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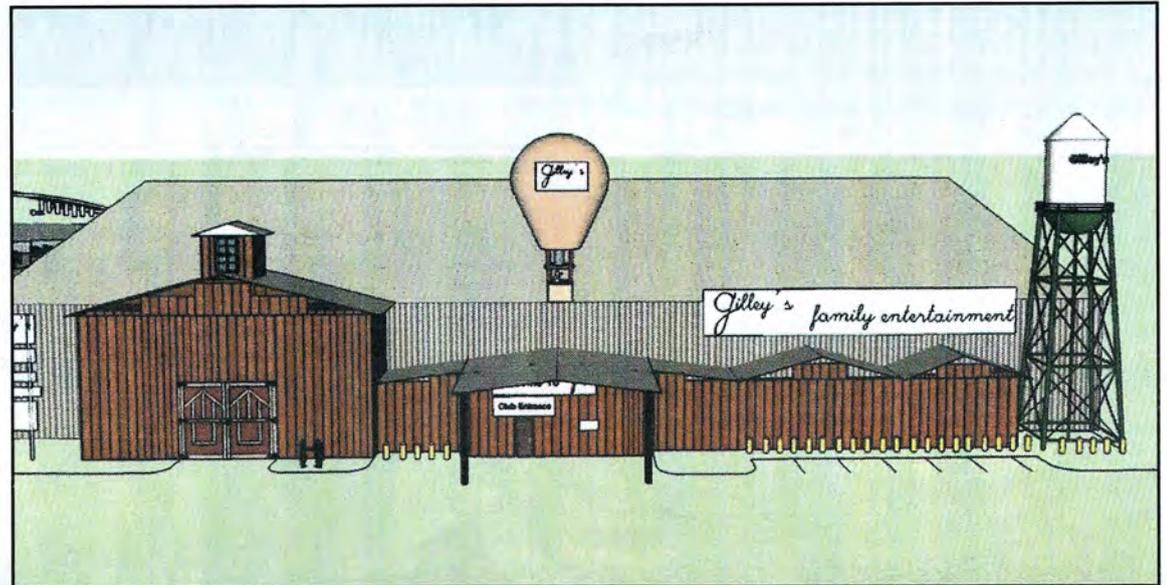
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# La Porte Town Center Moves Closer To Becoming A Reality

After years of countless surveys and opinion polls taken by La Porte residents requesting more retail, restaurants, and entertainment, La Porte is on the verge of becoming host to one of the largest non-industrial economic developments in its municipal history.

The proposed La Porte Town Center, a sports and entertainment district comprised of a mix of uses, including family multi-event venues, hospitality, conference center, theatre,

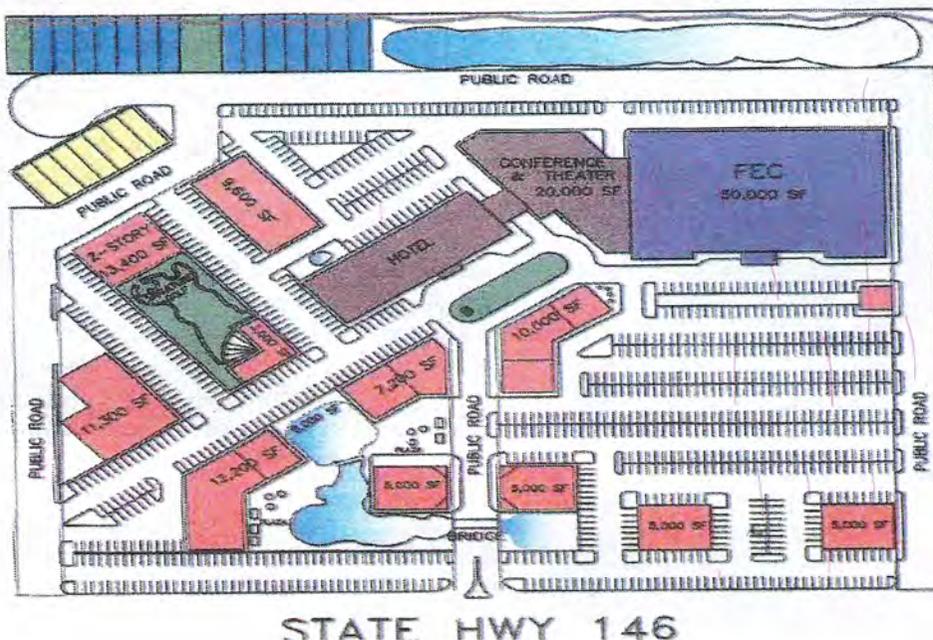
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museums, restaurants, live-work units and townhomes, is scheduled to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 19.

If approved by the Commission and City Council, this upscale, family-friendly and social environment will be located off Highway 146 on a 20-acre tract adjacent to the Bay Forest Golf Course. To promote the quality of life for the citizens of La Porte, this unique offering will celebrate the heritage and culture of the area with music, golf, and water amenities.

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A full service hotel with 114 rooms and a proposed 20,000 square foot conference, theatre, and museum will compliment and anchor the Center. Numerous restaurants will provide culinary experiences as a part of the 90,000 square foot retail cluster. A heritage park will infill the Town Center with restaurant terraces that overlook this new social center for La Porte citizens and visitor alike.

A professional 18-hole miniature golf, bumper boats and water feature entertainment venue rounds out the components with theme restaurants and retail that support these interactions between people and place. Pedestrian friendly sidewalks and a hike and bike trail will facilitate the experience and involve the community with pocket parks and scenic green views. Seven live-work units are offered as a part of the lifestyle and fourteen townhomes are planned along the Bay Forest Golf Course for those seeking livability investments.

The \$55 million project could bring as much as \$49 million every year in taxable sales to the City and net over 800 jobs for the area.

The lead developer, David Miles, who grew up in Seabrook and is principal of Turfway FEC, LLC, has teamed up with Crystal Creek Developers, Everest Design Group and Worley Commercial to help bring the concept to reality. Although La Porte Town Center is the current name for the project, the developers will be soliciting ideas from the public for a permanent name. Because the acreage is zoned as a Planned Unit Development, Turfway is seeking a special conditional use permit, which must be approved by the Commission and City Council in order for the project to move forward. If approved, site work could begin as early as April-June of 2016 with the Gilley's Family Entertainment Center and hotel opening in the spring of 2017.