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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

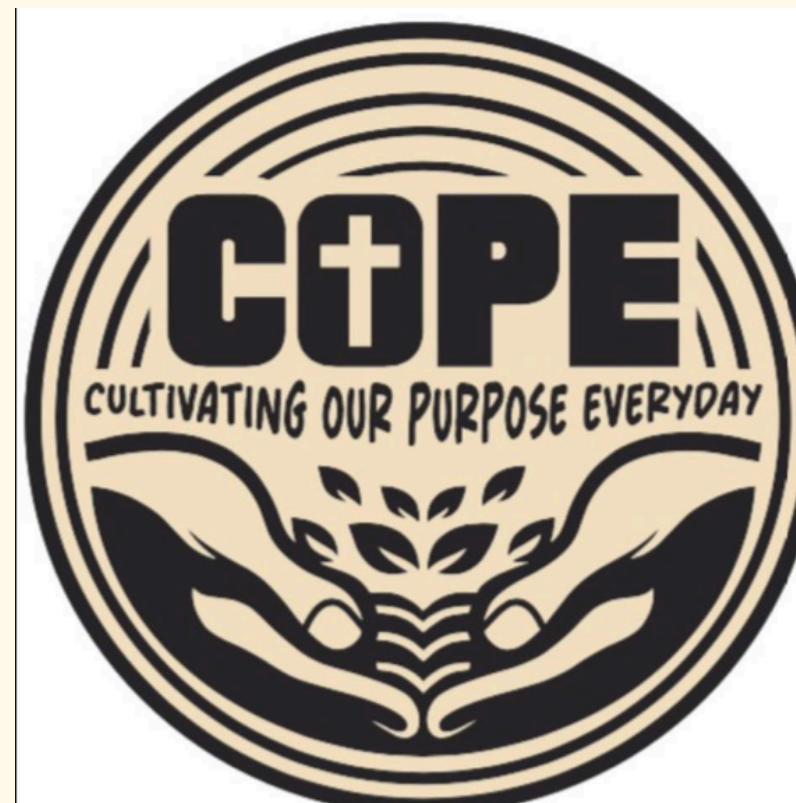
| P R E S E N T E D B Y |
BARBARA BREWER-WATSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

| P R E P A R E D B Y |
DEVYN FORQUER
LEONEL B. JARAMILLO

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | APRIL 2025



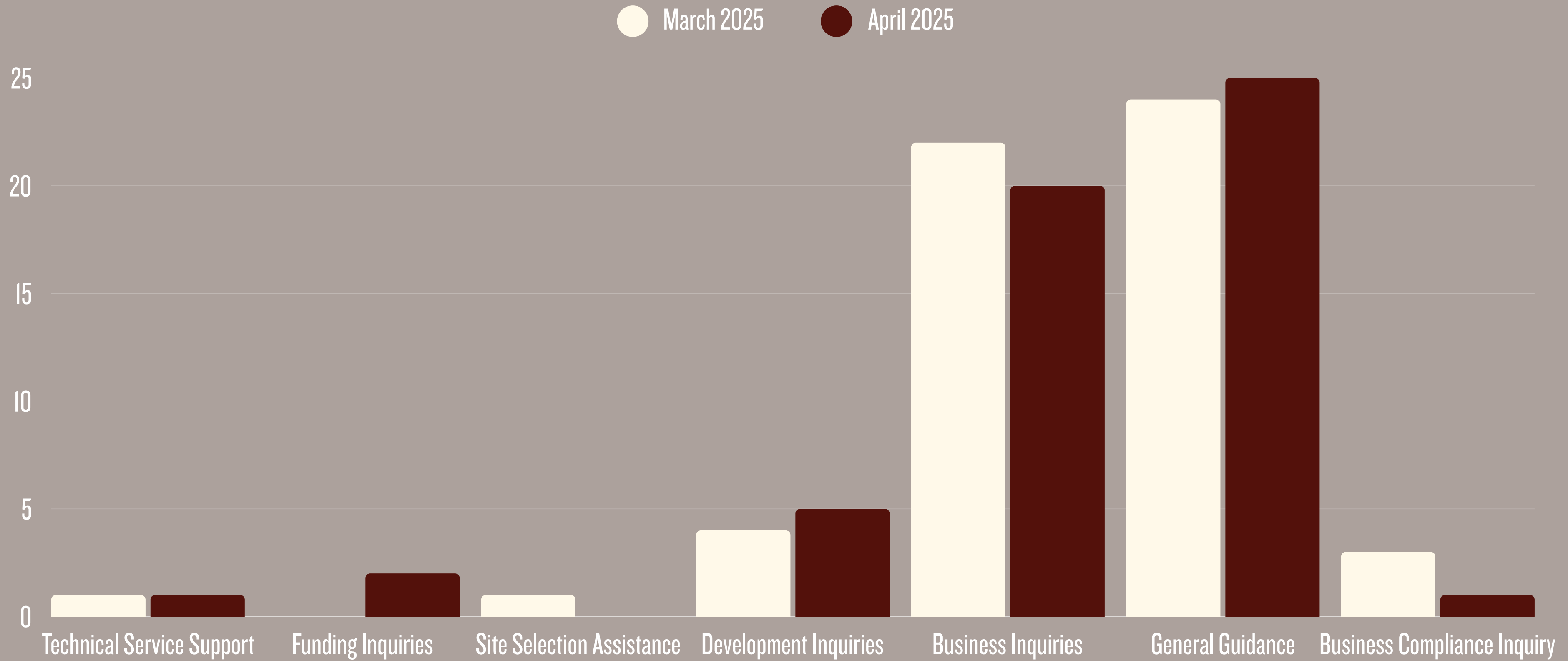
- Hamlin Wolcott Tattoo LLC | 4/04
- Gyros Gyros | 4/16
- Cultivating Our Purpose Every Day (C.O.P.E.) Inc. | 4/22
- *Ravenspring Media LLC | 4/25
- Party & Celebration | 4/29



