



CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

Mayor's Report

A Report to the Citizens of Prairie View for the month of November 2013

Mayor Frank D. Jackson

November 26, 2013

- I. **Operation Hope – President's Subcommittee for the Underserved and Community Empowerment**
 - a. **Prairie View Financial Literacy Council – Need Volunteers**
 - i. **Earned income tax credits – Possible to get \$4K**
 - ii. **Credit Scores for the Prairie View – Average?**
 - b. **12 local trusted leaders:**
 - i. **Government**
 - ii. **Education**
 - iii. **Community**
 - iv. **Private Sector**
- II. **Habitat For Humanity**
 - a. **Established PV Chapter – Next meeting is in December 2013**
 - b. **Organized a Board of Directors – Need Volunteers to serve.**
- III. **Communi-Versity – Community & University working together.**
 - a. **Next Meeting to discuss Retail Development December 2013**
 - b. **Homecoming 2014**
 - i. **Parking – Need Chamber of Commerce to Organize**
 - ii. **Vendor / entertainment area – Chamber Project**
 - iii. **Taste of PV – Marketing Center in Tailgate Area**
- IV. **Economic Development Plans**
 - a. **TEEX – Economic Development Plan**
 - i. **Tourism – Historical Significance of PV / PVAMU**
 1. **African American History Museum / Library – Echols Street Project**
 1. **USDA Project**
 2. **PV Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship**
 3. **Coffee Shop, Copy Center, Apartments on 3rd floor**
 2. **Historical Sites and Re-enactments**
 3. **Tour De Pink 2014**
 - ii. **Recreation – PV as a Destination**
 1. **Clark Subdivision as a Mixed Use Zone**
 1. **Set up meeting with the community**
 2. **Planning and Zoning Consideration**

- 2. Encourage Townhomes and Retail
 - iii. Education - Commercialization of Research – 2013 HBCU Innovation Summit – PV to work with the Chamber and 4B to operate the Innovation Center located on Echols & University Drive (USDA).
 - iv. Infrastructure Upgrades
 - 1. USDA Application for re-routing Greenfield and Crowhurst (Old Houston) and Richards Road lift stations to flow north to Ponds Creek Lift Station
 - 2. Technology upgrades to Smart Meters for Sewage and Water Systems – Met with private consultant that will hold workshop to explain the System and costs.
 - b. Comprehensive Development Plan
 - i. Update to include a Foreign Trade Zone
 - ii. Update Plan to include Clark Subdivision Revitalization
 - iii. International Market Place and Entrepreneur Depot
 - Leverage Sister Cities Initiative
 - 1. Import Export & Export
 - 1. Belize
 - 2. Mexico – Sister City Puebla de Arteaga
 - 3. Columbia – Sister City Guachene & Manta
 - 4. Brazil
 - 5. Ghana – Sister City Aseseeso
 - 6. Senegal*
 - 7. Cote D Ivoire*
 - 8. Haiti*
 - 9. Jamaica
- V. Waller ISD
 - a. Magnet School or Charter School Initiative
 - b. YMCA – Childcare facility at all WISD Elementary Schools except H.T. Jones
- VI. Met with Prospective Candidate for Police Chief with Mr. Jones and Chief Capps.
- VII. Waller County Judge – Meeting with Commissioner Barnett, Councilman Thomas & the City Secretary Carl Jones
 - a. Discussed PV's ETJ with Houston & Waller
 - i. Houston ETJ envelops about ½ of the City from the east.
 - ii. The County Judge was optimistic about Houston releasing some of its etj with Waller County and the cities of Waller & Prairie View.
 - b. Discussed Zip Code & the Rural Addressing System
 - i. New rural addressing coordinator
 - ii. Prairie View needs to control its own addresses via gps/ gis vs Zip Codes
 - c. Discussed Community Center
 - i. Future discussions to focus on Operations by the City
 - ii. Will discuss possible use a YMCA Headquarters