

Strand Theatre Shelbyville, Inc.

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Strand Theatre receives EDIT Funding

Written by David on April, 5 2010

Tonight the Strand Theatre received EDIT Funding from the City of Shelbyville Common Council. EDIT Funds are from the Economic Development Income Tax revenues generated through payroll tax.

Mayor Scott Furgeson placed the Strand's request in his budget he submitted to the City Council. Tonight members of the Strand board testified before the Council on this very important proposal. The Strand is honored to be included in the EDIT Funding.

The action tonight speaks volumes about our community. The Strand is all about quality of life. We believe in our community. From the beginning the Strand has built an arts based project without conventional steps. We believed we had to prove ourselves. We had to prove we were capable of renovating the theatre, operating the theatre, and providing a sound financial base. We have done this according to our plan WITHOUT soliciting our community for donations or sponsorships. Hard work, frugal spending and being focused on our mission have all contributed to the success of our project.

Tonight we witnessed leadership in our elected officials. Accepting the concept of an arts organization being an economic development component shows true understanding of the dynamics of our community. Quality of life is hard to qualify or quantify. The vote taken tonight verifies the potential in each and every one of us to help our community. The Strand was not completed with large gifts, gradious plans or professional craftsmen. It was completed by the hard work and dedication of thousands of county residents that all contributed to a vision. The Strand is for everyone, and everyone made the Strand what it is today.

Please thank your elected official for their vote of confidence. Their vote is not only for the Strand, but for the great things our community is capable of producing. When you say yes to the Strand, you say yes to many organizations. Most importantly you say YES to your community.

Thank you Mayor Furgeson for recongizing the potential in our theatre. Thank you to our elected City Council members:

Dick Fero - First Ward
Jeff Sponsel - Second Ward
Rob Nolley - Third Ward
Val Phares - Fourth Ward
Kim Owens- Fifth Ward
David Phares II - At Large
Brian Asher - At Large

Your vote tonight will have an impact for decades to come.

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