73 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



| **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

- 14 NEW BUSINESS INQUIRIES
 - RETAIL (3)
 - NONPROFIT (2)
 - RESTAURANT
 - HEALTH CARE
 - FINANCIAL SERVICES (3)
 - HOME-BASED SERVICE
 - BARBERSHOP
- 1 LAND INQUIRIES
 - CONDITIONAL USE
- 2 RELOCATIONS
 - BRADLEY
 - BOURBONNAIS
- OUT OF CITY
 - AROMA TOWNSHIP

| **NLC CIE COMMITMENT** |

Working on MOU with Chamber and Community Foundation to distribute the grant funds to the CEO program and the student membership program.

| **RETAIL CHAIN INQUIRY** |

Initial call on 4/15; Looking for properties within site requirements;
Project Manager referenced Meadowview space; Conversations open

ATTRACTION REPORT

NLC CIE COMMITMENT

Need to find a facilitator to lead the Kauffman Fastrac Curriculum that guides entrepreneurs in starting a business.

RETENTION VISITS

- Retention Visit Letters for June sent out on 5/13/25
- Retention Visit Letters for July to be sent week of 5/26

RETENTION REPORT

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- MAJESTIC WEDDINGS & EVENTS
- HEMENOVER CONSTRUCTION
- KIFAR

HIGHLIGHTS:

