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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH — MARCH 2004

Mayor Jeff Perlman Reviews The State of the City and Prospects for Delray Beach in the Future



Mayor Jeff Perlman

Next month, will mark my first year as mayor of our city.

The past year has been a busy one and I have learned a great deal. Spending three years on the city commission was great preparation for being mayor. During my time on the commission, I was fortunate to be able to sit next to my predecessor David Schmidt who was an outstanding mayor in so many ways. I am also fortunate to draw inspiration from a long line of Delray Beach mayors that I have worked with and observed in my 17 years in this city.

As we discuss the state of our city, I think an important concept I'd like to communicate this morning is the idea of stewardship.

Mayors and commissioners will come and go. So too city managers, police chiefs, fire chiefs and department heads. All of us are here for a moment in time...our charge is to be responsible stewards and to leave this community in better shape than when we found it.

Delray Beach is an immensely successful city....The facts bear that out... property values continue their healthy rise... downtown is thriving...our beach has been restored and is in better shape than ever.... Our neighborhoods are being strengthened....the quality of our city services continues to improve....and we are fiscally strong..

People are clamoring to live, work and play in Delray Beach.

But even more important than the facts and figures is the fact that we are a successful community.

Why are we successful? Because we have been blessed with visionary leadership and outstanding management for close to 15 years.

That is a winning streak that communities throughout this state and indeed this country envy and it is the reason why we are the jewel of South Florida and among the finest mid-size cities in America.

When I talk about visionary leadership...I am not talking about myself or my fellow elected officials...although I wouldn't hold it against you if you felt that way...

What I am referring to is the residents and business community of this city. Together, we have made great strides.

While other cities have rejected important bond issues, our community has chosen to invest and re-invest in Delray Beach and we are seeing and experiencing the returns on that investment.

Where other cities have tried a top-down "government knows best" approach, we continue to actively engage our residents and business owners by asking you to craft plans for the future of our downtown, our neighborhoods and our parks.

That is why we have been successful; hard work, vision and a willingness to listen and be bold.

There is tangible evidence that I can and will point to...but the success of a community cannot be fully measured by statistics. Equally important are the intangible elements that make Delray Beach so special.

We have civic pride. The people who live here, who work here, who own businesses here and who represent you... love this city.

There is a sense of community here in Delray Beach...we are a real town.

There is no question that our downtown means a lot to our local economy...but it also gives this city its soul. We have a place to gather...cities that don't are trying to create those special public spaces. But we have the real thing; the genuine article.

As much as we have grown...as much as Delray Beach has evolved in the past decade...we remain a real town. This is a still a place where you wave to friends across the lunch counter...this is a still a place where you and your family can stroll and feel safe and connected to something larger...that

**Mayor Perlman
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4th ANNUAL SOUL OF DELRAY FESTIVAL PROMISES TO BE THE BIGGEST AND BEST YET

Over 50,000 visitors and locals are expected to celebrate the 2004 edition of The Soul of Delray Festival, Saturday, March 6, 2004, from 10:00 am until 9:00 pm. Major sponsor of the event is the Delray Merchant's Association; an organization committed to facilitating growth and development of community based businesses and minority owned business in South Florida.

A portion of West Atlantic Avenue will be closed to traffic from NW-SW 5th Avenue to a point just beyond NW-SW 3rd Avenue (Stadium & Tennis Center) from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm on the day of the event: March 6th. 4th Avenue and 3rd Avenue will be blocked one block on either side of West Atlantic.

Entertainment for the The Soul of Delray will feature The Might Clouds of Joy, Justice with Michael Sterling, Jan, People Upstairs, Soul Providers, and many more performing on two stages, one at each end of the festival. Local artists and crafts displays will line the closed Avenue along with food and beverage vendors providing treats for every taste. Youngsters will have an interactive play area to enjoy.

FM Radio, HOT 105.1 with James T will be on site as will FM Radio 99 Jam. The music and performances will be non-stop throughout the day and night.

The Delray Merchant's Association is joined by the City of Delray Beach, Palm Beach County and a number of community organizations including the United Negro College Fund which will kick off their Palm Beach County Scholarship Essay Competition at the festival. This Essay Contest will award \$10,000.00 in scholarships to deserving high school juniors and seniors. Other supporting organizations: Delray Beach Community Development Corp., EPOCH, and The Roots Cultural Heritage.

For more information, please call Clay Wideman, President of the Delray Merchant's Association at (561) 266-9380.



Crest Theatre at Old School Square was packed to the rafters at the AIA public hearing February 24th. The City Commission passed on the Consensus Committee report which now goes to the Municipal Planning Organization for review before being submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation.



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something is community. I am a firm believer that even with the changes we have seen...that we have retained and in many cases enhanced our charm.

Today, we are a bustling Village by the Sea. We enjoy fine restaurants, vibrant festivals, cultural diversity, the arts, music, the beach and more. We have evolved and become better because of it.

