

FCDC NEWS

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FCDC Director's Update

I hope your 2021 is off to a great start. While we continue to battle the pandemic and the economic and health impacts of this battle, I am optimistic that we are closer to the end than we are to the beginning. In the words of Winston Churchill, we are perhaps at “the end of the beginning” of this pandemic.

We will continue to monitor relief programs for business and promote access to vaccinations. If you wish to check in with the SBA for their programs you can find them at:

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

If you wish to help folks sign up in Franklin County for the vaccine, please call: 785-229-3531

Committee Work

We are in the process of building our committees for 2021. We hope to get a lot done through committee work this year. The committees will be as follows:

Workforce: This is very important issue for existing industry and any new industry. We need more people moving into the workforce pipeline. This will take a couple of approaches so we will have two subcommittees. One will be career development and the other will be housing. We will be working closely with our education partners on programs for new and existing employees. We want the folks entering the workforce to be ready and have some skills already in place. We also want to attract more people to live in Franklin County. So, this committee will be doing important work in 2021

Industrial Inventory: Proximity Park has been built and all services are provided. So, it is ready for occupancy and we are busy promoting the park. Now we need to identify other property in the county that would be a potential landing spot for new industry or expansion of existing industry. This committee will help us build an inventory of locations. This way we will be ready to meet the needs of just about any type and size of industry that is considering Franklin County.

Member Services: This is an important committee as well. This group will work to assure we are providing the services and support our members need to help them be successful. In addition, as COVID moves on we want to get back to social activities that allow us to network and learn from each other in a social setting.

If you have not already volunteered to serve on a committee and would like to join one, please let me know.

New Location

Our office is now located in the Franklin County Annex. Thanks to the generous offer from the county, we have a terrific new office and great support. The county is making this commitment to FCDC at no cost. This will save our organization approximately \$30,000 in operating cost each year. Thank you to Franklin County for this tremendous support.

Here is our new address and office phone number:

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Marketing

We are building new marketing materials for FCDC and Proximity Park. We will soon have new promotional materials for print and electronic use. Here is our new logo for Proximity Park.



In addition, we will have a completely new website later this winter or early spring. Our new domain will be FCDCKansas.org. Stay tuned for more updates as we roll out our marketing campaign this year.

It is a GREAT day to live in Franklin County!

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