

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DENTON AND HICKORY & RAIL VENTURES, LLC, REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR STOKE DENTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,170; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton (“City”) deems it is in the public interest and serves a municipal and public purpose to enter into an agreement with Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC (“HRV”), for the purpose of providing for a program to promote economic development through the joint effort of the City and HRV; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this public purpose, the City created Stoke Denton in 2016 to offer a co-working space and access to resources to support entrepreneurship, small business development, and the development of tech and tech-enabled businesses and workers; and

WHEREAS, Stoke Denton is focused on the recruitment and support of tech and tech-enabled startups, as well as memberships of businesses in other sectors that are complementary to a healthy startup community; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with HRV on November 14, 2017 for the management and operation of Stoke Denton; and

WHEREAS, HRV has submitted a proposal to the City for the continued support and management of Stoke Denton and entrepreneurship focused programming beginning October 1, 2025 in the amount of \$158,170; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code authorize the City to enter agreements that promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity in the City of Denton; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees that HRV is uniquely positioned to continue management of Stoke Denton and can assist in the City’s strategic goals to support entrepreneurs, startups, and other small businesses and support the recruitment and growth of tech and tech-enabled businesses and workers; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it in the public interest to authorize such a payment and program agreement; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are found to be true and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that the Agreement between the City and Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference (the “Agreement”) serves a

valid municipal and public purpose and is in the public interest.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the City and Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC, and the expenditure of funds and transfer of property pursuant to the Agreement is hereby authorized.

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby expressly delegates the authority to take any actions that may be required or permitted to be performed by the City under the Agreement to the City Manager of the City, or the City Manager's designee.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [____ - ____]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

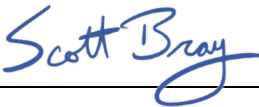
PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  _____
Scott Bray
Deputy City Attorney

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS
AND HICKORY & RAIL VENTURES, LLC**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2025 between the City of Denton, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as the “City”, and Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC, a Texas limited liability company hereinafter referred to as “HRV”, jointly referred to herein as “parties” and each separately as a “party.”

WHEREAS, the City seeks to support, encourage, and promote the public purpose of driving new business creation and job growth by fostering a sustainable startup community for entrepreneurs primarily in early-stage tech and tech-enabled businesses; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this public purpose, the City created in 2016 a co-working space with access to resources to support entrepreneurship, small business development, and the development of tech and tech-enabled businesses and workers (“Stoke Denton”); and

WHEREAS, Stoke Denton is focused on the recruitment and support of tech and tech-enabled startups, as well as memberships of businesses in other sectors that are complementary to a healthy startup community; and

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WHEREAS, the City agrees that HRV is uniquely positioned to continue management of Stoke Denton and can assist in the City’s strategic goals to support entrepreneurs, startups, and other small businesses and support the recruitment and growth of tech and tech-enabled businesses and workers;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, promises, terms, and provisions contained herein, and for the considerations expressed herein, the City and HRV mutually AGREE to the following:

ARTICLE I

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY HRV

HRV represents, acknowledges, warrants, and agrees to perform and provide the following with regard to its operation, purpose, and services provided for Stoke Denton:

