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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | MAY 2025

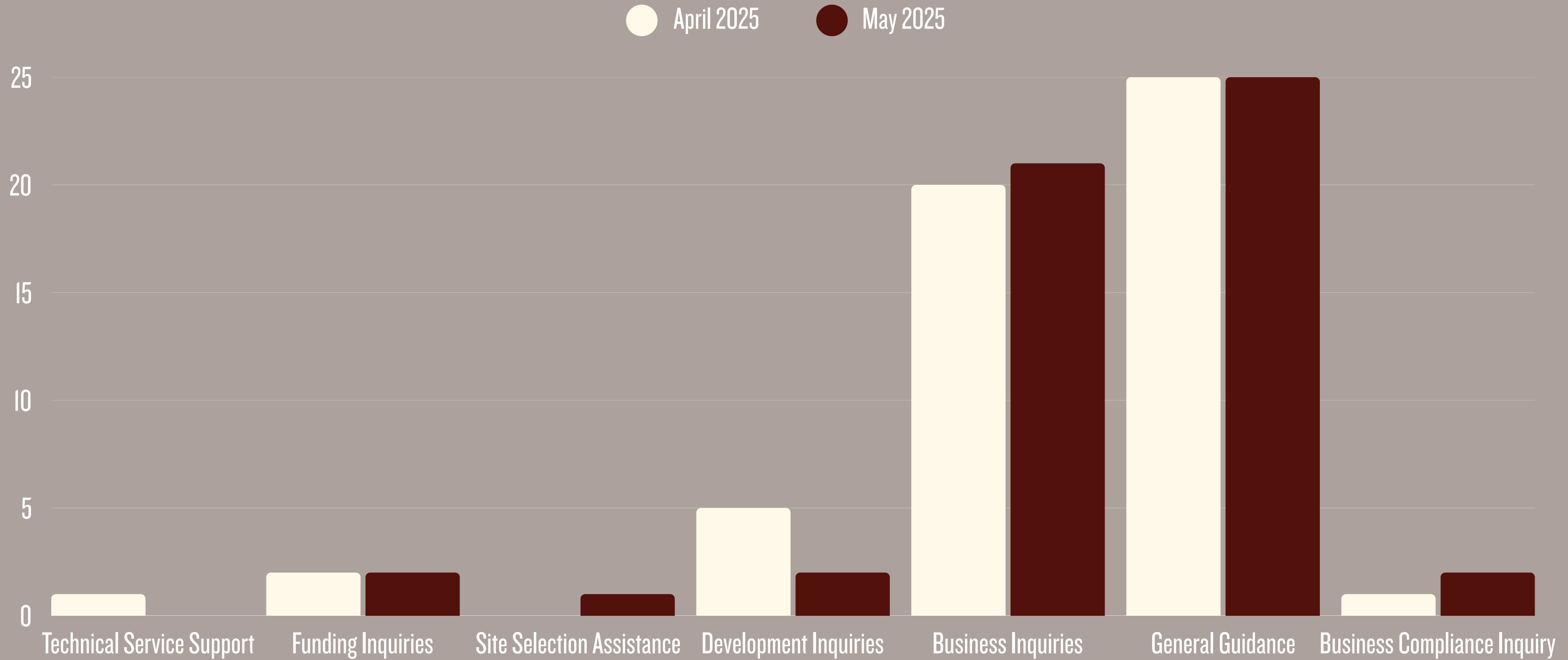


- \*MCM Deep Cleaning Solutions | 5/09
- Chef Vaughn's Kitchen | 5/22
- Cargo Vans of Chicago LLC | 5/22
- Keller Williams Preferred Realty | 5/22
- \*Fabulous Cleaning Services LLC | 5/22
- Nine 0 Six LLC | 5/22

**6 TOTAL TO DATE**

\*indicates home-based

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NAVIGATOR REPORT



## | **DEVELOPMENT INQUIRIES** |

- 14 NEW BUSINESS INQUIRIES
  - RETAIL (2)
  - NONPROFIT (3)
  - HEALTH CARE
  - FINANCIAL SERVICES (3)
  - REAL ESTATE
  - CONTRACTOR
  - VEHICLES
  - PERSONAL CARE (2)
- LAND INQUIRIES
  - CONDITIONAL USE (2)
- 1 RELOCATION
  - BRADLEY
- OUT OF CITY
  - UNINCORPORATED KANKAKEE COUNTY

