

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

**Highlights – Part I**

**Part I – December 2005**

- ❖ A platform needs to be created to showcase the good things going on downtown— “The rose is blooming”
- ❖ Need neighborhood attention in addition to corridor attention especially with the safety issues.
- ❖ A ballpark and convention center aren’t enough—need one or two more serious attractions perhaps appealing to different interests.
- ❖ We want private investment, and we have to keep up that drumbeat to make it attractive.
- ❖ Could the County come up with some funding mechanism to help the city—offset the concentration of non-profits?
- ❖ Good things have happened without apparent recent planning—a coordinated approach needs to occur to continue the momentum.
- ❖ LDR Plan is 7 1/2 yrs into a 15 yr. program and when you look at the completed projects in 3 of the 4 city sectors we should feel good. It’s the central district sector where improvement is lacking. There would be great value in updating the LDR Plan.