CITY ASSETS

DOWNTOWN GROWTH, MAYORAL STAFF,
PEOPLE, VISION, PRO-BUSINESS
ENVIRONMENT, K.S.D. #111 NEW
SUPERINTENDENT

CHALLENGES

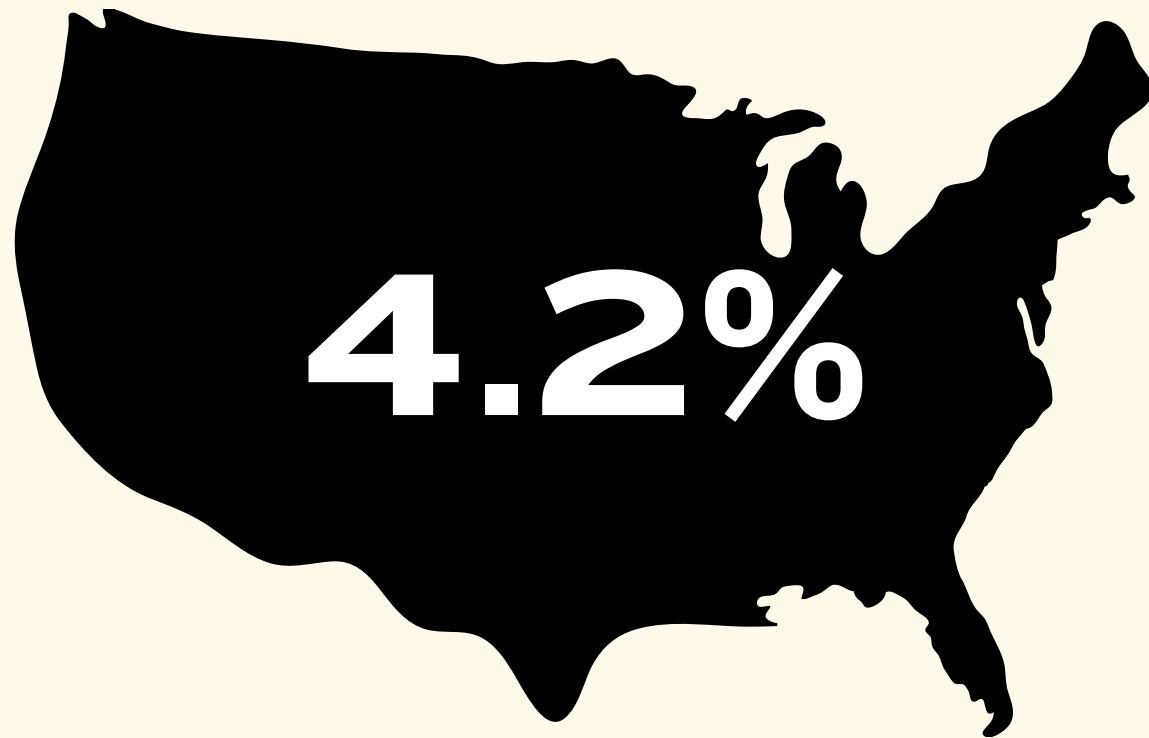
BUY-IN FROM LONG-TERM RESIDENTS
FOR NEW BUSINESSES, # OF
IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED, PROPERTY
TAXES, EDUCATION SYSTEM

UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO HAVE PLANS TO
RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE

| MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- ICSC Prep - Meetings Scheduled
- Luncheon planning underway
- Lunch n' Learns
 - Feb 4: Tax Workshop - 5 attendees
 - March 4: How to Start a Business - Alicia Kleinert, MCA - 13 attendees
 - April 1: Access to Capital - Midland States Bank - 13 attendees
 - May 6: AI Impact on Business - Barbi - 8 attendees
 - Upcoming Lunch n' Learns
 - June 2: Why Marketing Matters - Devyn & Visit Kankakee
 - September 17: Succession Planning - Partnered with Chamber of Commerce
 - October 7: Pitch Competition
- Working with Director King to create Zoning videos
- "I Am Kankakee" recruitment concepts and survey created
 - Kevin Smith, KFD - May feature -
 - Eric Lawrence, ASIP Local 150
- Social media content in progress
 - KRS River Walk Tour video edit in prog
- Website is live
 - Creating new page for businesses & developers, RFP/RFQs
- LinkedIn Company Page created
 - City of Kankakee, Illinois (City Rising Logo)



6.9%



5.1%

KANKAKEE COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (KCCVB)

| Board of Directors Meeting |

3rd Wednesday of each month | 4pm

Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board Room

| Executive Committee Meetings |

2nd Wednesday of each month | 9:30am

KCCVB Board Room

KCCVB City Representative
Alderman Dave Baron



KANKAKEE RIVERFRONT SOCIETY (KRS)

Priority notes from Executive Director, Bill Yohnka:

- Working on Community Fundraising Events
- New Goal: \$250,000.00 in fundraising

| Board of Director Meetings |
2nd Tuesday of each month | 11am
Meeting Locations Vary

KRS City Representative
Alderman Mike Cobbs

Barbi Watson is the Chairperson.

