

City of Early 1st Quarter Report 2023-2024

MDD and Development

MDD Board

As we enter a new budget year there is increased optimism in the commercial growth in Early. It has been a very productive final quarter and a great year overall. This past year we have increased the number of business we helped along the commercial corridor as well as welcomed many new businesses into our city.

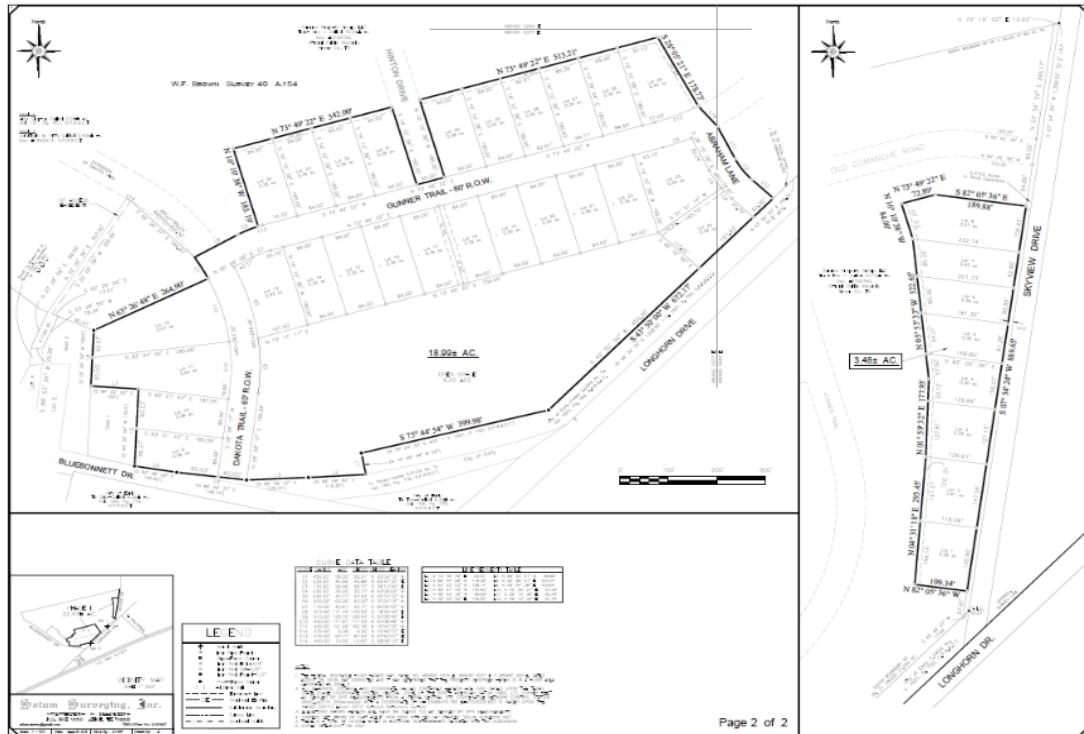
In the October MDD Meeting, the board elected new officers and Mr. Allcorn was nominated to continue as President, Mr. Mercer as Vice President, and Mr. Johnson as Secretary. The board received an update to the construction at Town Center as the sidewalk was nearing completion and picnic tables were placed throughout the park. They also heard about the fishing piers being installed and the overall success in the park construction. The sundial project from the TMCN grant the board approved was nearing completion as the columns have been erected and the gnomon is complete. The board voted to approve a bid received by Mobley Construction for the drainage and fill work on the parkway lot that they purchased a few months back. The board also voted to give the occupant of 406 Early Blvd an additional month to vacate the building.

The November meeting consisted of updates to the previous projects. The board was notified that the previous grant of \$10,000 to the city to subsidize a LCRA grant was not needed and was considered no longer active. There was also a vote on the approval of the Boardwalk plan to accept it as drawn. The City is going out for bids on this project in December.

In the December meeting the board learned that the occupant has left 406 Early Blvd, and the property is controlled by the MDD. The board authorized going out for bid for the demolition of the building. The board also heard a presentation by Tim Brasher of Brasher and Company who was applying for an MDD Economic Development Grant. The Board voted to approve up to \$25,000 for façade improvements, signage and landscaping around their building at 508 Garmon Dr.

Longhorn Subdivision

The water and sewer material has been ordered for this project along with the associated sewer material for the Park Dr. portion of replacement to coincide with this project. City of Early Public Works crews will begin construction the first of January.



Autumn Drive

The base work has been complete and the concrete contractor showed up the last week of the year to begin forming up the curb and gutter. Once the curb and gutter are poured the remaining base will be installed and asphalt will be ready to lay.



Town Center

The end of the year brought with it the ending of the construction for most of the Town Center Park. As the winter moves ahead, there will be some clean up items and general maintenance items but when spring rolls around, the park will be ready to flourish. The sidewalks are complete,, the bridge is complete, the lighting is complete, the classroom is complete, the fishing docks are complete, and the first stocking of bait fish has occurred.





Boardwalk

The final design is in and has been approved by the City Council to go out for bid. We have request proposals from over 12 different contractors and we should have 5-6 proposals

returned On January 12th. The City staff will review the proposals and submit them to the Council for approval during a Council meeting on January 23rd.



The Mangrum Street Plans along with the parking lots adjacent to the buildings, boardwalk and batting cage have been turned over from the engineers. We are working with the timing from the EDA grant to go out for bid on construction for this project. .



The City of Early has secured a contract with Stantec to perform an archeological survey and historical buildings survey both of which are required by the EDA for the grant. Once the results are returned from this survey, the grant can be submitted. We anticipate this to be submitted the second quarter of this year.



Sundial

With the exception of some fine tuning and clean up, the sundial project has been completed. The TMCN Leadership team received first place in their submittal for the project and in turn received a scholarship from the Texas Midwest Community Network. We are very proud of the hard work put in by these two fine young women.

