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**To: Commissioners – City of Trenton**

**Subject: Downtown Development Authority Monthly Status Report for February 2006**

Due to business and family needs, Shane Ridley will resign as a board member of the DDA. We are seeking another City resident to be on the DDA board. If you have a candidate, please let us know.

## **General Downtown Development Authority Items**

### **February 2006 Board Meeting Votes (Motions Passed)**

1. The financial report and minutes accepted.
2. A \$250 general advertising budget was approved for use by the Better Hometown Manager
3. An \$85 advertising bill was approved for payment.
4. A DDA website name was approved. The name is DowntwonTrentonGa.org
5. The Promotion Committee chairperson was given the authority to spend money raised for Family Fest, as needed.

## **Promotion Committee**

Rex Harrison is the chairperson of the Promotion Committee.

### **Family Fest 2006**

- The dates for Family Fest 2006 are May 19, 20 and 21. It was extended to Sunday to encourage more arts and crafts vendor participation.
- Fund raising has begun. There is already \$6,500 in the budget.
- The entertainment committee is actively planning that portion of the event.

- A Grassroots Grants has been applied for. There is no guarantee we will receive the grant.
- We have asked the Dade County School System to be an active participant.

### **Chickamauga Campaign Heritage**

- Helped the Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail Committee pick a website developer
- Road signs for Trail, that will be placed on Trenton, are under development

### **Northwest Georgia Pedestrian and Biking Task Force**

- Proposed an additional biking route through Dade County for the Georgia Bike Map
- Obtained ad space for Cloudland Canyon Park on Tour de Georgia brochure that task force will give out.

### **Design Committee**

The chair of this committee is vacant at present.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Several names have been put forth as possible members of the commission

The Mayor was given a draft copy of the ordinance, which will actually create the commission, for review and for transmission to the City attorney.

### **Façade Grant Program**

The committee is seeking funding from local banks and other sources for a façade grant program. We visited the local bank presidents for an update. There is no new news.

### **Economic Restructuring Committee**

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

### **Business Information Seminar**

We are planning an information seminar for local Trenton businesses in April.

### **Seeking New Downtown Businesses and Development**

The committee is also working with a developer for advice and consul on development potentials for downtown. A meeting was held with this consultant and a plan is under development as to how she might help the DDA and the City.

State and federal loan packages were discussed with a downtown investor who was planning to purchase property on Main Street. It was also discussed how the DDA could assist them.

### **Building Inventory**

A building inventory for Main Street buildings is under development

### **Business Brochure and Map**

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

### **Organization Committee**

Janet York is the chairperson of the Organization Committee.

### **Grants**

A State of Georgia Local Development Grant (LDF) application is under study.

### **Non-Profit Status**

The DDA is studying how to become a 501c3 non-profit organization.

### **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 March 23, 2006.

Peter Cervelli  
Better Hometown Manager  
City of Trenton