**THE OUTREACH
OF KANKAKEE**

PRIORITIES

- New Market Profile Released February 5
 - 2025 Kankakee County Market Profile
- Q2 2025 Report



KANKAKEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| COMMITTEES |
WORKFORCE & EDUCATION:
DEVYN (CO-CHAIR)
DEI: LEO

MAY 2025 MEETING:

- Golf Outing Prep
- Chamber Blitz: June 11-13
- Event REview

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- RC: MCA - 5/21
- RC: Deer Ridge - 6/5
- BAH: Kankakee Country Club - 6/11
- RC: State Rep Jackie Haas - 6/18



AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO



KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MAY 2025 - Full Board

| MEETINGS |
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| MARKETING COMMITTEE |
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

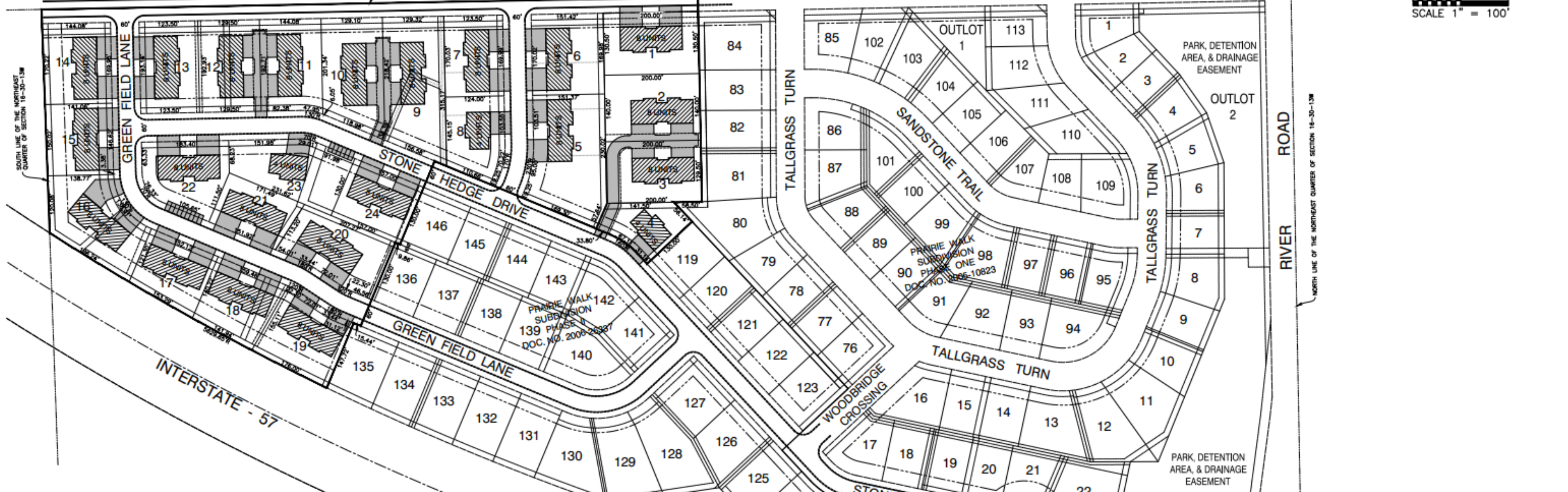
- Retention Day/Week Review (May 7-14)
 - Devyn & Leo visited 13 businesses
 - Business Appreciation Night at The Venu 5/14
- Annual Budget Review
- Marketing Services Proposals Review
- Incentive Applications Review

REPRESENTATIVES: DEVYN & LEO





PROJECT UPDATES



Harbor Place

Construction is nearing completion. Occupancy on units has been given and families are moving in.

Indian Meadows

Construction on new units is underway.

Veteran's Housing

Applications are being accepted via the Veterans Commission.