- (1) **Purpose.** HRV agrees to operate Stoke Denton for the purpose of providing support to entrepreneurs, startups, small businesses, tech and tech-enabled workers, and remote workers in Denton. The goal of the partnership will be to build businesses, create jobs, and strengthen the culture and economy of the City of Denton.
- (2) **Mission.** HRV, through Stoke Denton, will support programs, partnerships, events, and activities that will build a supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem in the City of Denton.
- (3) **Independent.** HRV operates as a private legal entity separate from the City. This Agreement does not in any way constitute a joint venture or create a partnership or principal-agent relationship between the City and the HRV. Neither party will assert control over the operations of the other party.
- (4) **Organization.** HRV is a Texas limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Texas and is qualified to do business in the State of Texas. HRV has the legal capacity and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement.
- (5) **Administration.** HRV will administer funds, property, services, or other benefits in accordance with the following procedures and requirements:
 - a. HRV shall maintain records and accounts that document all funds received by HRV and all costs incurred by HRV, including any in-kind support received by HRV.
 - b. HRV shall provide a report to the City of Denton Economic Development Partnership Board annually to summarize HRV's financial information and benefit to the City as it relates to the performance under this Agreement.
 - c. A copy of any HRV financial audits and required tax filings shall be provided to the City upon request.
- (6) **Staff.** HRV shall employ an Executive Director for the entirety of this Agreement. HRV must also maintain the appropriate staff to carry out the functions of Stoke Denton in accordance with this Agreement. The Executive Director and any other staff member of HRV are employees of HRV and shall not be considered an employee of the City

and shall not be entitled to any payment or benefit from the City on account of services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

- (7) **Commercial space.** HRV shall secure a lease agreement for the Commercial Space and will maintain at its sole cost any utilities, contracts, equipment, supplies, or materials necessary to perform the obligations pursuant to this Agreement.
- (8) **Equipment and Supplies.** HRV shall provide any equipment, supplies, or materials necessary to fulfill the obligations of this Agreement, except those provided for in Article II of this Agreement.
- (9) **Performance.** HRV will perform all actions listed in **Exhibit A** “Scope of Work” attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, as well as perform the following during the term of this Agreement:
 - a. Host a minimum of three entrepreneur events.
 - b. Provide a minimum of two educational programs annually targeted at current Stoke members or aspiring technologists, women and minority entrepreneurs.
 - c. Attend a minimum of two workshops or conferences annually to promote Denton’s entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- (10) **Reporting.** HRV will attend meetings and submit reports on actions and progress according to the following schedule:
 - a. Quarterly meetings between Stoke Denton Executive Director and City’s Director of Economic Development.
 - b. Progress on economic development strategic plan work plan items will be provided to City’s Director of Economic Development or designated staff as needed, but no less than quarterly..
 - c. Quarterly reports to be provided by Stoke Denton Executive Director to City’s Director of Economic Development or designated staff, which must include the following:
 - i. Number of active memberships, providing a quarterly membership roster to Director
 - ii. Percentage of tech or tech-enabled members,
 - iii. Member satisfaction (at least annually),
 - iv. Description of and number of regional startup and tech event sponsorships,
 - v. Description of and number of educational events or programs held at Stoke Denton,
 - vi. Description of and number of startup/tech events held at Stoke Denton,
 - vii. Number of member companies who are Denton residents,
 - viii. Turnover rate of member companies,

- ix. Duration of member companies,
 - x. Number of mentor sessions held at Stoke Denton, and
 - xi. Description of activities with partner entities, including education, nonprofit, and government agencies.
- d. Annual report and presentation to the City's Economic Development Partnership Board including economic impact of Stoke Member startups and competition awards recipients to Denton's economy and social media metrics

(11) **Sponsorship and Acknowledgement.** For any programs listed in **Exhibit A** which are supported by or partially supported by funding provided by this Agreement, the City must be listed as a co-sponsor and acknowledged on any applicable marketing materials and event materials, both verbally and in print, whenever possible.

ARTICLE II

OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY OF DENTON

The City will provide the following to HRV:

