the south portion of backage roads and allows the city to initiate application for a LOMR, which will remove all properties from the flood plain.

Right turn lanes and stacking lanes have been completed north and south of IH 820 and now open to traffic. Construction of the entry signs has begun and the bases for the 25 feet high signs have been poured. Construction for the signs is estimated to take about two months.

Update on Belknap and Hwy. 377 Realignment Project

The contractor performing the realignment of Hwy. 377 and Belknap has identified March of 2016 as a completion date.

Vice President

During the last quarter, the Economic Development Corporation voted to elect Board Member David Averitt as President on an interim basis and Board Member Chris Taylor as the Vice President of the EDC.

Rezoning

During the first quarter, the EDC board authorized a zoning change request from "SF-1" Single Family Residential to "C-1" Commercial District for the tract of land described as Stanley Green B Survey, Abstract 1378, Tracts 5J, 5, and 5B6, locally known as 5017, 4500 and 5009 Haltom Road, respectively. During the second quarter, the Council had denied the "SF-1" to a "C-1" zoning change and instead the Council is seeking a "PD" planned development for these properties. The P&Z recommended approval and the Council will consider at the July 13 meeting.

Springlake Lots

Several home builders have sought information on the EDC-owned vacant lots in the Springlake Addition. Staff will bring proposals for purchase to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

Taco Casa named Business of the Quarter

Taco Casa owner Norman Florence and Store General Manager Candice Morgan recently accepted the Business of the Quarter award. Sponsored by Keep Haltom City Beautiful and the Economic Development Department, the award goes to businesses that keep their grounds in exemplary condition as they create a welcoming atmosphere for their customers and visitors. Taco Casa is located at 3160 Denton Highway.

Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce Interface

The department staff continues to participate in chamber programs. These include ribbon cuttings, chamber luncheons, economic development representatives' forums and chamber newsletters.

The chamber recently hosted *Hometown Heroes*, an event to honor those who make a difference in our communities. Honorees from Haltom City include Bob Presley and Dan and Patricia Harris. Bob is a member of the Haltom City Beautification & Revitalization Board and has been instrumental in the success of two major projects this year. His dedication as a volunteer, and the support of his wife Linda, are incredible and the community appreciates their donation of time and talent. Dan and Patricia, owners of *2nd Opinion Auto* in Haltom City, have been supporting the Haltom City Car Show for Kids as participants, sponsors and committee members. They have been instrumental in growing the show and their generosity has touched hundreds of kids. United Way Northeast chose Ryan Murphy as its Hometown Hero. He is the organizer and chief cheerleader for Unite South Haltom, a collaboration working to strengthen community in south Haltom City.

Prospects

Members of the Development Review Committee recently met with a retail business prospect to discuss platting, public improvements, and building requirements with some of the developer's team. The project is very preliminary.