# **Downtown Advisory Board**

Of the Downtown Improvement Board June 23, 2016 – 9:00a.m. AGENDA

#### 1) WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE DIB?

## 2) Bylaw states purpose:

"Section 2 <u>Purpose And Objective</u>. The Downtown Improvement Board was established in April, 1972 by the Florida Legislature (Chapter 72-655, as amended 76-466 and 80-582) to correct downtown Pensacola commercial blight, preserve property values; encourage economic development; attract commercial and residential re-investment into urban core, and beautify downtown Pensacola through proper maintenance, aesthetic and technical design and redevelopment measures. The overall objectives of the Board are specifically itemized in the state charter and include the following:"

#### DIB mission statement

The Pensacola Downtown Improvement Board exists to continue the removal of commercial blight, enhance property values, encourage economic development, attract commercial and residential development into the urban core, and beautify Downtown Pensacola.

#### Goals and Objectives

As set out in 2013 - 2017

Attract more quality retail establishments
Increase residential offerings and occupancy
Increase visits to Downtown
Improve community awareness of the economic impact of the DIB
Strengthen collaborative relationships with outside agencies

Expanded in 2014 - HEAART Housing

- Enhance property values
- Increase residential offerings and occupancy

**Economic Development** 

- Increase visits to Downtown

#### **Aesthetics**

- Removal of commercial blight
- Beautify Downtown Pensacola

#### Arts and Culture

- Support Historical Activities
- Support Performance venues
- Public Art

#### Retail

- Attract commercial and residential development into the urban core
- Attract more quality retail establishments

## Transportation

- Tarragona traffic flow, stop sign at Intendencia
- Pedestrian Safety, crosswalks on Main

#### Other

- Improve community awareness of the economic impact of the DIB
- Strengthen collaborative relationships with outside agencies

### **Examples of other Cities**

## Memphis Downtown:

Is attractive for investment

Is friendly and safe

Is clean and green

Is animated, vibrant and fun

Is a great place to work and shop

Equal access to opportunities

Public spaces are well designed, build and maintained

## Boise:

Safe, clean and attractive

Retail events that bring people into downtown

Host special events that attract people to downtown

Be a member driven organization – outreach

Attract new and diverse businesses, residents and development

Promote sustainable programs that benefit the environment

Encourage and promote downtown living