

2014: The Year of Development

New office construction dominated the crystal ball gazing yesterday at *Bisnow's DFW 2014 Forecast* at The Tower at Cityplace with the latest about **Granite Park IV's** newest lease and the latest on **Victory Park's** redevelopment timeline.



More than 450 gathered on the 42nd floor of The Tower at Cityplace (with a stunning view at sunset) to hear Trademark Property chairman/CEO **Terry Montesi** explain Trademark's efforts at Victory Park. Starting from the ground level (literally), items on the **to-do list** include **converting the traffic** around the development (specifically Houston and Victory Avenue) **into two-way**. The idea is to make it feel more like a neighborhood with slower traffic and **more pedestrian friendly**. (To quote *Midnight Cowboy*: "I'm walkin' here!") Trademark will also add a bike line on Houston to help the Katy Trail keep going instead of fizzling into the AAC platinum garage.



Granite Properties director of leasing **Robert Jimenez** (left, with Sarofim Realty Advisors' **Matt Leyrer**) tells us that the **first lease** for about 26k SF has been inked at 300k SF Granite Park IV, which is the latest Granite property under development along with a 300-room **Hilton hotel**. Fun fact we learned about Robert: he held a **state swimming record** for two years while in high school.