



Development Project Updates

December 29, 2020

Opening

Under Construction

- Haslett Marathon-1619 Haslett Road-new building construction/approved Brownfield Plan
- Aspen Dental/Verizon/Ivy Rehab (former Leo's Lodge)-2085 West Grand River
- Anna's House-1753 West Grand River (former Pizza Hut)-remodeling permits issued
- Clarion Pointe-2736 East Grand River-significant renovation
- Joe's on Jolly (restaurant)-2360 Jolly Road-significant renovation of former tire store
- Elevation Phase 2-2362 Jolly Oak-five new residential buildings
- Fedewa Homes-1730 Chief Okemos-residential project
- Red Cedar Manor-Mixed Use--site plan review-Northwind Drive
- Silverstone Estates-- 25 single family residential homes at Powell Road north of Grand River
- Cooper Creek-residential development NE corner of Haslett and Van Atta Roads
- Haslett Gallery, Inc.-SUP approved for medical marihuana provisioning center at 2119
- Oriental Market-interior remodel- 2800 East Grand River Avenue
- Okemos Community Church--4734 Okemos Road-interior remodeling
- Klingmans Furniture-1705 Newman Road--new store location (former Toys R Us)

Approved/Not Commenced

- Woda Cooper-residential development North of Whole Foods
- Newton Park Apartments, SE Corner Newton Road/Saginaw Hwy. Multifamily mixed use Haslett Road (SE corner Okemos/Haslett)
- The W. Investment Holdings-SUP approved for MM provisioning center at 1614 Grand River (just west of Central Park-new building)

- The Cured Leaf TC, Inc.-SUP approved for MM provisioning center at 3520 Okemos Road (N of Jolly)
- Pine Village MUPUD-Haslett Village Square--senior housing community, 3-4 stories, 133 dwelling units, first floor commercial/public
- Village of Okemos-mixed-use project, West of Okemos Road, N/S of Hamilton
- Andev senior housing community-230-unit senior living community at the east end of Hannah Blvd. Mix of assisted living, memory care, and independent living
- Buddy's Pizzeria-2010 Grand River-new store location (former Burger King)
- Williams Volkswagen of Okemos-2186 Jolly Road-expansion-site plan review
- Green Peak Innovations-medical marihuana provisioning center-east side Northwind Drive
- Silverleaf PUD--plans submitted for residential development-Bennett Road

Closings/Postponements

- High Caliber Karting-1982 West Grand River-expansion project/outdoor seating are
- Wayfair
- Lafontaine Dealership-NE corner of Powell Road and Grand River--construction/projects stopped
- New York & Company-Meridian Mall store closing
- Menards-6365 Newton Road--new store location (former drive-in site on Saginaw)



To: Economic Development Corporation Members

From: Amber Clark Director Neighborhoods & Economic Development

Date: January 7, 2021

Re: Meridian Township Small Business Grant Relief Program

At a special meeting held Friday December 18th 2020, the Meridian Township board approved the use of \$500,000 from the Meridian Redevelopment fund to aid in the Meridian Township Small Business Grant Relief Program. This grant application window opened Monday December 21, 2020 with application accepted as early as Friday December 18th, 2020. Grant applicants may be awarded up to \$7,000 to assist with managing operations.

The Business needs survey that was submitted to the public in November highlighted that 80% of the respondents were searching for more financial assistance to make it through the shopping season with the additional COVID-19 restrictions in place. This round of business relief assistance was changed to allow for more eligibility among township business owners. Some business were ineligible in the first grant program due to being a chain or larger sized operation.

Grant application will close tomorrow January 5th at 12:00p. Applications will be reviewed by the six member subcommittee created through the Township Board, Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation. Awarded businesses will be announced Friday January 8th with funds distributed no later than Friday January 15th.



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Re: Annual Goals for the Economic Development Corporation

The Township Board previously approved the following as annual goals for Meridian Township departments

- A. Maintain unparalleled customer service and public safety throughout the Global COVID-19 Pandemic.
- B. Expand our solar footprint with the placement of a \$300,000 solar array, at a site to be determined.
- C. Continue our efforts to broaden our opportunities for enhanced Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- D. Culminate our decade long effort to redevelop Downtown Okemos and Haslett with vertical construction.
- E. Implement the second year of our Local Road Enhancement Program by improving a minimum of 15 miles of local roads.
- F. Bolster our critical police and fire department recruiting efforts.
- G. Complete Phase 1 and 2 of the MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway.
- H. Further our branding efforts with the addition of new "Welcome to Meridian Township" signage.
- I. Be mindful of the struggle facing our Meridian business community during COVID-19, develop and implement creative programs to assist our partners.
- J. Work with Granicus to upgrade the design of our Meridian Township website to improve functionality, as well as, give a new look and experience to site visitors.

The following are suggested goals prepared by the Economic Development Department's for the Economic Development Corporation to adopt in 2021:

1. Support endeavors that assists entrepreneurship, start-ups and businesses of all sizes through volunteerism, advocacy and funding.

- A. Create a program to assist businesses with outreach, advertising, event planning and Business to Business connection.
- B. Create a Shop Small Program that launches annually during the holiday season
- C. Engage with school districts to implement a entrepreneurial program or support existing business programs within our public schools.

2. Continue to build and maintain regional relationships to foster continued growth and development in our community.

- A. Provide all the assistance possible to foster the redevelopment of our PICA districts b. Collaborate with and advocate for the transformational redevelopment of the Meridian

3. Work strategically to ensure that Meridian Township is a great place to start, run and grow a business.

- A. Support implementation of a program to highlight local business and their success stories, utilize social media, HOM TV to announce milestones, new products, changes in leadership, investment in community. Coordinate with regional business advocacy group where appropriate.
- B. Vet platforms and support the implementation of an online data base of Meridian Township business. Utilize surveys, track interactions among other value added services to assist in business retention and attraction efforts.
- C. Help the planning division solicit feedback for the adoption of Form Based Code, Overlay Zoning Districts and/or MUPUD revisions to better streamline the development process. Consider density, minimum dwelling unit size and unwanted/unneeded construction of new commercial spaces. Focus on infill.