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# Downtown Development Authority

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**To: Commissioners – City of Trenton**

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

## **General Downtown Development Authority Items**

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

1. The financial report and minutes accepted.

## **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 is complete and family fest is fully funded (assuming all pledges are received).
- The entertainment committee has completed the entertainment program for the festival. See Brochure attached.
- Final logistics are being worked on.

### **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. A website design has been chosen.

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

- No new information this month.

## **Design Committee**

The chair of this committee is Vickie Seymour.

### **Downtown Building Design Criteria**

The Design Committee has made the recommendation of façade requirements for metal buildings their highest priority. They have been gathering information and examples. She is also looking for other who might want to provide input on this topic. She will be reviewing model state ordinances with the committee.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

The City attorney has a draft copy of the ordinance for review, which will actually create the commission. The Mayor expects a reply from the City attorney on 5/1/06.

### **Façade Grant Program**

The façade grant program has been funded with a \$4,500 commitment. The Design Committee will publish the process and application soon.

### **Banners**

New brackets and poles to help deal with banner wind problems have been delivered. The Trenton Arts Council banners will be place on Hwy 11 once brackets arrive.

## **Economic Restructuring Committee**

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

### **Business Information Seminar**

The seminar was on April 11 in the County Commission Meeting room. The following organizations made presentations at 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 was reasonably well attended by local business owners. We will consider a similar program for next year.

Thanks to Janet York, Larry's Restaurant provided free appetizers and refreshments for the event.

### **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 two candidates for the Board to replace Mr. Ridley and Sydney Lynch. Ms Lynch recently sent in her resignation as she is moving to Knoxville. One of the two 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. Awaiting feedback.

### **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 May 18, 2006.

Peter Cervelli  
Better Hometown Manager  
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