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2018 DDC Board Officers and Directors have been named. See details in newsletter.



The DDC is currently working on developing a strategic plan for moving forward.



The DDC is continuing to coordinate parking solutions for potential developers with the City of Peoria.

DDC Action

DDC Activities

2018 DDC Board Officers and Directors Named

At the DDC annual board meeting on May 3, 2018, the DDC Nominating Committee recommended and the Board approved the following officers and directors for the coming year: Mark Yemm, chairman; Jeff Kolbus, vice chairman; Jonathan Williams, treasurer; Robert Anderson, secretary; Michael J. Freilinger, President/CEO; and State Rep. Ryan Spain, Vice President. Rounding out the 15-member board are Jeanette Murray, Roberta Parks, Denise Moore, Sid Ruckriegel, Christopher Glynn, Sonya Miles, Karen Jensen, Jeff McLinden, and Travis Mohlenbrink. All DDC directors and officers and their current affiliations are listed on our web site at www.downtownpeoria.us.

DDC Strategic Plan

The DDC board is drafting and will implement a 3-5 year strategic plan. Once finalized, the plan will be shared with our industry sectors, and we will ask for your comments.

DDC Committee Action

Planning Committee

Parking Solutions

We are moving forward on parking solutions in the Warehouse District to help address issues raised by potential developers who would like to begin new projects soon. The projects will be residential as well as commercial/retail. A parking study has been done, showing that within the next three to five years there will be a shortage of over 800 parking stalls. The DDC is looking at several options proposed as a result of the study and is working with the City to move forward on formalizing and implementing one of the options in the near future.



On June 1st, 2018, the DDC hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate Soulside Healing Arts opening day!

Downtown Development

Soulside Healing Arts

Now open for business! On June 1st, Soulside Healing Arts held its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1311 SW Adams. Soulside Healing Arts is a nonprofit organization that decreases barriers to healing, health, and happiness by making yoga and mindfulness practices accessible to all. Welcome, Soulside Healing Arts, to the Warehouse District!

Wayfinding

Michael Freiling, DDC President/CEO, is a member of the Downtown Peoria Wayfinding Committee. The committee is working on a project to better define and mark the districts in the downtown. The signage will be helpful for out-of-town visitors and new residents.



The Downtown Peoria Wayfinding Committee is working on a signage project that will assist visitors and residents.

Riverfront Village Development

The Riverfront Village platform has been taken down. Demolition of the platform yielded 10,000 tons of recycled concrete. Steel, copper, and aluminum will also be taken to a scrap yard for recycling. The DDC has formed a committee to determine how best to recognize the donors of the riverfront demolition project. The committee will use funds that have been set aside to place a plaque listing the donors names and will determine another tangible way to honor our donors who were most instrumental in the demolition project.



The DDC has formed a committee to work on recognizing the donors of the Riverfront Demolition Project.

Riverfront First Citizens Advisory Group

The DDC will participate on the Riverfront First Citizens Advisory Group. The group held its first meeting on May 29 and will begin work on the riverfront master planning process. We will keep you informed as the plan develops.



Sculpture Walk 2018 is ready for visitors! Sixteen sculptures will be on display through May 2019.



The RiverFront Market season is in full swing! Open from 8am - Noon, through September 29th!



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Downtown Activities

Sculpture Walk 2018

Sculpture Walk 2018 is officially unveiled and ready for visitors. Sixteen artists, representing six states (seven artists from Illinois alone), have installed their artwork on display through May 2019. Take a leisurely walk along Washington Street to enjoy the sculptures. Sculpture Walk Peoria is an initiative of ArtsPartners of Central Illinois.

Riverfront Market

Downtown Peoria's riverfront market opened for its 15th season on Saturday, May 19th, and will run every Saturday throughout the summer and fall months. The market has over 80 vendors, which is an increase from last year. Products for sale include local produce and handmade items. The market also offers music by local musicians, arts and crafts for children, balloon art, and many other activities. We invite you to take advantage of this family-friendly offering along the riverfront.

Downtown Activities Video

NOTE: DEADLINE TO PARTICIPATE is July 31, 2018.

As we are acquiring footage for our downtown activities video, we want to remind you that there is limited space available. This video will focus on activities that are happening in the downtown for visitors, workers, and residents of the downtown. This is a one-time video opportunity that will "live forever" on the DDC web site and will be your best advertising value! As we all know, "marketing is everything," and most times you pay a hefty fee for a one-time commercial or series. This is a great deal because it is the opposite. . . a one-time small fee for a "forever" commercial that will live on the DDC web site that will include a reciprocal link to your business web site. For more details on how to feature your business and/or activity in this video, send an email to info@downtownpeoria.us.

DDC web site

Your primary source for downtown Peoria news! Make sure you check out the DDC web site and subscribe to our newsletter if you haven't already using this link: <https://www.downtownpeoria.us/newsletter>. The web site is a great resource for those interested in doing a development project in downtown Peoria. Also, the web site is a great place to find activities in downtown Peoria. Check back often so that you do not miss out on new developments and happenings! Our web site address is www.downtownpeoria.us.

