

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

Highlights – September, 2011

• **PUBLIC ART FOR LANCASTER**

–John Lustig, Public Arts Manager–City of Lancaster, PA

- Arts are an industry—they are a part of our economy—a creative economy.
- The Poetry Path initiative is moving forward— poetry-inspired public art incorporated into Lancaster’s streetscape.
- More needs to be done to get visitors to come downtown and experience the art economy.
- A Public Arts Advisory Board has been created. The Board is creating public art guidelines. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. at the Southern Market Center. The meetings are open to the public.
- The community can engage in the public arts process. The Public Arts Manager is the facilitator of the process.
- Opportunities need to be identified at the beginning of construction/rehabilitation projects.
- Donations of art are accepted by contacting the Special Events Office in the Mayor’s office. The art must have sustainability to last a lifetime plus 75 years.
- The goal is to create a unique experience and that reflects the dynamics of Lancaster.