- (1) **Funding.** The City shall pay One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$158,170) to HRV to be utilized for the purposes set forth in **Exhibit A**. Payment shall be made no later than October 31, 2025.
- (2) **Brand, logo, and Other Intellectual Property.** The City hereby transfers the City's ownership of the brand and logo of Stoke Denton to HRV for the purposes of operating or marketing Stoke Denton and for other purposes required in carrying out the terms of this Agreement. The ownership rights to the brand and logo of Stoke Denton granted from City to HRV by this Agreement will immediately, automatically and completely revert to City for its sole benefit in the event HRV ceases to manage and operate Stoke Denton for the purposes provided in this Agreement or otherwise breaches or terminates this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective on October 1, 2025, and shall remain in full force and effect until September 30, 2026. The City or HRV shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, without cause any time upon sixty (60) calendar days' prior written notice to the other party. Upon receipt of a notice of termination by the City, HRV shall promptly cease all further work pursuant to the Agreement, with such exceptions, if any, specified in the notice of termination. If this Agreement is terminated by HRV, or terminated for cause by the City because HRV fails to meet the performance requirements of this Agreement, HRV shall pay the City a prorated amount of the funds provided by the City pursuant to this Agreement, which amount shall be prorated to the months remaining in the term of this Agreement.

HRV shall provide written notice to the City including required documentation no later than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement if it intends to apply for additional funding to be spent on or before October 1, 2026. Such notice shall create no obligation of either party to enter into a future agreement or provide additional funding.

The City may terminate this agreement for cause effective immediately upon delivering notice to HRV if at any time during the term of this Agreement it reasonably determines that HRV will not or cannot complete its obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

ASSURANCES BY THE PARTIES

The following is a list of representations, assurances, understanding, policies, procedures, and agreements regarding the roles, relationship, and functions of the City and HRV in their working relationship pursuant to this Agreement:

- A. Any agreement between the HRV and City that is not within the scope of the terms of this Agreement shall receive the prior approval of the City Council.
- B. HRV has no authority to supervise, direct, control, or demand that a City employee perform any function on behalf of HRV.
- C. This Agreement does not grant HRV authority to use the City's name and trademarks unless directly specified in this Agreement.
- D. Any personnel employed by or volunteering on behalf of HRV shall be deemed employees or volunteers respectively of the HRV and shall not be deemed employees or volunteers of the City. HRV shall be responsible for the supervision, management, and control of such HRV employees and volunteers and any payroll, taxation, or other employment obligation, if any, incident to their work. Any personnel employed by or volunteering on behalf of the City shall be deemed employees or volunteers respectively of the City and shall not be deemed employees or volunteers of the HRV. The City shall be responsible for the supervision, management, and control of such City employees and volunteers and any payroll, taxation, or other employment obligation, if any, incident to their work.
- E. HRV shall maintain general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 and in accordance with City insurance requirements, including adding the City as an additional insured party.
- F. HRV will appoint a representative who will be available to meet with City officials when requested.
- G. **HRV AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS, AND DEFEND THE CITY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR SUITS FOR INJURIES, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR LIABILITY OF**

WHATEVER KIND OR CHARACTER, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE BY HRV OR THOSE SERVICES CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ALL SUCH CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION BASED UPON COMMON, CONSTITUTIONAL, OR STATUTORY LAW, OR BASED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UPON ALLEGATIONS OF NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OF HRV, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LICENSEES, AND INVITEES.

- H. HRV acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. The terms “boycott Israel” and “company” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this Agreement, HRV certifies that HRV’s signature provides written verification to the City that HRV: (1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the Agreement.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

- I. HRV acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2276 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. The terms “boycott energy company” and “company” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this agreement, HRV certifies that HRV’s signature provides written verification to the City that HRV: (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the Agreement.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

- J. HRV acknowledges that in accordance with Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, City is prohibited from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The terms “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association,” “firearm entity” and “firearm trade association” shall have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code. ***By signing this Agreement, HRV certifies that HRV’s signature provides written verification to the City that HRV: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of this Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.

- K. Section 2252 of the Texas Government Code restricts City from contracting with companies that do business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization. ***By signing this Agreement, HRV certifies that HRV's signature provides written verification to the City that HRV, pursuant to Chapter 2252, is not ineligible to enter into this Agreement and will not become ineligible to receive payments under this Agreement by doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.*** Failure to meet or maintain the requirements under this provision will be considered a material breach.
- L. The City of Denton may terminate this Agreement immediately without any further liability if the City of Denton determines, in its sole judgment, that this Agreement meets the requirements under Chapter 2275, and HRV is, or will be in the future, (i) owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country (ii) directly controlled by the Government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country, or (iii) is headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or other designated country.

