



Tampa's Downtown Vision & Action Plan Annual Update Community Forum

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rampello Downtown Partnership School

COMMUNITY INPUT

Culture & Arts

- Streets de Soleil event on North Franklin Street
- Recruit festivals and events to downtown parks and venues to make downtown a year-round cultural destination
- Current Tampa Museum of Art could be converted to a Cultural Arts Center/studio space for artists
- Engage cruise ship passengers and conventioners and encourage them to attend cultural institutions
- Create Tourism Packages
- Expand funding for new public arts projects
- Seating improvements for Tampa Theatre

Education

- Use the Old Federal Courthouse as a high school
- Create a Maritime Magnet School
- Encourage more pre-K schools and/or daycare centers in downtown

Environment/Open Spaces/Community Gathering Places

- More Community Gardens/Urban Parks
- Dog Parks
- Waterfront Access to Boaters/Public Docks
- Ensure Ongoing Health of the River Eco-System
- More Architectural Shade Structures
- Restore Kiley Gardens and Massey Park

Hospitality

- Develop additional hotel rooms for convention center expansion

Housing/Residential

- Create Affordable, Mid-level and Senior Housing Initiatives
- Homeless Population/Security is an issue – control or relocate homeless feedings
- Prevention of Homelessness Programs
- Create Artist Housing
- Incorporate Excellence in Design into Public/Low-Income Housing

Office/Commercial Real Estate

- Consolidate Office Space

Planning/Design/Zoning

- Additional Environmental Planning/Improvements
- More Connectivity between Destinations
- Comprehensive Planning
- Encourage Green Construction
- Recycle Waste from the TMA Building
- Increase Urban Density

Retail/ Entertainment

- Need More Outdoor Dining Options
- Expand Festivals and Retail around the Convention Center
- Create Additional Ground-Floor Retail
- More Retail Around Residential Developments
- Need More International Trade in Downtown
- Need a Higher Concentration of Retail, Events and Activities
- Need More Amenities (Service and Retail) Including Grocery Stores, etc.

Transportation/Parking/Pedestrian Movement

- Adopt the Peter O'Knight Airport as the "Downtown Airport"
- Create Transit Connections Between the InTown Area and the Channel District
- Pave over the Polk Street Rail Road to Create a New Corridor
- Form Public/Private Partnerships to Fund Transportation Options
- Increase Multi-Modal Public Transportation Options
- Ashley Drive Improvements to Make that Corridor More Pedestrian Friendly
- Downtown Bicycle Trail Safety Study
- Need More Bike Friendly Facilities
- Create a Trolley Route to Davis Island
- Downtown Needs to be More Pedestrian Friendly