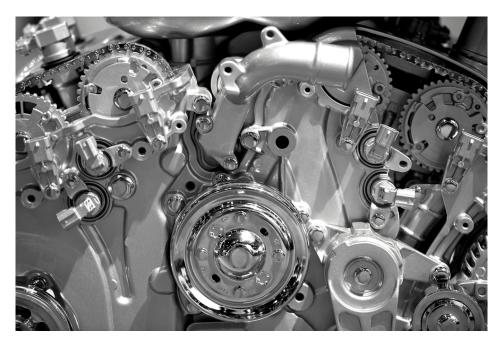




Downtown Revitalization-Economic Engine A Healthy, Vibrant Downtown Essential for the Overall Community

Downtown should be / can be a significant portion of the Friendswood tax base, serving as an economic engine for the City!





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2015 Downtown "Inventory" of Lots & Buildings

25 Vacant Lots and/or Buildings comprising 16.856 acres.

734,225 square feet of commercial property just within a 1-mile stretch of Friendswood Drive.

This inventory was generating just \$21,403.53 in property tax revenue for the City of Friendswood.



Downtown Revitalization-Economic Engine

A Healthy, Vibrant Downtown Essential for the Overall Community

New Construction since 2015

Office / Commercial Buildings: Three

Retail Buildings: Six

Mix-Use (Residential / Commercial): One

As of 2019, over \$ 7.5 million has been added in taxable value, with another \$32 Million on-line by 2021; adding over \$215,000 in revenue to the City.



Downtown Revitalization-Sense of Place

A Healthy, Vibrant Downtown Essential for the Overall Community

Downtowns can provide that "sense of place"... a place to gather and reinforce that sense of community!





Downtown Revitalization-Reflection

A Healthy, Vibrant Downtown Essential for the Overall Community

Downtowns serve as a reflection of the overall community... what is Friendswood Downtown reflecting?

Our Heritage?

Our History?

Our Community Values?

Our Community Pride?

Our Patriotism, Texas Pride?



Downtown Revitalization-Reflection

A Healthy, Vibrant Downtown Essential for the Overall Community







Friends of Downtown Friendswood Association, Inc. – 501c4 Non-Profit

Formed in August of 2015 - Served by two boards... a 12 member Advisory Board, 32 member Board of Directors, and over 50 Volunteers

Past Mayors & Council Members Keep Friendswood Beautiful

Current Council and P&Z Members Friendswood Fine Arts

Friendswood Farmers Market Heritage Gardeners Society

Non-Downtown Business Owners

Working Moms Stay-At-Home Moms Downtown Business Owners

Friendswood Chamber Ages mid-20 to mid 80's

Friendswood Rotary



1/8th Cent Type B (4B) Sales Tax to establish a revenue source for Downtown Friendswood





Capturing the Heart and Soul of Small Town Texas

There are four primary objectives

- Beautify and enhance the downtown area... primarily public art
- Highlight & promote existing downtown businesses
- Educate the public on why downtown revitalization is important
- Create & host events to bring folks into the downtown area



Enhance & Beautify Downtown

Public Art Initiative







Anat Ronen

anatronen.com





Before





After





2019 Downtown Mural Installation





Promote Existing Downtown Businesses





www.fdfa.org









Educate the Public

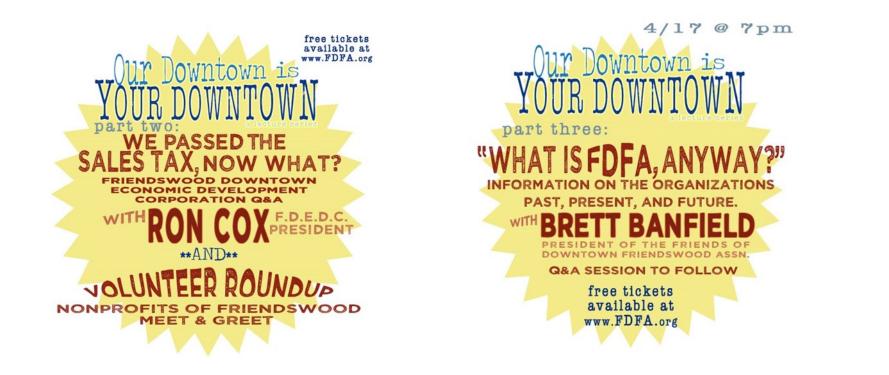


"Our Downtown is Your Downtown" A Series of Public Events on Downtown Revitalization





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Creating / Hosting Events





























November 2nd 2019

























What's next for FDFA?

Reenergize, reinvent, rebrand, reinvigorate, re-boot... all the re's!

FDFA 2.0!





THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME! HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND IN DOWNTOWN FRIENDSWOOD

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