

Lone Star Economic Development Council

“Improvement Through Initiative for All Lone Star Citizens”

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Meetings the first Monday of each month at the Lone Star Fire Department building. We welcome your input!

Who We Are?

The purpose of the Lone Star EDC is to encompass and complete projects benefiting and the public purposes of the Citizens and City of Lone Star. The Lone Star EDC is a State of Texas Class “B” funded EDC, and any and all expenditures must meet the criteria defined under “Purpose” within this newsletter. All EDC projects must be approved by the EDC and presented to the Lone Star City Council for approval.

FUTURE PROJECTS

We were notified on May 27th our Park and Recreation Grant was not approved through the state. Presently, the LSEDC is meeting to discuss ways to continue with these and other projects until we can submit another grant for approval.

If you are a citizen of Lone Star and have ideas on any projects that the LSEDC could consider for funding, please contact either the City Secretary or a member of the LSEDC. We value your input. We will follow up on any, and all ideas and suggestions.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

The LSEDC has successfully completed the removal of the old transformers in Lone Star City Park. These transformers were old and unsafe. Completion of this project helps us to prepare for the next phase of the park projects.

Questionnaire

The EDC is currently placing survey questionnaires in city hall and associated businesses. If you visit one of the businesses in Lone Star or City Hall, please take the time to fill out this short survey. It will give us new ideas on ways our citizens want to see improvements to the city..



New Members Needed

The LSECC is always looking for citizens to join the EDC to help with making Lone Star a better place for all citizens. If you are interested, stop by city hall, and pick up a volunteer service agreement. The EDC will obtain your volunteer service agreement, review it, and ask that you come to a council meeting to discuss.

HELP US MAKE LONE STAR A BETTER PLACE

Visual Improvement Program (VIP Program)

The Lone Star Economic Development Council has voted on and approved a new incentive program for local business. The Visual Improvement Program (VIP). This is a grant program funded by the LSEDC to promote a positive city image reflecting order, harmony, and pride; thereby, strengthening the economic stability in Lone Star, Texas business areas. The primary purpose of the VIP is to encourage the Visual improvement and enhancement of facades, business signage, landscaping, and parking lots for commercial professional, and retail business in Lone Star, Texas. This program affects ONLY building exteriors and does not account for interior spaces except for window display areas which are on public view. The design standards are meant to be flexible enough to allow business or property owners to be creative and design storefronts that market their establishments effectively.

At the same time, some aspects of the program will help to avoid poor quality design decisions that detract from the aesthetics of the business areas. The program also provides the means to provide an objective basis by which to evaluate projects that come up for review. Ultimately, the design, renovation, and repairs will enhance the economic success of Lone Star, Texas, by making it a more inviting place for shoppers and businesses.

The funding available is based on a reimbursement up to 50% percent match, with a maximum funding not to exceed \$2,000 in a running 18-month period. If you are interested, please contact the Lone Star City Secretary, or Rudy Dudley of the LSEDC for more information. We look forward to working with all local businesses to improve and enhance the Lone Star Texas Business environment.

The LSEDC is in the process of meeting with each business to discuss the program. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please let the City Secretary know.