

# Annapolis Partnership

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## Design Committee Meeting

“The Design Committee addresses the physical appearances of Downtown Annapolis and advocates for policy changes to make it easier to grow downtown.”

Present: Ann Widener, Joe Barsin, Lisa Thompson

The Design Committee reviewed the list of core competencies (basic, intermediate and advanced) and concluded there were several items the Partnership hadn't addressed to date. They are as follows:

1. Develop and market improvement incentives and assistance including: Design Assistance
2. Evaluate existing physical assets: buildings, streets, public signs, parking lots and open spaces
3. Inventory conditions of physical environment
4. Facade improvements
5. Create a detailed and visually appealing map of downtown
6. Develop and market improvement incentives and assistance including: Real estate tax abatement, loan programs, grant programs, design assistance.
7. Photograph downtown extensively, including before, during and after photos of rehabilitation work and promotional events; using professional photographers when possible.

The Committee built consensus on focusing on the following initiatives first.

1. Create a detailed and visually appealing map of downtown that could be used by the Partnership for a variety of initiatives.
2. Secondly, the Committee wanted to organize a “walk” around the District to evaluate existing physical assets: building, streets, public signs, parking lots and open spaces with a mind toward creating a clean and safe environment
3. Third, they want to learn more about grant opportunities from Maryland Main Street that can assist in funding a Facade Program or interior space program.

Next Meeting is April 7, 2016 at 8:30 am, 30 West Street