

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

Highlights –Part XII

**Part XII – November 2006 –Discussion with Randy Patterson,
Director of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization**

- ❖ A “Downtown Lancaster Strategic Plan” has been crafted by citizens of Lancaster, sponsored by Mayor Gray and assisted by The Brookings Institution—it has not been released to the public.
- ❖ The strategy for downtown has a primary focus on increasing market rate housing in the downtown and a major arts initiative.
- ❖ The City has taken ownership of the Plan and will govern the implementation of the Plan.
- ❖ A new non-profit organization is proposed to assume expanded responsibilities to assist with the management of the implementation of the strategy and creating new catalytic development capacity to spark private sector development.
- ❖ The Brookings Institution will be conducting a similar process for neighborhoods.