

Downtown Development Authority

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To: Commissioners – City of Trenton

Subject: Downtown Development Authority Monthly Status Report for May 2006

General Downtown Development Authority Items

May 2006 Board Meeting Votes (Motions Passed)

1. The financial report and minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
2. Motion was made by Janet York, seconded by Rex Harrison to accept resignation from Sydney Lynch Burrese; she will be relocating to Knoxville. Motion Carried.
3. Motion was made by Janey Ettien, seconded by Janet York to accept application from Alan Ward to take before the City Commission to replace Sydney Lynch Burrese on the DDA Board. Motion Carried.

Promotion Committee

Rex Harrison is the chairperson of the Promotion Committee.

Family Fest 2006

- Family Fest 2006 took place on May 19, 20, and 21.
- Family Fest 2006 is considered a success by the Promotion Committee, by all measures. There was more music, more vendors, more attendees, and more sponsors.
- The Promotion Committee and the festival chairperson thank the City of Trenton for its vital and generous support. Without the city's support, Family Fest would not be the success it is.
- One noted item is additional electrical power was put in the park for vendor locations. Even so, it is still not sufficient for the demands of the vendors that were there and are

likely to come back. We need to review and plan a complete power plan for the park and stage (there were power problems there as well).

Chickamauga Campaign Heritage

- The Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail Committee has been working on a website, which will support tourism with all the historical marker information. The first full draft version will be available for review in about 30 days. The website will include the Trenton and Dade County sites. The two Trenton sites are:
 - The Macon Iron Works
 - The O'Neal House
- A copy of the two plaques is attached. Those plaques are being manufactured now.
- The Mayor and I have reviewed the potential spots to place the plaques. We will need to contact property owners to insure we have all the necessary permissions.

Northwest Georgia Pedestrian and Biking Task Force

- The task force has been funded by GDOT for \$90,000 in fiscal year 2006-2007. Approximate budget use:
 - \$10,000 for a website to promote biking and hiking in Northwest Georgia
 - \$10,000 for reuse of abandoned railroads as hiking and biking trails.
 - \$10,000 for a Safe Routes to School plan for at least one community
 - \$20,000 for "Share the Road" signs for bike routes.
 - \$5,000 for two Livable Community Workshops
 - \$35,000 for Bike and Pedestrian Compatibility Assessments for six communities
- Trenton will apply to be assessed as to Pedestrian Compatibility, given this is a City for families.
- There will be a legislators' meeting on this topic on June 12 with:
 - Senator Isakson
 - Congressman Neal
 - Jeff Mullis
 - Martin Scott
- County Executive Ben Brandon and the Mayor have been invited to attend this meeting.

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. The committee plans to present their recommendations to the City Commission at the July commission meeting.

Historic Preservation Commission

- The City attorney has approved the draft version of the ordinance that will create the Historic Preservation Commission. The commission needs to vote on the ordinance.
- The mayor has a presentation that presents an overview of the details of the ordinance for use with the City commissioners.

Façade Grant Program

- The façade grant program has been funded with a \$4,500 commitment from Citizen's Bank and Trust. A subcommittee of the Design Committee is developing the final application and rules for a façade grant.

Banners

- New brackets and poles to help deal with banner wind problems have been installed selectively through the City. Two banners from the Trenton Arts Council have been installed on Hwy 11. The remaining eight banners will be installed when new brackets and poles arrive
- A new sponsor banner for Charter Communication and a replacement banner for the Rising Fawn Baptist Church will be installed shortly.

Economic Restructuring Committee

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

Seeking New Downtown Businesses and Development

The committee continues 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 Ms. Sydney Lynch-Burress. At this time, the Board unanimously is recommending to the City Commission

that Allan Ward be appointed to the DDA Board to replace Ms. Lynch-Burress. A separate letter has been sent to the mayor and Commissioners with this recommendation

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 June 15, 2006.

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