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**To: Commissioners – City of Trenton**

**Subject: Downtown Development Authority Monthly Status Report for November 2005**

## **General Downtown Development Authority Items**

### **November 2005 Board Meeting Votes (Motions Passed)**

1. A motion was made and passed to authorize a \$100 prize for the best float in the 2005 Christmas Parade

## **Promotion Committee**

Rex Harrison is the chairperson of the Promotion Committee.

### **Christmas in the Park**

The most notable aspect of the Promotion Committee's efforts this month was the planning and preparation for *Christmas in the Park*. *Christmas in the Park* is intended to be a yearly event that will take place in Jenkins Park in conjunction with the Dade County Chamber parade. The event will be a festival of Christmas lights, songs and community celebration of the season.

### **2006 Work Program and Budget**

The Promotion Committee also prepared a draft budget and work program for 2006. The budget and work program has been submitted to the Board for consideration. The draft budget and work program is available for review.

### **Street Banners and Christmas Lights**

See Design Committee report.

## **Design Committee**

Shane Ridley is the chairperson of this committee.

### **Street Banners**

Sponsorship banners are still being sold. Additional work will be done to better secure the banners.

### **Christmas Lights**

As a result of the City Commission passing a Christmas lights resolution at the November 2005 City Commission meeting, the Design Committee has purchased for the City 24 professionally made new Christmas lights for the 2005 Christmas season. The new lights have been mounted on Highway 11 north and south of the courthouse. The old lights, which the Chamber donated to the City, will be mounted around the courthouse and in Veterans Park.

A special thanks is due to Preston Daniels and the City's Street Department who put up all the Christmas decorations and lights along Hwy 11 and around the Courthouse. A job well done!

### **Façade Grant Program**

The committee is seeking funding from local banks and other sources for a façade grant program. A presentation was made by the DDA, with the help of Paul Kreager of the University of Georgia, to each of the local bank presidents in the City for funds to be used to support the grant program. Both banks were supportive of the concept and would be addressing the matter with their boards. The programs would provide several \$1,500 grants to local merchants and other entities along Highway 11 for the renovation of their façades.

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The Design Committee also prepared a draft budget and work program for 2006. The budget and work program has been submitted to the Board for consideration. The draft budget and work program is available for review.

## **Economic Restructuring Committee**

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

### **Downtown Development**

A member of the committee recently met with a developer who is interested in doing development in Dade County. The developer has agreed to tour the City as part of their plans to visit the county.

## **Business Brochure and Map**

The project is on hold pending the completion of new City and County maps by the County 911 organization.

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## **Organization Committee**

Janet York is the chairperson of the Organization Committee.

## **2006 Budget and Work Plan Development**

There was a 2006 planning meeting on November 15, 2005 from 4 PM to 8 PM. The mayor and two City Commissioners were able to join the DDA Board for part of the meeting. The DDA Board, with input from all of its committees, developed a proposed list of 2006 projects and associated budgets for next year. The proposed work plan and budget is available for review. A copy has been sent to the mayor. The budget and list of projects has not yet been approved by the board.

## **Downtown Definition**

The City Commission approved that new definition downtown at the November 2005 City Commission Meeting. The new definition must be sent to the Secretary of State.

## **Downtown Development Authority Meeting Schedule**

The regular monthly meeting is the third Thursday of every month here at City Hall starting at 5 PM. The next meeting is December 15, 2005.

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