

**Downtown Committee
Status of Projects**

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	Project:	Description:	Status:	Projected Completion Date:	
1	Review New Code Enforcement	Staff is drafting five (5) new code enforcement ordinances--1) Public Nuisances; 2) Dangerous Buildings; 3) Vacant	Some ordinances have gone before the Council, but require additional review by the City Attorney and staff.	30-Apr-08	
2	Compile List of Buildings	Draft inventory of buildings in Downtown to have information of owner, when built, when last purchased, status	Code Enforcement staff currently working on list - RDA Director also assisting.	1-May-08	
3	Create Facade and Streetscape Program	Draft facade and streetscape program for revitalization of building fronts and apply for grant monies to fund	HCD has said City can use only 5% of \$1 million EDBG grant for these two (2) programs - Application filed in April - Downtown Committee recommends this project as No. 1 priority for grant funds to improve facades. Interested building owners will write letter to RDA Director to	30-Apr-08	
4	Determine New Light Standards	New light design on poles required to reflect history	Committee to review lighting standards and recommend to Council their choices for the Downtown. Will review at the next Committee meeting, April 8.	30-Apr-08	
5	Establish New Banner Program	Old banners need replacing - New Program can include 3-4 change-outs per year to reflect seasons	Council provided input at April 1 Workshop--Recommend to look at one banner choice only and to have sponsors to decrease contribution by City. PW will conduct inventory of current banners. Will discuss more at April 22	31-Mar-08	
6	Establish White Light Program	String lights on the building fronts and trees to improve evening atmosphere	Council listened to proposal at April 1 workshop. This is probably priority 2 after the Banner Program. Will discuss proposal costs more at April 22 Committee meeting.	31-Mar-08	
7	Conduct Building Revitalization Study	Target 3-5 buildings to rehabilitate using the mixed development approach - commercial/residential upper story; Joyce building will be totally economic development related	Consultant working with RDA Director to draft proposal for buildings to study - Staff applying for grants in Summer to fund study.	30-Jun-08	
8	Review Sign Ordinance	Planning Staff drafting to include in new zoning ordinance - sign requirements need upgrading	Sign Ordinance part of Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance discussed in Planning Study Session on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. and again at Council Study Session on April 15 at 6:00 p.m.; Planning Commission to hear reso in Public Hearing on May 13 and tentative Council ordinance public hearing on June 3.	15-Mar-08	
9	Establish New Tree Landscaping Program	Trees in Downtown require pruning/cultivation/re-planting - PW drafting master plan for City Tree Program - will apply for grant	PW Director drafting Landscape Program. Could be completed and shared with Committee by second meeting in April. Passed on to Planning Commission and Council for adoption. Monies can be budgeted for trees to match potential grants. Trees can also be pruned and landscaped in Downtown according to Plan.	1-Apr-08	
10	Present Power Point on Main Street Program	Staff has purchased PP on National Main Street Program that is used successfully in many cities to revitalize Downtown	RDA Director presented and can provide cd and written presentation to members interested.	26-Feb-08	
11	Review Zoning Ordinance	Planning Staff would like Committee to assist in reviewing revision of Zoning Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance discussed in Planning Workshop on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. and again at Council Workshop on April 15 at 6:00 p.m.; Planning Commission to hear reso May 13 and Council ordinance on June 3.	1-Apr-08	
12	Establish Boundaries for Downtown Area	Planning Staff requires assistance from Committee, staff will create Downtown overlay zoning for future development	Current proposal is 10th to 2nd and Kern to Front Streets; recommendation to also include Senior Living Project Area.	1-Mar-08	
13	Downtown Entrance Sign	City has developed and approved Downtown Entrance Sign Concept - proposed for intersection of 6th and Center; also looking for other places in City to construct	Signs(Entrance and Monument) have been approved by Council, requests ideas from Committee for locations-- Current recommendations are 10th/Center, 6th/Center, 5th/Center, 2nd/Center, 4th/Kern, 6th/Kern. The Committee recommends the Gateway Sign by placed at 5th and Center-- Letter written to Council stating position.	31-Dec-08	
14	City Promotional Brochure	Staff is working with Graphic Solutions to create promotional brochure for City economic development	Graphic Solutions has format and verbage for brochure, some pictures. High School is taking more for City as is Doug Keeler of TMD.	30-May-08	
15	Soroptomist Park Development	Idea to improve Park to make more appealing and comfortable for concerts in the park	Steve Hagerty has drafted one idea for park development. Soroptomists like proposal. More discussion is required. Funding sources need to be found.	30-Jun-08	
16	Expansion of RDA Area	The Taft Community Development Agency's redevelopment area requires expansion to create additional funding opportunities for the TCDA. This additional funding can revitalize and develop areas of Taft that have previously been ignored or delayed.	The City is entering into a professional services agreement with Urban Futures, a reputable RDA firm, to assist in the expansion of the TCDA Project Area. This effort is estimated to take approximately 14 months.	30-Sep-09	
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