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The Energy Corridor District (District) is an advocate for one of Houston’s premier business centers and destinations. Established in 2001 by the Texas Legislature as Harris County Improvement District #4, the District was created to promote, develop, encourage, maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, recreation, arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare within its boundaries.

Home to the headquarters and regional offices of prominent global firms within the energy sector and beyond, the District consists of over 2,000 acres, stretching along IH-10 from Kirkwood Road to west of Barker Cypress Road, and extending south along Eldridge Parkway to south of Briar Forest Drive. The District also offers access to assets such as Buffalo Bayou, Terry Hershey Park, various recreational trails, and adjacency to over 26,000 acres of parks and open space.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote, develop, maintain, and enhance the Energy Corridor District through implementation of projects, services, and initiatives in the realm of public safety, transportation and mobility, infrastructure, streetscape, and economic development. Through active leadership, advocacy, and collaborative efforts, the District works to accelerate area improvements for long-term economic vitality.

OUR VISION

The Energy Corridor District is recognized as a premier place to work, live, play, and invest. As a thriving destination and business center, the District is at the forefront of advancing economic vitality through integrated planning efforts and the creation of a safe, accessible, well-maintained, amenitized, and distinctive environment.
The District is committed to positively impacting the service area through leadership that collaboratively implements and accelerates projects, services, and initiatives. Our purpose is not to reduce public sector responsibilities, but to leverage public and private resources through partnerships for the purpose of improving and enhancing the District. This commitment is executed through the District’s core services of:

- Advocacy, Economic Development, Leadership, and Marketing
- Beautification and Maintenance
- Planning, Infrastructure, and Identity
- Public Safety and Security
- Transportation and Mobility

Visit our website to learn more about specific goals associated with each core service.
We hired a Communications Specialist and partnered with 9thWonder, a nationally recognized advertising firm, to advance the District’s branding, marketing, and public relations efforts in 2021.

We supported small businesses impacted by COVID-19 and the economic climate through coordinating and hosting multiple meetings with the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Houston District Office and by creating a virtual COVID-19 Business Toolkit. Additionally, we executed creative campaigns such as “District Dishes,” “Energize the Energy Corridor District,” and “The District’s Twelve Days of Christmas.”

In an effort to serve as a reliable go-to resource for stakeholders, we completed the 2020 Land Use and Demographics Report to share relevant District data, facts, and information.

We coordinated and hosted events to connect District stakeholders with their elected officials including a Virtual Business Roundtable with Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher and a Virtual Town Hall with State Representative Jim Murphy.

To represent and advocate for the District’s interests, we held regular meetings with elected officials and participated in meetings with Houston-Galveston Area Council’s Transportation Advisory Committee, Houston/Galveston Regional PIO Network, Harris County’s Regional Joint Information Center, West Houston Association, Greater Houston Partnership meetings and events, Houston West Chamber of Commerce events and meetings, and more.

Our website obtained over 45,000 page views and our most visited webpages were the Major Employers listing and our Restaurants Guide.

We maintained an active presence on four social media platforms. On average, our most engaged platform reached over 700 people per post.

We created the Advisory Committee on Stormwater and Drainage Improvements and Flood Resiliency, which provided opportunities for interactions with leaders of public agencies and led to the development of a Flood Resiliency and Engineering Report (in progress).

Our e-newsletter, District Discovery, is sent to almost 5,000 subscribers bi-monthly with an above-average open rate.

We advocated for the District’s interests related to the United States Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo Bayou Tributaries and Resiliency Study Interim Report.

We lead efforts to host public events including the District’s Wheels and Reels Movie Night – 150 vehicles packed with families participated – notwithstanding several events that were postponed due to the coronavirus including Cigna Sunday Streets, the Kolache 5K, and more.

To show our appreciation for first responders and healthcare workers who serve the District, we provided them with meals from District restaurants.

We made donations totaling $12,000 to nonprofits that serve the District’s community including the West Houston Assistance Ministries and the Memorial Assistance Ministries.

To collect input from stakeholders, we held Langham Park Stakeholder meetings, Land Use and Demographics stakeholder interviews, executed a Regional Employer Survey with H-GAC, conducted surveys via our e-newsletter, and responded to questions and concerns from stakeholders and other advocates.

