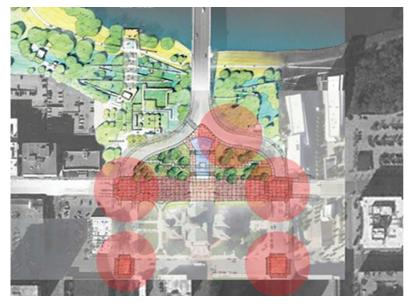
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## HERITAGE PARK PLAZA UPDATE



Significant transportation related improvements to the Tarrant County Courthouse area have been approved by the Regional Transportation Committee.

These improvements were proposed as part of the larger Heritage and Paddock Park/Courthouse project, being championed by Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. in partnership with the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. The project includes improved pedestrian safety measures on Weatherford and Belknap streets, easing a radius around Paddock Park and traffic calming measures. Responses to a DFWI/City RFQ for design services have been received and the design team will be selected soon. Follow project updates at dfwi.org/go/hp.

#### SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN

Our restaurants and retail stores are open! You can enjoy your favorite Downtown restaurant through dine-in service, curbside pickup, or delivery. To patronize a store, you can shop in-store, online, buy a gift card, or schedule a pick-up or delivery. Visit dfwi.org for our full list of dining and shopping options.



# NEW HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH SPECIALITIST JOINS DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS

Brianna Threw has joined the Downtown Ambassadors as our new Homelessness Outreach Specialist. Brianna's efforts will be focused on building relationships with homeless individuals to provide strategic caselevel management, directing them to the services or housing they need. If



you see someone in need, call Brianna at 682-218-8156.

## AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING



Some projects are being delayed because of the coronavirus, but we are heartened to see that a mixed income housing development is making progress on Downtown's east edge. The Huntley, to be developed by Stonehawk Capital in partnership with Fort Worth Housing Solutions on the former Airporter site, has begun the permitting

process and hopes to start foundation construction of the 295 unit development in December. 51% of the apartments will be affordable, a much needed addition of workforce housing to downtown and greater downtown area.

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#### **DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

- The AC Hotel is scheduled to open at the end of this month, September 2020!
- Burnett Lofts, an apartment development under construction at the Cherry Street entrance into Downtown is still on track for a Qtr. 3 2021 opening.
- Kent Lofts has resumed their permit application for the corner of Lancaster and Main streets.
- The Jameson, a 384-unit apartment development at 701 N. Hampton Street, is now leasing units for move-in this fall.

For more information on Downtown development, visit dfwi.org/projects.



AC Hotel



The Iameson

#### TRINITY METRO LAUNCHES A BETTER CONNECTION



Trinity Metro's bus system redesign, known as A Better Connection, is intended to make substantial improvements by reviewing the entire network and focusing on five key topics that include system priorities, waiting vs. walking, and

preferences on downtown vs. other destinations. Learn more about the project's goals and timeline at ridetrinitymetro.org.

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO FILL OUT YOUR 2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. Take a few moments to complete the census today at 2020census.gov.



#### **TEXAS A&M STUDY**

DFWI has completed fundraising for a concept study that will explore how the Texas A&M School of Law could help anchor a significant public/private innovation hub in Downtown. The study will be conducted by U3 Advisors, a consulting firm with offices in Philadelphia, New York and Boston that specializes in assisting cities, universities, and private industry in establishing joint ventures, academic/industry collaborations, and innovation districts. Work began in late July and will continue through the coming months.

# DFWI'S MATT BEARD ACCEPTED TO IDA'S EMERGING LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The International Downtown Association (IDA) selected DFWI's Director of Public Improvements, Matt Beard as one of 30 of the industry's brightest professionals for the 2020 Emerging Leaders Fellowship (ELF) program. Matt is joined by senior staff members hailing from three countries and 17 provinces in the program.

The Emerging Leader Fellowship is a week-long experiential program bringing together a cohort of IDA professionals from within the urban district management industry. The fellows learn essential leadership and place management skills and gain practical tools in the areas of place-based economic

development, the live-work-play experience, and public-private partnerships.

This program typically takes place each June in New York City. Due to the impacts of the current pandemic, this year's cohort received their intensive instruction delivered by IDA partners at Coro New York Leadership Center over a virtual platform. The group is scheduled to meet in-person in the spring of 2021 where they will continue their learning with professionals from several business improvement district organizations providing technical in-the-field training.

# **ACRE DISTILLING GOES SOLAR**

The "Green Acre Initiative" by Acre Distilling began earlier this year with a parking lot renovation that added parking shelters with solar panels and electric car charging stations. The solar panels are estimated to generate 104% of the distillery's power requirements, cutting their energy costs down to zero. The Green Acre Initiative also includes a bottle recycling program.



Customers who return an empty retail bottle purchased from the distillery will receive 5% off their next purchase. Visit and support this local distillery by purchasing a bottle, cocktail kit, or enjoy a tasting tour and a specialty cocktail at their facility located at 1309 Calhoun Street.

# PID ADVISORY BOARDS

#### PID #1 Advisory Board

Larry Auth – Omni Fort Worth Hotel (Chair)
Rita Aves – Oil & Gas Building
Laura Bird - Anthracite Realty Partners
Johnny Campbell – City Center Fort Worth
Gary Cumbie – The Cumbie Consultancy
Carlos De La Torre – Fort Worth Downtown
Neighborhood Alliance

Jim Finley – Finley Resources Inc.

Taylor Gandy - Ron Investments, Ltd.

Drew Hayden – The Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel

Marie Holliday, DMD – Flowers to Go in Sundance Square

Walter Littlejohn – The Fort Worth Club

David Losee - XTO Energy

Michelle Lynn – Building Owners & Managers Association

Renee Massey - Red Oak Realty

Don Perfect - ONCOR

Karen Vaughan - Nine Oak Investments

Joy Webster - MorningStar Capital

John Yeung - Sheraton Hotel Fort Worth

#### PID #1 FY 2020 Advisory Board Meetings:

4Q Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 9 AM\*

#### PID #14 Advisory Board

Tom Struhs – Westford Builders (Chair)
Kent Bogle – Villa de Leon
Jeff Fulenchek – Carleton Residential Properties
Anthony Renda – Trinity Bluff
Development, LTD.

#### PID #14 FY 2020 Advisory Board Meetings:

4Q Meeting - Thursday, October 8, 2020, 9 AM\*

Advisory Board Meeting Location: Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. 777 Taylor St., Suite 100 Fort Worth, TX 76102

\*Public participation will be available virtually. For virtual meeting information, email matt@dfwi.org.

Any changes to the meetings listed above will be posted on dfwi.org/about/pid

# DOWNTOWN AMBASSADORS ON THE STREETS

JUNE-AUGUST 2020

4,851

hospitality assists



419

clean team referrals

46 motorist assists

**548** 



business

homeless outreach



safety escorts



**Downtown Ambassadors Hours:** Sunday - Saturday 7 am - 12 am

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# PID BUDGETS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2021

On August 25, 2020 Fort Worth City Council approved the proposed budgets and assessments for PID #1 and #14. Given the coronavirus, the assessment rates will not increase from last year and services will be deployed recognizing the rapidly changing environment.

#### PID #1

The FY 2021 tax rate continues at 10.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

#### PID #14

The FY 2021 tax rate continues at 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

For more information, visit dfwi.org/about/PID.

# 23 PATIOS TO ENJOY IN DOWNTOWN



Options for outdoor dining and happy hours are easy to find here in Downtown! Check out our list of 23 Downtown patios in our latest blog at dfwi.org/blog.

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