## | **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

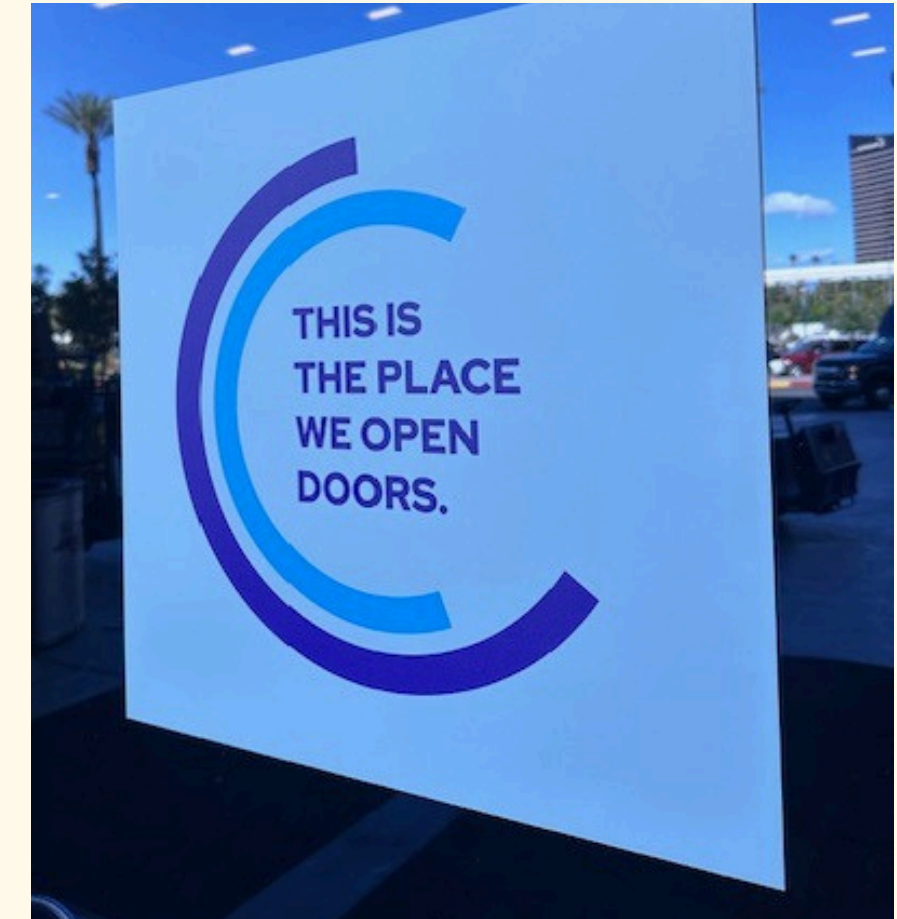
# ATTRACTION REPORT



# ICSC Report

- Meetings with 2 big box retailers
- Meeting with 1 national branded hotel
- “Cold Call” meetings with 2 different retailers
- 1 developer meeting about potential mixed use development
- 1 lunch meeting with regional developers

Follow up communication has been well received with potential mixed use developer and hotel company. We are working on scheduling visits to tour Kankakee.





# BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

## COMPANIES SURVEYED:

- TACO BELL # 24586
- K-FASHION CITY
- GRACIE PIE APOTHECARY
- BROOKMONT BOWLING CENTER
- KANKAKEE VALLEY PARK DISTRICT

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### CITY ASSETS

PEOPLE, VISION, COST OF LIVING,  
RIVER/RIVERFRONT, OPEN SPACES,  
AMENITIES

### CHALLENGES

VIOLENCE, LIGHTNING, TAXES, UTILITY  
COSTS, COMMUNICATION

### UPCOMING PLANS

MAJORITY DO NOT HAVE PLANS TO  
RENOVATE, EXPAND, OR RELOCATE





# | MARKETING & ATTRACTION |

- ICSC@Midwest Prep - 10/9 - Morgan MFG, Chicago
- Luncheon planning underway
  - Keynote speaker booked: Zachary Benedict, AIA
- 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
  - June 2: Why Marketing Matters - Devyn & Visit Kankakee - 8 attendees
  - Upcoming Lunch n' Learns
    - 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 - June
  - Vince Clark Jr. - July
- Social media content in progress
- Website is live
  - Creating new page for businesses & developers, RFP/RFQs
- LinkedIn Company Page created
  - City of Kankakee, Illinois (City Rising Logo)



