



**DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**
of Augusta

**Executive Director's Report
February 2023**

Economic Restructuring:

Active Projects:

922 Greene Street-Force Jackson House. Ribbon Cutting will be held soon.

401 Greene Street-completion and GCL closing scheduled for April.

Brunch House-15 7th Street.

712 Ellis Street-meeting with owners 1/19. Have received façade grant and GCL Loan Application.

Marion Bldg., 739 Broad Street.

Lamar Bldg., 753 Broad Street.

Embassy Suites 1163 Broad Street-met with finance department.

Sound Recording Studio-14,000 SF. Showed properties on 2/14.

407 Telfair Street-Ribbon Cutting held 2/9. Façade grant application under new business.

The HIVE

Property negotiations underway.

Design meeting held 2/3 and drawings underway by Dickinson Architect.

Preliminary budgets completed.

Business plan and programming underway.

Request for state funding submitted.

Meeting with Warnock's office 2/6 and applications are underway to be submitted to the SBA.

Other:

Meeting with Linda Grijalva at CSRA Regional Commission on 1/23 for project funding opportunities.

Conference Call with Deputy Commissioner Rusty Haygood (DCA) on 2/7-funding opportunities.

Annual downtown statistics are underway.

Design:

Applied for a grant through Improving Neighborhood Outcomes for renovation of Jones Street and Jones Street Alley. Grant awards have not been posted to date.

ACE Partnership-update under new business.

Promotion:

Marketing Committee meeting held 2/9.

Working with City on Communications for TIA Projects. Email database underway.

Quarterly update underway for the Commission to present in March.

Organization:

Chamber Red Carpet 1/27.

Black Chamber Gala 11/28.
Public TIA Meetings 1/24.
Chamber Economic Luncheon 1/19.
Leidos Ribbon Cutting (Cyber Center) 2/11.
Israel Consulate Luncheon 2/15.

Short-term Projects Underway:

Annual Statistics (new businesses and job creation)
Georgia Power Façade statistics-completed.
2023 DDA operating budget completed for March approval.
Office Inventory report blog for DDA website-completed.