We coordinated with Houston City Council Members, the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods, and TxDOT to address service requests within our boundaries for code enforcement.
BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE

- We provided seasonal plantings, grass cutting, debris and litter pick up, power washing columns under I-10, landscape irrigation monitoring, and more through the District’s Maintenance efforts.
- Along I-10, we sustained 12,000 native trees using organic-based compost fertilization.
- We maintained 205,000+ square feet of sidewalks and shared walkways.
- To maintain the District bike lanes and intersections, we regularly blew and cleaned them.
- We managed District property maintenance including public transportation shelters, benches at rest stops, and unique right-of-way signage, in addition to lighting, bollards, and bike racks within public rights-of-way.

DID YOU KNOW?

EVERY YEAR, THE DISTRICT COLLECTS BETWEEN

1,200 - 1,500 CUBIC YARDS OF LITTER AND DEBRIS OFF OF TXDOT AND CITY OF HOUSTON RIGHTS-OF-WAY
By turning on the pedestrian lighting at the Memorial Drive and Eldridge Parkway intersection, we completed the final step for the Memorial Drive and Eldridge Parkway Protected Intersection Project - the first protected intersection of its kind in West Houston.

We completed the Langham Park Master Plan, creating the foundation for the first destination park in the Energy Corridor at the convergence of Terry Hershey Park and the Addicks Reservoir.

We adopted new guidelines for the design standards and installation procedures of Small Cell Towers within the District’s boundaries.

To provide District stakeholders with critical information regarding flood resiliency infrastructure and associated projects that impact the District, we began the development of the District’s Flood Resiliency and Engineering Analysis and Report.

We completed the Langham Creek Slope Embankment Stabilization Project to provide additional protection and stabilization of the Park Row bridge and roadway.

We designed, planned, and bid for the reconstruction of the Terry Hershey North Trail. The contract award and construction will begin in early 2021.

The District began exploring several strategic planning projects to advance the long-term economic vitality of the Energy Corridor. The following projects are expected to be completed in 2021:

- The Energy Corridor District Strategic Action Plan
- The Energy Corridor District Design Standards and Streetscape Guidelines
- The Eldridge and IH10 Corridors Enhancements Concept Plan
We provide **security patrol** through the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office to maintain a safe environment for business owners, employees, and residents. The District's Public Safety and Security service **focuses on a community model** that connects business leaders to the Constable Patrol officers.

- The District's Security Patrol completed over 2,700 self-initiated business checks and over 2,300 area checks.
- To **advocate for and advance partnerships that support our public safety interests**, we regularly engaged with Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office and the Houston Police Department - Westside Division.
- We **hosted a Coffee with the Constable’s Office event** and started planning for Quarterly Safety Meetings and a Public Safety & Security Video Series that will be introduced in 2021.
- To **maintain public safety and cleanliness in the District**, we coordinated with Houston City Council members, City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods, TxDOT, Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office, and the Houston Police Department to assist people struggling with homelessness. These efforts also resulted in cleanings along I-10 and Highway 6, and additional police patrols to the area.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2020, the District's Security Patrol responded to **8,900+ calls** with an average response time of **1.75 minutes**.
We hired a Transportation and Mobility Manager and a Transportation and Mobility Consultant to support implementing, maintaining, and expanding multi-modal transportation and mobility options to, from, and within the District.

The Energy Corridor District and The Woodlands Township entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a pilot program for Commuter Bus Service. This innovative pilot program will provide a dedicated bus service for the District’s employees and The Woodlands’ residents. Additionally, we conducted preliminary discussions with Fort Bend Transit regarding commuter service possibilities and regularly engaged with METRO to move our transportation goals forward.

We completed the Memorial Drive and Eldridge Parkway Protected Intersection Project. This resulted in improved vehicular movement, enhanced safety for pedestrians and cyclists by building 12’ wide sidewalks and raised islands that improve ADA, walkability, and bicycle access across the intersection.

To work towards expanding and amplifying the use of Hike and Bike Trails, we examined opportunities for trail and sidewalk connectivity and made plans to advance these opportunities in 2021.

We strengthened relationships with city and regional transportation partners and have begun to explore opportunities to advance the District’s transportation planning efforts.