We have been able to succeed, because we have had a series of stewards who have protected our quality of life...who have effectively managed our tax dollars and the growth that has occurred...and who have worked hard to make sure that we do not regress to the days of division and stagnation that are also a part of this city's history.

As the mayor of this city...as one of the stewards of this community...I will not let us go back to those days.

We have been able to succeed because the leadership in this city, which is all of us...have been willing to be try things...to be civic entrepreneurs. And we have succeeded because we have made a conscious effort to work together for the greater good of Delray Beach.

We may not always see eye to eye. We are having a healthy conversation right now on the configuration of AIA and I'm sure we'll have a healthy conversation on the options for making Federal Highway safer.

But that is the beauty of Democracy...we are having these conversations and it pleases me as mayor to know that people feel passionately about issues...they feel strongly because they love Delray Beach as I do.

As I prepare to begin my second year as mayor...I am proud to tell you that the State of Delray Beach is excellent and the prognosis for the future is tremendous. As great a city as we are today...the best is yet to come.

The 1990s was a Decade of Excellence in Delray Beach and with the passage of our parks and cultural bond, the first decade of the 21st Century will be a time when we enhance Delray Beach and build a sustainable community that will offer people of all ages and ethnicities an incomparable quality of life.

Our goals are ambitious. We are an ambitious city. But we know what we have here folks...and that is a community that is second to none.

LONG AWAITED BUS SHELTERS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN DELRAY BEACH

Delray Beach residents who depend on public transportation will have their bus shelters this summer. The design, construction contracts, and locations have been approved and are in the works. First bus shelters should be in place by late April with all 47 finished by mid-June, weather permitting.

Following are the locations of the bus shelters in Delray Beach:



Bus Shelter Prototype

DELRAY BEACH BUS SHELTERS

Shelter #	Located On	Intersection	Quadrant	Stop #
1	Swinton Avenue	Atlantic Avenue	NE	6452
2	Congress Avenue	Lake Ida Road	SE	790
3	Lake Ida Road	Congress Avenue	SE	7316
4	NE 1st Street	NE 5th Avenue	NW	7617
5	W. Atlantic Avenue	NW 1st Ave	NW	7619
6	W. Atlantic Avenue	2nd Avenue	SW	7677
7	SW 12th Avenue	SW 4th Street	SW	7111
8	SW 12th Avenue	Auburn Drive	SW	7112
9	Atlantic Avenue	Opposite Delray Square	SE	7429
10	Swinton Avenue	Lake Ida Road	SW	6358
11	Congress Avenue	Lowson Blvd.	NW	709
12	Lowson Blvd.	Congress Avenue	SE	6374
13	NW 5th Avenue	NW 1st. St.	SW	7323
14	SW 5th Avenue	Atlantic Avenue	SW	7324
15	SE 5th Avenue (US 1)	Atlantic Avenue	SW	210
16	SE 6th Avenue (US 1)	SE 1st Street	NE	7681
17	SW 10th Street	SW 11th Terrace	SE	6437
18	Swinton Avenue	SE 10th Street	NE	6447
19	W. Atlantic Avenue	10th Avenue	SE	7673
20	W. Atlantic Avenue	9th Avenue	NW	7622
21	SW 10th Street	SW 9th Avenue	NW	6529
22	SE 5th Avenue (US 1)	SE 10th Street	SW	215
23	Federal Hwy. (US 1)	Banyan Tree Lane	SW	217
24	Federal Hwy. (US 1)	Linton Blvd.	NE	286
25	Congress Avenue	Linton Blvd.	NE	782
26	Linton Blvd.	Old Germantown Rd.	SE	6429
27	Linton Blvd.	Palm Forest Way	NW	6380
28	Linton Blvd.	Military Trail	SE	6427
29	Atlantic Avenue	Sunset Pine Drive	SE	7301
30	Atlantic Avenue	Sunset Pine Drive	NW	7404
31	Barwick Road	Atlantic Avenue	NE	7302
32	Congress Avenue	Atlantic Avenue	SW	7703
33	Congress Avenue	PBC Health Dept.	NE	786
34	Congress Avenue	SW 10th Street	NE	785
35	Federal Hwy. (US 1)	# 1400 (Denny's)	SW	216
36	Federal Hwy. (US 1)	Banyan Tree Lane	NE	287
37	NE 5th Ave (US 1)	NE 4th Street	SW	207
38	Congress Avenue	#2101	NE	780
39	Federal Hwy. (US 1)	Lindell Blvd.	NE	281
40	NE 6th Ave. (US 1)	NE 4th Street	NE	295
41	Auburn Avenue	Auburn Drive	NE	7103
42	SW 10th Avenue	SW 11th Street	SW	7407
43	SW 10th Avenue	SW 11th Street	SE	7421
44	SW 10th Avenue	Lindell Boulevard	NW	7362
45	SW 10th Avenue	Linton Boulevard	SE	7344
46	Lindell Boulevard	Lake Delray Apts.	NW	7423
47	To be determined			

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