ARTICLE V

NOTICE

Any notice or other written instrument required or permitted to be delivered under the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether actually received or not, when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified, return receipt requested, or via electronic mail, hand-delivery or facsimile, addressed or sent to HRV or the City, as the case may be, at the following addresses:

CITY
City of Denton, Texas
Attn: City Manager
215 E. McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76201
Sara.Hensley@cityofdenton.com

Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC
Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC
Attn: Heather Gregory
608 E. Hickory
Denton, TX 76205
Heather@stokedenton.com

City of Denton, Texas
Attn: Director of Economic Development
401 N. Elm St.
Denton, TX 76201

ARTICLE VI

RIGHT TO AUDIT

HRV agrees to retain all books, records, documents, reports, and written accounting policies and procedures pertaining to services provided under this Agreement for a period of five (5) years. The City shall have the right to audit and make copies of the books, fundraising activities, pledges, donations, gifts, statements, financial records, and computations pertaining to the Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT

HRV shall designate an officer responsible for the administration of the Agreement for HRV. The City Manager, or designee, shall be the City staff member responsible for the administration of this Agreement on behalf of the City.

ARTICLE VIII

NO ASSIGNMENT

The Agreement is solely between the parties and cannot be assigned to another party without the express advance written approval of the non-assigning party.

ARTICLE IX

MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT

No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties to the Agreement.

ARTICLE X

GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement is subject to, governed by, and shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas. Venue of any suit or cause of action arising under this Agreement shall be exclusively in Denton County, Texas.

ARTICLE XI

SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is found or deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be considered severable from the remainder of this Agreement, and shall not cause the remainder of this Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable. In such event, the parties shall reform this Agreement to replace such stricken provision with a valid and enforceable provision which comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the parties hereto respecting the stricken provision.

ARTICLE XII

CAPTIONS

The captions of this Agreement are for informational purposes only and shall not in any way affect the substantive terms or conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII
COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, by one or more signatories, separately and each of such counterparts shall be deemed an original for all purposes, and all such signed counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument. For purposes of the parties' execution of this Agreement, it is expressly agreed that a facsimile or telecopy of a party's signature hereto shall be valid, binding and enforceable as the original.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the City and HRV have executed this Agreement in original counterparts, the City acting by and through its duly-authorized City Manager, and HRV acting by and through its duly-authorized undersigned officer.

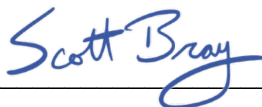
CITY OF DENTON

SARA HENSLEY, CITY MANAGER

ATTEST:
INGRID REX, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  _____
Scott Bray
Deputy City Attorney

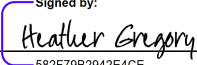
THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
BOTH REVIEWED AND APPROVED
As to financial and operational
obligations and business terms.

Brittany Sotelo
Signature

Economic Development Director
Title

Economic Development
Department

HICKORY & RAIL VENTURES, LLC

By:  Signed by:
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Heather Gregory

Its: Owner

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF WORK

HRV will support City staff in the implementation and reporting of progress of the following strategies and actions identified in the City of Denton Economic Development Strategic Plan (“Strategic Plan”) by performing the following Work Plan Items:

Strategic Plan Goal 2B. Foster Growth

2B.1. Champion and Convene

2B.1.1. Establish connections with DFW entrepreneurship organizations such as Dallas 1 Million Cups, 1 Million Cups Frisco, Dallas Innovates, Capital Factory, and the Dallas Entrepreneur Center.

2B.1.2. Partner with local and regional partners to design reverse-pitch competitions to engage major corporations and organizations in the DFW Metroplex with needs for innovation.

