

MEETING

Rochelle Marketplace DDA Library and Parks Committee Director Vickie Kemp

Chairwoman

Saturday, January 15, 2022 @ 1:00 pm The Old Excelsior School Gymnasium

Gin House Street

NEXT DD& BOARD MEETING:

Monday, February 7, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Here at the Community Center

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FIRSTANNUAL STATE OF THE DDA ADDRESS

THE BEGINNING

On or about **August, 2018** four of us met here, in this very room, upon the invitation from City Councilwoman **Vickie Kemp**.

The issue: how to arrest the spread of **BLIGHT** in Historical Downtown.

The drive behind it: three consecutive months of pungent City Council testimonies from Mrs.

Jo Pittman and her pictures of glass panes hanging out the windows from the former Crenshaw Building

THE PIONEERS:

Jo Pitman
Sharon Faircloth
Vickie Kemp
And Self

Both pictures credit to Kendalls Creations, February 2020





Christopher Nunn Commissioner

FOUR YEARS LATER VE ARE HERE

July 30, 2021

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY REGISTRATION AND FINANCIALS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Authority Name	FYE Month	Registration Year	FY Financial Reporting
Rochelle Marketplace Downtown Development Authority	12	2021	FY2020, FY2019, FY2018

This notice certifies that the above Local Government Authority is in compliance with DCA for registration and financial reporting in accordance with HB257 signed into law by Governor Deal on May 3, 2018. This bill combines the registration and financial reporting into a single report and is due annually within six months of the end of your authority's fiscal year.

Certification by:

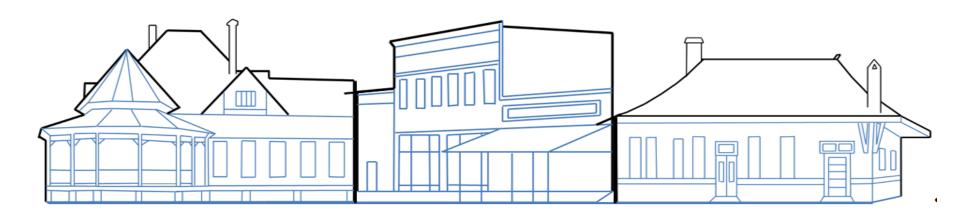
Office of Research and Surveys

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CORPORATE ISSUES:

THE OUTLINE



which we are so proud to unveil tonight

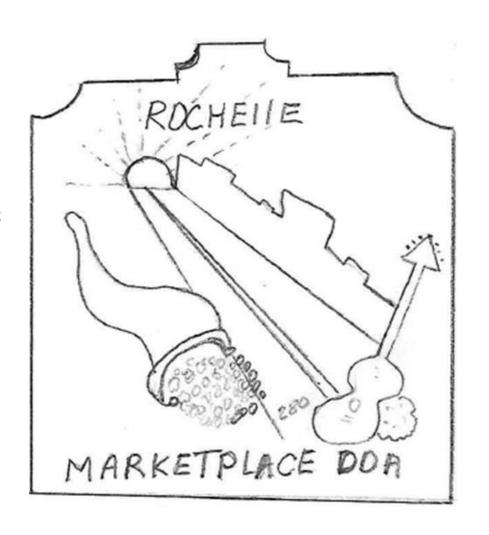
THE NEWSLETTER MASTERHEAD



Will make its debut this February meeting notice

THE LOGO

Just about a year ago (February, 2020), the community picked the elements to be displayed in the logo. The logo is ready for Board action next month.



LETTERHEAD

Once the logo is picked and accepted, the DDA's letterhead can be designed.

THE WILCOX COUNTY HUB

It is the intention of this DDA to plan developments to enhance the nature of the regional envelop making Rochelle the Hub of the County.



WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN



Façade Improvement Project

THE SEGREGATED EXCELSIOR SCHOOL SITE



Work is in progress with the National Register of Historic Places to acquire designation of Significant Historical Importance for the site. The Project Manager will visit the site soon.



THE BAND & CHORUS ROOM

Rescue the Band and Chorus room from further degradation and decay; restoring it to house a public library on site or any other use designated by the Black community



THE EXCELSIOR SCHOOL AT THE CIVIC CENTER



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PROPOSAL
TO
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THE
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PROPERTY

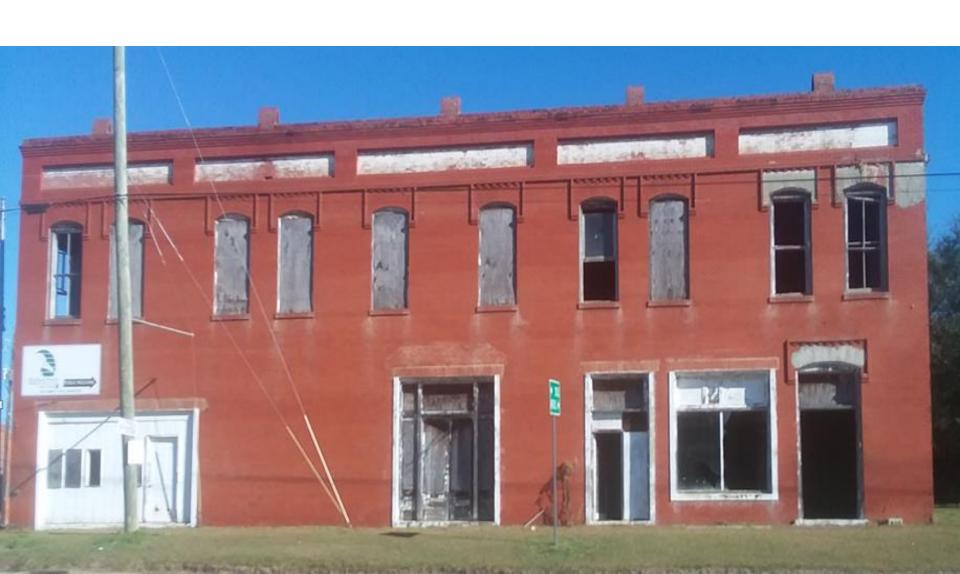
THE CIVIC CENTER

A CULTURAL AND SPORTS
COMPLEX.

The Old Excelsior School presently known as the **GYM** (Gin House *Street*) is a landmark site of significant historical importance because it, not only, represents a historical period (segregation) in our nation's history, but also, for the human development and social occurrence of education and the struggle of the black race in America.

HMC Architects: https://hmcarchitects.com/thought-leadership/civic-building-and-civic-center-architecture-design-for-the-public/

THE COLEMAN BUILDING



THERE'S ONE OR MORE OF THESE IN OUR FUTURE



INFILL DEVELOPMENT





REURBANIZING









THE RISE GRANT

We will continue to pursuit the RISE grant by forming a partnership with the Wilcox County Schools to provide **CONSTRUCTION TRADES** Workforce Training to produce high-wage jobs