

## News from Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

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## Downtown Task Force works towards final report

(Hot Springs, AR) April 21, 2014 – The Downtown Hot Springs Game Plan Task Force began their work immediately following Hearing #3 last Monday night. It was at that time that the group realized that it would take some time to digest all of the presentations, reports, documents, and online messages and comment cards collected over the past few weeks. They elected at that time to delay the presentation of their report, which was to have been revealed at a meeting on April 21.

The Greater Hot Springs Chamber Of Commerce and Metro Partnership created the Game Plan Task Force. Chamber & Partnership CEO, Jim Fram said, “Our group is digging in to a very large amount of information. It’s apparent that, in order to release a thorough, meaningful report, they’ll need some time for additional interviews, research and planning. They are taking their responsibilities very seriously and want to make sure that the report they issue is representative of their work and includes actionable items that will be meaningful to long-term downtown development.”

The nine community leaders who make up the task force are:

- Corey Alderdice, Director, Arkansas School of Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts
- Courtney Crouch, President of Selected Funeral and Life Insurance Company
- Keeley DeSalvo, President of PS Foods
- Randy Fale District 6 City Director
- Mark Fleischner, owner of Lauray’s The Diamond Center
- Paul Riser, 2014 Chairman of the Hot Springs Metro Partnership
- Bryan Smith, 2014 Chairman of the Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Les Warren, past Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce
- Ron Wehmann, a retired Weyerhaeuser Company executive

The date of the next meeting of the Task Force, at which time their findings will be announced, is yet to be determined. The Task Force is still accepting citizen input via a blog set up at the City of Hot Springs web site. Go to [cityhs.net](http://cityhs.net) and choose *City Blog* under the *Our Community* tab.

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