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NATIONAL HOME DÉCOR RETAILER CHOOSES PAVILION AT ESPLANADE LOCATION

Kenner, LA. – Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni and District 4 Councilman Lenny Cline announced on Friday that At Home, a national home décor retailer with more than 70 stores located throughout the country, has signed a contract to move into the Pavilion at Esplanade shopping center.

At Home, headquartered in Plano, Texas and known as Garden Ridge until a corporate renaming in the past year, will take over the building formerly occupied by the Academy Sports store on West Esplanade Avenue near Chateau Boulevard.

“This is fabulous news for the City of Kenner,” Mayor Michael Yenni said. “It is yet another strong indication that the 2030 Plan is resonating with business owners and developers who clearly see Kenner as an attractive location within the metropolitan area.”

District 4 Councilman Lenny Cline credited the hard work of the owners of the Pavilion at Esplanade shopping center and predicted more good news would follow.

“We hope before the end of the year to have more announcements at that shopping center,” he said. Planning Director Jay Hebert said the department has inspected plans for the new store to ensure everything is in order.

“We have looked to see if there are any impacts and they have been approved administratively.” Both interior and exterior work must be done at the location before the business can open, officials said. No opening date has been set.

That increases the number of million dollar-plus developments planned for Kenner to three in just the past two weeks.

Unfolded Property Development Group, LLC, led by Kenner resident Jason Mobley, has purchased 7.5 acres of land at Williams and Joe Yenni boulevards for \$3 million with plans to develop a high-end shopping center. Kenner lawyer Miguel Elias purchased a 10,000 square foot building in the 4200 block of Williams Boulevard to relocate his growing law practice. The estimated \$1 million renovation does not include a 4,000 square foot location that Elias hopes will become a restaurant.

A \$1.1 million project to add landscaping, lighting, a bold new sign and public art to the entrance of Laketown was completed last summer. That was a precursor to the 2030 corridor improvement projects, Yenni said. Many of the 2030 projects are in the design phase and construction could begin on some before the end of the year.

“We value every addition to the city, but when you see this kind of significant investment, that tells you we are definitely headed in the right direction,” Yenni said.

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