

**February 20, 2020**

**To the Board of Directors, Downtown Bryan Association:**

This letter is to inform you that effective Sept. 30, 2020, I will retire from my position as Executive Director of the Downtown Bryan Association. This date coincides with the end of the current fiscal year. I feel it is vitally important to give the Board of Directors ample time to plan for the process of hiring the next executive director.

While interviewing for this position with members of the DBA Board in May of 2013, I was asked how long I was prepared to commit to the job since I had just completed a 34-year career in public education. My answer was 2-3 years. When I leave at the end of September, my tenure will have more than doubled my prediction. I truly had no idea how much this experience would quickly become more than just a job. Driven by the heart, soul and stories of downtown business owners and the rich history of our beautiful buildings, it's quite easy to become passionate about sharing Downtown Bryan with all who will listen. I also consider it a career highlight to have had the opportunity to be a part of the renovation and re-opening of the Queen Theatre.

None of what has been achieved by the DBA in the past 7 years could have been possible without the support of past and present board members, the continued support of the City of Bryan, an incredible staff, downtown merchants and the thousands of community members and tourists who enjoy our beautiful downtown. I have no doubt that Downtown Bryan will continue to be a community treasure - a place where history meets community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Sandy Farris