

**Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners
Gadsden County Competitive Florida Partnership Program
March 23, 2015
Community Conversations
Chattahoochee, Florida RV Clubhouse
Division of Historical Resources
Bureau of Historic Preservation
6:30P.M.**

➤ **Ben Chandler – Main Street**

Discussed Preliminary Chattahoochee Business and welcomed everyone to Chattahoochee, especially the Campgrounds.

Laura Lee Corbett, *Historic Preservation and Downtown Revitalization*, discussed extensive background working with Main Streets throughout Florida and now has her own consulting agency. She then presented power-point detailing array of footage from the City of Chattahoochee: Historic Small City Grants; Survey and Planning Projects'; A historic survey will:

Identify and record the cultural and historic resources in your community

The Florida Master Site

Historical Homes

The Old Victory Bridge

Protecting what you value and make Chattahoochee special; for future generations

All Historic Preservation is Local: Survey and Planning

Resource Management and Education

Historic Designation; Protection

The Florida Certified Local Government (CLG) Program

National Register of Historic Places: Guidelines of Preserving and Rehabilitation

➤ **Welcome and Introductions: Champ James, Mayor of Chattahoochee**

➤ **Meeting Overview: Lynn Cherry, Carpe Diem Community Solutions**


➤ **Economic Development - What is it? Beth Kirkland**

Tourist Development and Marketing; Community Development; Product Development for Business and Marketing Building a Globally Competitive Strategy; Transportation Assets; Leveraging regional and state partners; EFI, DEO, FEC, FGNW, Opportunity Florida and Career Source.


Overview of Competitive Florida Partnership Program:

Allara Mills - Gutcher discussed out of the 17 applicants only 4 was chosen. Tonight we will look at assets to see what will lead us to jobs that we want to see in Gadsden County. She also

discussed the Tourist Development in the County in Chattahoochee with regards to the Blue Way, which is a huge asset.

-  **Activity 1 – County Assets** - what assets can you build business climate to bring jobs to Gadsden County. Each table listed their assets
- Red Team – Blue Ways; Law Enforcement Academy; Interstate Exits; Chattahoochee Arts & Mounds; Jai Alai Building
 - Orange Team – River; Us 90 Cycling and Walking Trails; Tri-Eagle; Railroad/Brickyard; Pat Thomas Public Safety
 - Green Team –Tourism; Land (green solar); Willingness; Outdoor Activities; Stories
 - Brown Team – RV Park Development; Assisted Living; Charter School; Historical Bridge; Job Training
 - Blue Team – Blue Way (Apalachee River); Rec. Trail Systems; I-10 Corridor and Railroads; Lake Seminole; Industrial Parks

Most Popular Assets: I – 10 Corridors; Blue Way (Apalachee River); Tourism, Industrial Parks

-  **Activity 2 – County Jobs** – Each individual will need two pieces of paper; growing competitive jobs: Best two thoughts
- Blue Team – Production and Distribution; Truck Driving
 - Green Team – Green solar; Health jobs
 - Brown Team – Tourism and Health care Training
 - Red Team - Tourism and Energy
 - Orange – Health care and Financial Services

Closing Remarks were given by Mrs. Gutcher and the Community Conversation ended at 8:35 p.m.