*you're invited*  
third annual  
**ECDA LUNCHEON**

JULY 24 | 11-1PM

**THE MAJESTIC**

150 N. SCHUYLER AVE, KANKAKEE, IL

| KEYNOTE SPEAKER |

**Zachary Benedict, AIA**



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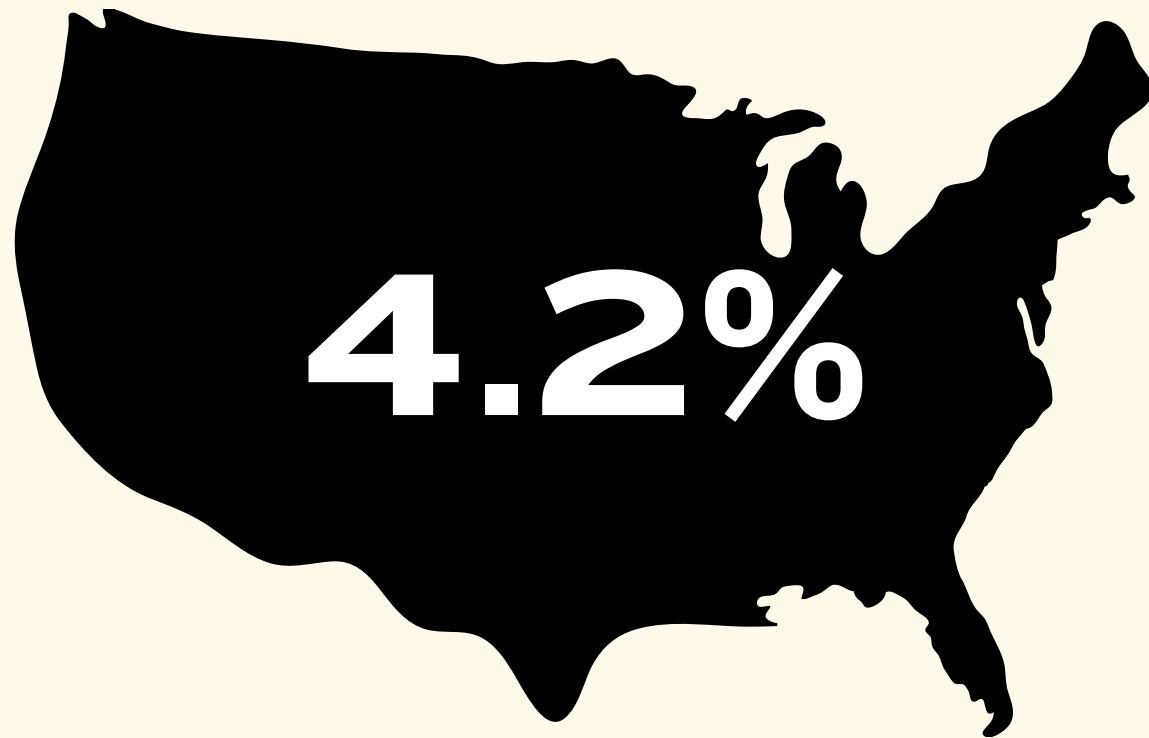


RSVP BY JULY 18  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



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# 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  
At KVPD Offices

**KRS City Representative**  
**Alderman Mike Cobbs**

**THE OUTREACH**  
**OF KANKAKEE**



# 2025 Q2 REPORT

# 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

## JUNE 2025 MEETING:

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

## PAST EVENTS:

- 6/11: BAH - Kankakee Country Club
- 6/18: RC - State Rep Jackie Haas' office
- 6/24: Lunch n' Learn: AI
- 6/25: BAH - Riverside ABA Clinic
- 8/8: Chamber Golf Outing



