



# CITY OF ROCKMART

ROCKMART, GEORGIA



## Opportunity to serve Downtown Rockmart

July 18, 2022

Dear Candidate,

The Rockmart City Council expects to have a Downtown Development Authority established soon and is currently seeking candidates for consideration in service. As Mayor, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to submit an application. Terms for the first Board are staggered, 6 - 4 - 2 years and all reappointments going forward are four years. Participation requires a commitment to the revitalization of the central business district, economic development within the context of historic preservation. Meetings will be held monthly at a date and time to be decided by the Board at the first meeting.

This is an active Board and each member either serves as an officer or chairs a committee. Other obligations include participation in the annual planning retreat, completion of eight-hour training on downtown development and from time-to-time attendance at City Council meetings.

As an Authority created under 1982 legislation, prospective Board members must be taxpayers residing in the municipal corporation for which the Authority is created, and a majority must also be downtown business or property owners or represent an owner's interest and reside within the county; one member may reside outside of Polk County as long as they own a Business within the service area. If you meet these qualifications and have an interest in the overall wellbeing of the historic city center of Rockmart, please complete the enclosed form and return no later August 8, 2022.

The Council will make appointments no later than the September Council meeting. Authority members will be officially sworn in at a Council meeting. Please review the enclosed information and return the Application if you are willing to make the commitment to serve. If you need additional Authority information, you may contact Ann Arnold, Downtown Development Consultant at 706-252-1395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sherman Ross'.

Sherman Ross, Mayor

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