

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

5 Prospects

2 Projects

- **Prospect Grinds:** issues w/ property apron and state roads; waiting on DOTD funding
- **Prospect Carnival:** business and city in review of plans, discussions continue
- **Prospect Polywaf:** property survey for city/private land ownership; developer in review
- **Prospect Smoke:** progress temporarily paused by owner
- **Prospect Chopper:** location and property owner discussions
- **Project Corridor:** waiting to be brought before council for vote
- **Project Transport:** Pivoting to funding alternatives, coalition lead

EXISTING BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

9 Business Visits

1 Business Events

- Grant Workshop Planning with Congressman Higgins' Office planning
- Zoom call to discuss available property for a possible prospect in business expansion
- Vermilion Shrimpers Summit with LSU AgCenter and Louisiana Sea Grant
- Introductory meeting with existing business looking to further connections and resources
- Business request for information on grants and/or loan assistance, funding opportunities
- Discussion on possible new business venture through existing expansion to eco-tourism
- Call with local extension agent to discuss strategy letter on behalf of local industry in need
- City communications committee strategy meeting

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4 Government Engagements

4 Community initiatives

- City of Abbeville Council meeting update presentation
- Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) virtual monthly board meeting
- Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission meeting
- Meet and Greet with Cajun Caravan airstream group to introduce Vermilion Parish
- Crawfish Haven welcome event/film to discuss Vermilion Parish, industries and culture
- Vermilion Parish Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- Bayou and Mermentau Basin multi-parish meeting; local industry impacts
- Resident request for natural disaster damage information on home repair assistance
- VEDA meeting with Town of Maurice Mayor and Alderman
- Strategy meeting with Nehemiah Projects of Acadiana, Inc.

DEDICATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

9 General Media

- Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- VEDA Monthly Board Meeting
- VEDA Strategic Planning Committee meeting
- Planning with VPSB on Workforce Development Career Campus event
- LIDEA Basic Economic Development Course in New Orleans
- Louisiana Economic Development and One Acadiana Vermilion Parish Strategy meeting
- Calls with multiple parish personnel to plan for congressional staffer Vermilion Parish tour
- Meeting with Parish Administrator to discuss funding program and parish tour attendance
- VEDA + Vermilion Chamber of Commerce planning for parish job fair