2B.1.3. Ensure that targeted resources are available for businesses owned by women and people of color, who have historically faced barriers to accessing traditional economic development tools.

2B.1. Work Plan Items

- Attend events hosted by regional startup organizations and stakeholders.
- Host and sponsor events that support students and connect them to entrepreneurs, mentors, and peers.
- Seek out opportunities for partnerships, sponsorships, or collaborations with regional entrepreneurial organizations and stakeholders.
- Write and publish ebook/guides to provide entrepreneurs with tangible tools, templates, and resources for launching their business.
- Expand network of mentors and advisors, specifically increasing participation from women and minority entrepreneurs and thought leaders.
- Initiate the planning of a reverse pitch competition with local and regional partners.
- Maintain accelerator program that focuses on women entrepreneurs in partnership with Texas Woman’s University.
- Pursue programming and partnerships that help connect minority entrepreneurs with peers, mentors, and resources.

2B.2. Access to Capital

2B.2.3. Network with regional entrepreneurship programs so that they become familiar with Denton and the resources available for businesses looking to grow and expand within the DFW Metroplex.

2B.2. Work Plan Items

- Participate in Angel Capital Association and Texas Angel Network calls and syndicate deal flow when possible.
- Attend regional events focused on entrepreneurship, specifically with veteran fundraisers, angel investors, or VC firms.
- Co-host a networking mixer with Denton Angels, Chamber investors, and the Economic Development Partnership Board.
- Engage Denton Angels in Stoke programming and events, specifically pitch events, to increase connections between investors and entrepreneurs.

2B.3. Ecosystem Building

2B.3.1. Partner with the Denton Innovation Group to define a vision for entrepreneurship in Denton, establish goals, measure progress, and connect with DFW organizations.

2B.3.2. Host a Citywide pitch competition to identify and develop innovative entrepreneurs in Denton. This not only builds Denton's creative brand but also provides the City with a way of identifying top talent in the community.

2B.3. Work Plan Items

- Coordinate and host Denton Innovation Group meetings on at least a quarterly basis.
- Engage groups of thought leaders to increase connections and opportunities between institutions and anchors (TWU, UNT, NCTC, DISD, Denton Innovation Group, TechMill, Denton Angels, etc.)
- Continue production of a city-wide pitch competition.
- Launch cohorts of AccelerateHER, a startup incubator program for early stage startups led by women entrepreneurs.
- Host technical meetups and events at Stoke.
- Sponsor and support technical meetups and events in Denton and the region.

2.B.6. Promoting Denton's Creative Brand

2B.6.1. Pitch stories about successful Denton companies to media outlets, such as the Denton Record-Chronicle, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dallas Innovates, and D Magazine.

2.B.3. Work Plan Items

- Continue to publish two to four blog posts each month, including a regular spotlight of a mentor or members.
- Write and distribute press releases around entrepreneurial activity and Denton startups.
- Initiate planning of a program that recognizes entrepreneurs, startups, organizations, and educators that are having an impact on the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- Generate earned media in regional publications.

Strategic Plan Goal 3. Strengthen Community Inclusion

3.3. Grow Your Own Talent Initiative

3.3.1. Support youth entrepreneurship programs at the local level to foster a culture of innovation and cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit.

3.3.2. Encourage Denton ISD to incorporate entrepreneurship into academic curricula and increase exposure and access to Denton's startups.

3.3 Work Plan Items

- Pursue partnership with Denton ISD to support entrepreneurial education and access to Denton's startups.
- Seek out opportunities to include Denton ISD students in mentorships programs and other events.
- Offer tours to Denton ISD classes/clubs to share out Stoke Denton, its mission, and the entrepreneurial experience.
- Work with community members and partner organizations to pursue technical entrepreneurial programming for youth.
- Conduct community-wide surveys to learn ways that Stoke could provide better support and resources for traditionally underserved and under-funded entrepreneurs to help narrow the inequity gap.