

DOWNTOWN DOVER

Mayor Richter submitted a proposed Resolution creating a Downtown Development Committee. It is his hope that this will continue the momentum of the move to redevelop the downtown area.

By motion of Mr. VanSant, seconded by Mr. Levitt, Council unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Central Area of Dover has a rich historic heritage, and still contains important employment, retail and cultural functions; and

WHEREAS, this area of Dover is important to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, a Dover Central Area Study was recently completed by Urban Partners and Kise Franks Straw with contributions by many individuals and organizations in Dover; and

WHEREAS, this study has been accepted by the City of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the study contains recommendations for preserving the strengths of the Central Area of Dover and using them as a basis for revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the first component of the plan, which is the land use and zoning plan, is in the process of implementation; and

WHEREAS, the second component, which is a number of specific projects that are recommended for action, is dependent on a long term management organization with public and private support, and that has access to financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the study contains implementation recommendations which require the creation of a local management structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOVER HEREBY ESTABLISH A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE SHALL:

1. Be an ad-hoc committee with the following objectives:
 - A. To review the Recommended Management Plan as contained in the Study and to recommend to Council specific ordinances for implementation.
 - B. To coordinate their efforts with the Downtown Business Association and other established entities and institutions, including the StaLe of Delaware, Wesley College, Kent County, Kent General Hospital, the Dover Arts Council and other civic and business leaders and City residents.
 - C. In the interim and until a final organization is defined, shall lead the City in its downtown redevelopment efforts.

2. Consist of the following appointed members:

Mr. Gary Patterson, Chairman

Council Member Francis Weyandt, Chairman-Legislative & Finance Committee Council

Member Reuben Salters, Fourth District

Council Member Robin Christiansen, At-Large

City Planner, Mr. Ed Cregar

Mrs. Debbie Flayhart, President-Downtown Business Association

Mr. Frank Fantini

Mr. Karl Dorzback, Jr.

Mr. Robert Berglund

3. Have the City Manager as an ex-officio member, who shall provide staff support.
4. Be advisory in nature and shall briiig recommendations to the Mayor and Council for action.
5. Complete its work as soon as possible and should give a report to Council no later than October 1, 1989.

ADOPTED: May 8, 1989