

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

Highlights

March 2008 – The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr. – Mayor of Charleston, South Carolina

- ❖ What is happening in Lancaster City is an American story and this is the future of America. Increasingly each day our country is becoming more urban and less rural.
- ❖ Cities should build and support the public realm.
- ❖ We are all “City Builders”. Hard work is required to avoid mistakes. Physical memories and a sense of history are important. Great City Builders don’t take down historic buildings.
- ❖ A City should be physically beautiful and culturally diverse. We should never allow anything to be built that isn’t beautiful and doesn’t provide quality to our city.
- ❖ The revitalization of a city takes a long time. A Strategic Plan is essential and city leaders must adhere to the Plan. The challenge is to have the energy and courage to put the right things in place like the downtown convention center—a catalytic project.
- ❖ Sometimes city investment is necessary to stimulate private investment.