Community Connections, Projects & Status

- Attended monthly Sumter Ferst Foundation meeting.
- Hosted Archway / DCA Communities of Opportunities meeting with local authority board chairpersons to update them on the status of the process.
- Hosted combined Nov/Dec Executive Committee meeting, focusing on the redevelopment of Tripp Street.
- Attended monthly Sumter County Department Head breakfast. Provided an update of BOC Archway projects.
- Attended Americus Sumter Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Luncheon.
- Attended Americus City Council Administrative Briefing. Terry College of Business students presented a portal website project, and gave suggestions for moving forward.
- Hosted Louise Hill and Grace Bagwell, Fanning Institute, to assist with college town marketing discussions.
- Attended Sumter County Family Connections Celebration Luncheon.
- Attended monthly Americus Sumter Payroll Development Authority meeting. Provided update of Archway projects.
- Attended annual joint South Georgia Technical College and Georgia Southwestern State University Community Christmas Party.
- Attended Archway quarterly unit meeting in Athens. Presented an update on Sumter Archway activities.
- Met with Ms. Elise Miller, Chairwoman, Americus Theater and Cultural Authority. Discussed DCA Co-Op program and possible avenues of collaboration.
- Attended monthly Americus Theater and Cultural Authority board meeting. Provided Archway update and discussed board collaboration.
- Attended monthly Sumter County Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Joined Wally Summers (SGT), David Garriga (PDA), Angela Westra (COC), and Mandy Young (City) for a roundtable healthcare discussion with Dan Berman, CEO of Pharmacentra.
- Hosted Danny Bivins, Langford Holbrook and students with the Fanning Institute. The group conducted community interviews to receive input on the Tripp Street revitalization project.
- Attended monthly Americus City Council meeting. Council approved Phase I implementation of the Eastview Cemetery design completed by Archway (Hazel Lewis).
- Met with Mary Beth Bass (Archway Pulaski) and Wallace Mathis, Commissioner, Crisp County. Discussed regional film recruitment project.

Next Steps

- Continue College Town Marketing component (City of Americus, COC, GSW, SGTC). Report back to Executive Committee for next steps.
- Continue Tripp Street Corridor Revitalization planning. Met with community members 12/17. Move into sample designs.
- Continue preparing documents and coordinate participation in Co-Op. Coordinate with DCA
- Monitor HSBT gymnastics marketing plan development.
- Assist LLSP students as they continue to develop strategic business plan.
- Move forward with Sumter County Schools demography study.
- Determine CED and SPIA projects for 2010 interns.
Student Involvement

Interns:

**Name: Katy Carlson**  
UGA Program: MPA  
Partner Org: City of Americus, Sumter County Board of Commissioners  
Focus: Community issues impacting desire to become “college town”.  
Status: Ongoing. Creating list of activities for Town and Gown involvement.

**Name: Erin Wurtz**  
UGA Program: Health Promotion and Behavior  
Partner Org: Sumter Regional Hospital  
Focus: Communitywide public health issues  
Status: Completed

**Name: Hazel Lewis and Lauren Woodward**  
UGA Program: CED  
Partner Org: City of Americus  
Focus: Eastview Cemetery  
Status: Completed, presented to City on July 13th.

**Name: Chris and Amanda Thornton**  
UGA Program: CED  
Partner Org: City, BOC, GSW  
Focus: CED summer internship focusing on various local projects.  
Status: Completed, Gallery Showing August 11th.

**Name: Hazel Lewis**  
UGA Program: SPIA  
Partner Org: City of Americus, Sumter County Board of Commissioners  
Focus: SCPRD Ball Park Vegetation Design, Walking Trail from S Lee Street to SCPRD/Hwy 19, Courthouse Vegetation Design, Sumter County Schools PLC, CRA, and monument Vegetation Designs.  
Status: Ongoing

**Name: Samantha Stewart**  
UGA Program: Terry College of Business, LLSP  
Partner Org: Sumter County Board of Commissioners  
Focus: Strategic Business Plan for Sumter County Fairgrounds  
Status: Fall ‘09

**Name: Danielle Kraselsky**  
UGA Program: Grady College, Hooper Sanford Baldwin & Thomas  
Partner Org: Sumter County Board of Commissioners  
Focus: Marketing plan for SCPRD Gymnastics Program  
Status: Ongoing

**Name: Dr. Dave Chatterjee, MIS Class, Team 3**  
UGA Program: Terry College of Business
Partner Org: Sumter County Board of Commissioners, SCPRD
Focus: Identify/Define Data System for SCPRD
Status: Completed

**Name: Dr. Mark Huber, MIS Class**
UGA Program: Terry College of Business
Partner Org: City of Americus and Sumter County Board of Commissioners
Focus: One-Stop-Shop Website
Status: Fall '09 / Ongoing in Spring 2010

**Name: Dr. Mark Huber, MIS Class**
UGA Program: Terry College of Business
Partner Org: Southwestern Judicial Circuit, Sumter County BOC
Focus: Circuit Administrator Software Evaluation
Status: Completed