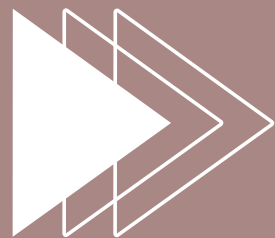
HOUSING

|PROJECT VENTURE|

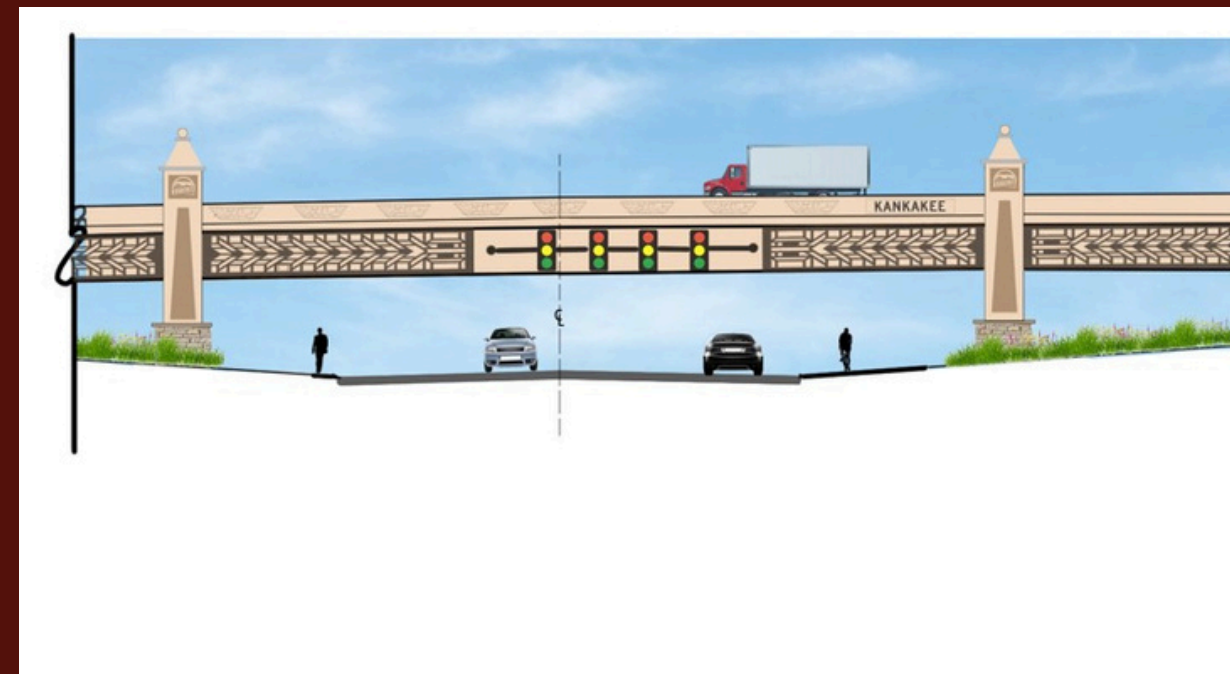
In site plan review process

|STORAGE OF AMERICA|

In site plan review process



HOTEL IS INTERESTED IN THIS AREA



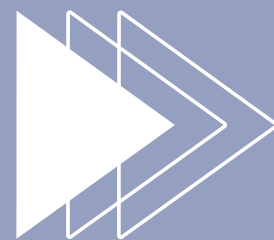
RIVERSTONE DEVELOPMENT ZONE



EAST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|HOBBIE AVENUE|

WORK IS ONGOING

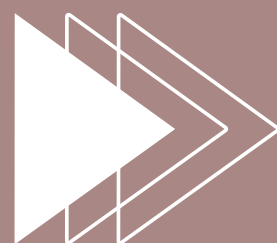


| 1801 W. STATION ST |

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT STAGE

| 1292 W. STATION ST |

MCA Adult Day Care open: Ribbon cutting 5/21



COMMERCIAL SPACE AVAILABLE ON WEST STATION STREET

WEST COURT ST. DEVELOPMENT ZONE



MCA
SENIOR ADULT DAY CENTER



RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|EAST RIVERWALK|

Preconstruction work begins Jan. 2025

|WEST RIVERWALK|

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PHASE

|WEST AVE|

STREETSCAPE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE

|505 S. SCHUYLER AVE|

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Retail Development Inquiry

Project Discovery Phase

|CURRENTLY LISTED|

CBRE:

[The Shoppes at Meadowview Listing](#)

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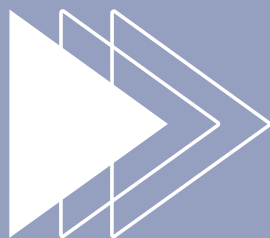




DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ZONE

|PROJECT CATALYST|

Planning and Zoning Permit



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BUILDING, PLANNING, & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

|PRIORITY COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES|

|JAFFE DRUG| ON COURT STREET

|RIVERSTONE CONVENTION CENTER| PART OF PROJECT VENTURE

|SOUTHWEST| CORNER OF COURT STREET & SCHUYLER AVE

|1933 E. COURT ST| DEMO COMPLETE



400 N. BLOCK OF 5th AVE
816 S. SCHUYLER AVE

KEEP IN MIND

**RACIAL & ECONOMIC
DISPARITIES**

MOBILITY

**AGING & OBSOLETE
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SWIFTLY CHANGING
TECHNOLOGY**

**DIVERSE & AGING
POPULATION**