**AMBASSADORS: DEVYN & LEO**





# KANKAKEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## June 2025 - Exec Board Meeting Only

| MEETINGS |  
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

| MARKETING COMMITTEE |  
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH



**JUNE 28**


**8:00 AM MARKET OPENS**

**8:30 AM YOGA ON SCHUYLER**  
YMCA - KARLA TAYLOR

**9:30 AM MUSIC AT THE GAZEBO**  
CARRYING TORCHES

**12:00 PM MARKET CLOSURES**

**SUCCESS BY 6**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD FAIR**



THE KANKAKEE EVENTS PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS

Wed. *June 11*  
Emily Chloe Quinn  
Essential Smoothies  
+ Mia Bella

Wed. *July 9*  
Three's a Crowd  
Brother George's BBQ  
+ Martinez

Wed. *Aug 13*  
John Till  
Creme of the Crop +  
Bamboo Island



3 STAGES OF MUSIC • FOOD • BEER • ART • COMMUNITY

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MERCHANT STREET MUSIC FEST

**REPRESENTATIVES:**  
**DEVYN & LEO**

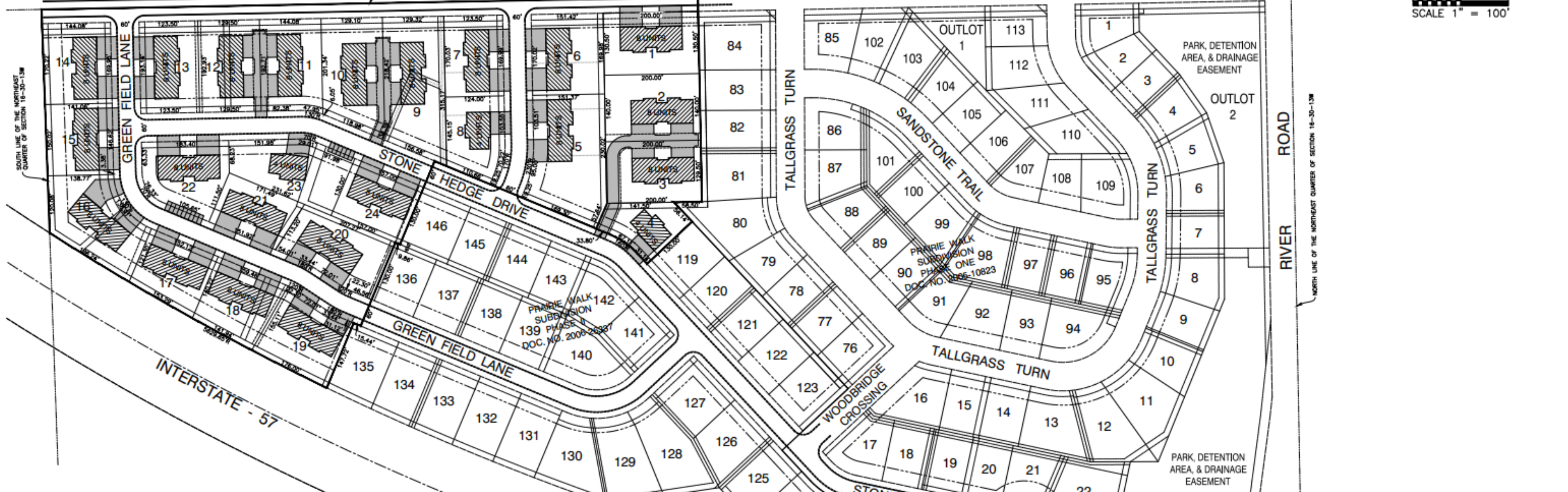




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# PROJECT UPDATES





## 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



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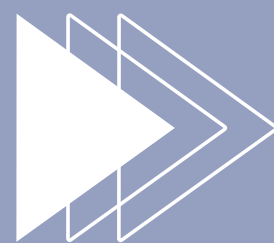




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# |HOBBIE AVENUE|

# Construction is Done



## HOTEL IS INTERESTED IN THIS AREA

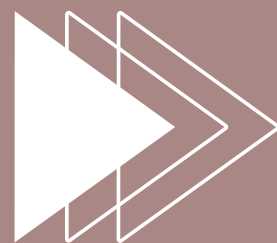


| 1801 W. STATION ST |

# 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|

Mussel Relocation happening week of June 24

## |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|

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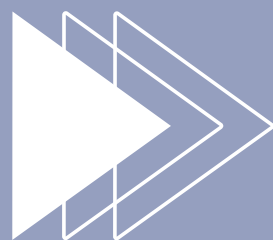




**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ZONE**

# |PROJECT CATALYST|

Waiting on River Edge Redevelopment Zone Certification



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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**