

Downtown Development Authority

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To: Commissioners – City of Trenton

Subject: Downtown Development Authority Monthly Status Report for June 2007

General Downtown Development Authority Items

June 17, 2007 Board Meeting Votes (Motions Passed)

1. To approve minutes of June 2007 DDA Board Meeting
2. To approve financial report
3. To amend DDA / Chamber contract to allow for a fall concert versus a summer concert
4. To authorize \$100 as sponsorship for Chamber Golf Tournament.

Promotion Committee

Rex Harrison is the chairperson of the Promotion Committee.

Family Fest 2007

- Family Fest 2007 – Almost all contributions have been received as of June. A few will be delayed by agreement.

Chickamauga Campaign Heritage

- The Macon Iron Works tourist sign has been installed on the corner of Hwy 11 and Morrison Ridge Road (street just south of Shaw).

- The O’Neal House tourist sign’s location is being negotiated with the owners of the historic building. A tour program for the O’ Neal House is also being planned.

Summer Concert

- We are hopeful that there will be at least one summer concert in the park.
- A second concert is being planned with the Chamber of Commerce for the fall of this year.

Art Loop Trail

- An art loop trail for Northwest Georgia is being planned. The Trenton Arts council is working with other local counties and with artists and other attractions in our community to create a brochure and website for tourists.

Design Committee

The chair of this committee is Bob Dombrowski.

Façade Grant Program

- The façade work has been completed on the Shaw building on south Main Street. Documentation is now being prepared to determine the size of the grant from the DDA as a result of Citizens Bank’s generosity.

Façade Design Work

- Façade design work is also being done for two other downtown businesses.

Town Creek Trail

- The design committee is collaborating with the Trenton Arts Council on building the Town Creek Trail. A small group of volunteers is doing all the necessary work and maintenance
- Town Creek Trail – Phase 1 of Jenkins Park portion of Town Creek Trail is well underway. Please visit it.
 - The south side of the creek has been cleared for a looping trail in a natural environment. One small bridge has been built over a culvert and one more may be necessary.
 - The north side of the trail (in parking lot along creek) is almost complete. A grant from Tree City allowed for the placement of several trees along the trail.
- Town Creek Trail – Phase 2 and beyond are in planning stage.

City Entranceway Signs

- Delayed for lack of response from sign vendors.

Streetscape

- Updates to Status/Outline below are underlined:
 - Two public hearings (May 7 and 29) have been held on the general plan for the streetscape project.
 - The Transportation Enhancement (TE) grant application has been officially submitted to GDOT. The grant outlines a plan for approximately \$1.25M worth of renovation to south Hwy 11 and the road around the courthouse. GDOT will announce winning communities in October.

Historic Preservation Commission

- No change in status.

Economic Restructuring Committee

Allan Ward is the chairperson of the Economic Restructuring Committee.

Low Interest Loans

- The Better Hometown Manager is working with a local business owner on a possible low interest loan for expansion downtown.

Downtown Businesses Development

- The committee is developing recommendations to the City that would encourage new development downtown.

Building Inventory

A building inventory for Main Street buildings is under development.

Organization Committee

Janet York is the chairperson of the Organization Committee.

DDA Board

- The board has two openings for City residents at this time.

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 July 19, 2007.

Peter Cervelli
Better Hometown Manager
City of Trenton