



DOWNTOWN ROCK ISLAND

ABOUT

Where over 175 years of history meets new traditions. Downtown Rock Island has always been the center of attention. Even as the flavor of the day changes and one generation transitions to the next - the cultural and economic hub remains the heartbeat of the city.

ORGANIZATION

The Downtown Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District is a 501(c) 6 nonprofit organization.

WHAT WE DO

- ✓ **Advocacy** - Ensuring downtown is a priority.
- ✓ **Marketing** - Putting downtown on the map.
- ✓ **Real Estate** - Building places & redeveloping spaces.
- ✓ **Business** - Empowering small businesses & entrepreneurs.
- ✓ **Communications** - Delivering news & updates.
- ✓ **Placemaking** - Creating a sensory experience of downtown.
- ✓ **Partnerships** - Establishing critical stakeholder relationships.
- ✓ **Events** - Hosting signature events + collaborations.
- ✓ **Management** - Exhibiting the highest standards of excellence.

Board

- Chair** Brett Hitchcock, Circa '21
- Vice Chair** Jamie DeRudder, Holiday Inn
- Treasurer** Kyle Peters, Daiquiri Factory
- Secretary** Roger Rutthart, Dispatch-Argus
- Jan Masamoto, JTM Concepts
- Bill Renk, Jumer's Casino
- Bret Gardella, City of Rock Island
- John Martin, Modern Woodmen
- Shelly Dingeldein, dphilms
- Dawn Wohlford-Metallo, Quad City Arts

Staff

- Erik Reader, Executive Director
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Board Meetings

2:30 p.m. every third Wednesday

2018
MEMBERSHIP
BROCHURE

Office

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We're known for our great events. Here are just a few that your business could help sponsor and receive extra exposure:

Memorial Day Downtown Plaza Picnic
Saturday, May 26th

Gumbo Ya Ya
Saturday, June 9th

QC Local Fest
Saturday, June 30th

River's Edge Homebrew FestivAle
Saturday, July 14th

Ya Maka My Weekend
Saturday, August 11th

Downtown September Staycation
Saturday, September 22nd

PURPOSE

This is our mission and what we believe in.

1

Promote commercial, small business, residential, and recreational development and expansion within the downtown

2

Increase employment in the area and improve the business environment for member businesses

3

Conduct and hold special events

4

Coordinate advertising between member businesses and local media to enhance marketing of the downtown and its members

5

Cooperate and work with government and municipal agencies as well as with private efforts in furtherance of these corporate purposes

6

Have any of the general powers and to engage in any lawful activity under the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986, as amended

MEMBERSHIP - \$300

Renew your annual membership or become a member today!

Membership Year: January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Business Name:

Street Address:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Owner/Contact:

Please fill out and return with payment to:

Development Association of Rock Island
% Downtown Rock Island Partnership
1821 2nd Avenue
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If you are interested in volunteering with a great group of people, we can always use extra hands at events!

Email us at: ereader@growthcorp.org

Our members help us establish downtown Rock Island as a creative and innovative place to live, work & play!