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To: Commissioners – City of Trenton

Subject: Downtown Development Authority Monthly Status Report for March 2006

General Downtown Development Authority Items

March 2006 Board Meeting Votes (Motions Passed)

1. The financial report and minutes accepted.
2. Rex Harrison made a motion to pay \$335.71 to JB's Variety for the Easter Egg Hunt supplies. Janet York seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Rex Harrison made a motion to accept Mr. Ridley's resignation. Janet York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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.
- Fund raising has begun. Just over \$10,000 has been collected and pledged to date.
- The entertainment committee has completed the entertainment program for the festival. See Attachment.
- A Grassroots Grants has been applied for. It will be necessary to reapply thru the Northwest Georgia Arts group in May.
- A walk and run event will take place during Family Fest. It is being sponsored by The Primary Healthcare Center

Chickamauga Campaign Heritage

- Working with the Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail Committee on the development of a web site that will include Trenton and Dade County sites.

Northwest Georgia Pedestrian and Biking Task Force

- Proposed an additional biking route through Dade County for the Georgia Bike Map. Task Force will address that this month.

Design Committee

The chair of this committee is Vickie Seymour.

New Chairperson

The Design Committee met and unanimously elected Vickie Seymour as the new Chairperson of the committee. Vickie is well known in the county and city. She is on the board of the Chamber and a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

Downtown Building Design Criteria

The chairperson of the committee has begun to study this issue. She plans to contact City Commission members that have expressed interest in this issue. She is also looking for other who might want to provide input on this topic. She will be reviewing with the committee model state ordinances.

Historic Preservation Commission

The City attorney has a draft copy of the ordinance for review, which will actually create the commission.

Façade Grant Program

The façade grant program has been preliminarily funded with a \$4,500 commitment. More information will be forthcoming in the next week about the program.

Banners

New brackets and poles are on order to help deal with wind problems. The Street Department has done a great job in tying down banners and screwing the brackets into the wooden poles.

Economic Restructuring Committee

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

Business Information Seminar

The seminar is on April 11 at 5 PM and will be located in the County Commission Meeting room. The following organizations are planning presentations for the event:

- Dade County Chamber of Commerce
- Georgia Department of Economic Development
- SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) of Chattanooga
- The Bank of Dade
- The Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority
- The Small Business Administration (SBA)
- The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the University of Georgia

This event is for a new business or a long-standing successful business. This event can also be particularly useful for those people of thinking of starting a business. It is a great opportunity for information. If you know anyone in that situation, please invite them.

Larry's Restaurant is providing free appetizers and refreshments for the event. That alone can make it worthwhile.

Seeking New Downtown Businesses and Development

The committee is also working with a developer for advice and consul on development potentials for downtown. A plan is under development.

Building Inventory

A building inventory for Main Street buildings is under development

Organization Committee

Janet York is the chairperson of the Organization Committee.

Board Membership

The DDA Board is seeking candidates for the Board to replace Mr. Ridley. The candidates for this position must be a City resident by law.

Grants

A State of Georgia Local Development Grant (LDF) application has been applied for by the Mayor.

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 April 20, 2006.

Peter Cervelli
Better Hometown Manager
City of Trenton

Family Fest 2006

Entertainers and Schedule

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Friday May 19 2006

6:00 till 7:00 Parade
7:00 till 10:00 Collins Bros.

Saturday May 20 2006

10:00 Michael Phillips Band
11:00 John Latham &co.
12:05 Khrischell Harrison
12:40 Mechele Nichols
1:15 Will Martin
1:45 Mechele & Will
2:30 Lou Wamp
3:45 Georgia Overdrive
Main stage will closed from 5:00 to6:30
6:45 Jennifer Daniels
8:30 Sammi Moore

Sunday May 21 2006

1:00 Michael Phillips Band
2:00 Mechele Nichols
2:30 Will Martin
3:00 Khrischell Harrison
3:45 Singing Browns

