

**First Friday Noontime Forum Series**  
**“Continuing the Growth and Prosperity of Downtown Lancaster”**

**Highlights**

**February 2007 – Moving Forward on a Fast Track to Success – Mayor Rick Gray**

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- ❖ The downtown is Lancaster's urban core.
- ❖ Downtown development sets the stage for revitalization of the city as a whole.
- ❖ Rapid development of Lancaster's downtown must be accomplished in the next 18 months.
- ❖ The Convention Center is a reality – we must prepare to make it a success.
- ❖ Delay is not an option.
- ❖ There is no single, focused organization with a single agenda and a clear direction.
- ❖ There is a critical need to have an organization that specifically focuses on the downtown's re-development.
- ❖ Currently, no existing economic development agency or organization in Lancaster is so narrowly focused and, as such, none have agreed to assume specific responsibility for this challenging assignment.
- ❖ Success in address this strategy is critical if the City is to move ahead efficiently in the short-term (preparing for the Convention Center) and in the long-term ensuring a vital thriving business climate in the years to come.
- ❖ **A CALL TO ACTION:** The public sector needs the private sector to come together NOW and align their individual organizational goals in pursuit of a common agenda.