

City Center Partnership's 7th Year Anniversary Celebration a Huge Success

Columbia, SC – November 18, 2008 – City Center Partnership (CCP) celebrated the downtown Business Improvement District's (BID) seventh year anniversary at its annual meeting on Monday, November 17, at the Columbia Museum of Art.

A presentation showcasing City Center Partnership's accomplishments over the past few years was presented by CCP Chairman and CEO of Edens & Avant, Terry Brown. Brown also presented the Chairman's award to Karen Brosius, Executive Director of the Columbia Museum of Art, for the museum's impact on the community including the new Keenan Fountain and world exhibits such as *From Turner to Cezanne*. *Jeff Pioreschi, President of Capitol Places and a Principal with US Development also received the Chairman's award for his work on redeveloping some of the most difficult downtown buildings into great living and commercial spaces.* City Center Partnership awarded downtown legacy retailers who have been in business in the BID for 50 years or more.

Downtown Legacy Retailers who were recognized at the annual meeting:

- Sylvan's Jewelers for 111 years.
- Moe Levy's for 88 years
- People's Pawn for 85 years
- Villa Tronco for 68 years
- Bonded Loan for 67 years
- Army Navy Store for 62 years
- King's Jewelers for 62 years
- Star Music for 51 years
- House of Fabrics for over fifty years
- Tots to Teens for over fifty years
- T.O. Thompson Jewelers for over fifty years

What is a Business Improvement District

A Business Improvement District (BID) provides enhanced improvements and activities, such as security, maintenance and marketing, in addition to those services provided by local government. A property-based BID is based upon the “benefit assessment district” concept, which provides for an assessment on real property and improvements upon real property to be raised within a specific geographic district with the proceeds directed back to the district to provide enhanced services that benefit the district and properties located within the district boundaries.

About City Center Partnership

City Center Partnership, Inc. (CCP) is a non-profit organization that manages South Carolina’s only managed Business Improvement District in the 36-block area bounded by Gervais, Elmwood, Assembly, and Marion streets in downtown Columbia and is funded by the property owners within the district boundaries.

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