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Who and What is City of Wallis Development Corporation?

In April of 2000 the City of Wallis Economic Development Corporation (Wallis EDC) was established to preserve and enhance economic development within the City of Wallis.

The mission of the Corporation is to aid in the support and growth of existing business, recruit new business, help create jobs, and enhance the community. One of the ways the Wallis EDC does this is by providing grants to existing businesses for façade, sign improvement, property improvement, demolition, as well as assisting new business with opening their business. Tax abatement programs are also available for new businesses. Grant applications are available from corporation directors or online at wallistexas.org under the economic development tab.

As a function of the primary goal of attracting new businesses, the Wallis EDC plays a role in enhancing and promoting the City of Wallis. This is done by:

- Promoting the City through events, such as Wallis Fine Rides Autofest and the City Wide Garage Sale. Both events bring potential business owners to our City, as well as bring visitors and tourism dollars to businesses and citizens of Wallis.
- Enhancing the look of the City through the limestone City of Wallis sign in downtown, entry signs at city limits, street signs and street lights, Christmas decorations, display flags on Highway 36, brick pavers at the Highway 36 and Highway 60 intersection, refurbished murals on downtown buildings, assistance with Fireman's Park canopy and restoration of the antique fire truck, benches on downtown sidewalks, landscaping at the municipal complex, renovating the new community center at the municipal complex and many other contributions.

Current board members are Steve Bockel, Clay Engelbrecht, Sharon Flagg, Marti Frost-Turner, James King, Agnes Ohl and James Sliva. The board meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Wallis Municipal Complex. If you are interested in serving or have any suggestions, contact a board member or attend a meeting. All meetings are open to the public.