



Lamar Baehr

The Spartanburg Downtown Association is a community-based organization that plans, markets, and advocates for Downtown Spartanburg.

The association's goal is to be a guiding force for positive growth and improvement of the downtown area by providing leadership, and marketing as the dynamic center of commerce in the Greater Spartanburg community.

SDA performs services directly related to downtown development, such as promotion and advertising, business retention and recruitment, and planning and problem solving among downtown residents, businesses, property owners, employees, and community leaders.

Lamar Baehr has been working in the real estate field since 1992. His company, BVI Development in Spartanburg provides real estate services including residential and commercial developments along with commercial sales, leasing and management.

Lamar owns and manages commercial properties (tenant occupied leases) in Spartanburg county, sells land that includes the development and sale of commercial and residential lots and manages new commercial construction and/or renovation projects.

Lamar has been involved in the community through a variety of organizations. He was a founding board member of Arts X-Society, a board member of The Music Foundation of Spartanburg, and President of The Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) in 2006 and 2007. He is currently a board member and Chair of the Administration Committee of The South Carolina Aquarium, and a board member of the Coalition for Active Youth, where he was instrumental in bringing the Hot Spot Skate Park to the city of Spartanburg.

Lamar has served on the SDA Board of Directors since 2006 and served as President from 2008 until 2010.

