

Dewitt M. Peart - BIO

President and CEO, Downtown Austin Alliance

Dewitt “De” Peart became the President and CEO of the Downtown Austin Alliance in February 2015. The Downtown Alliance is engaged in dozens of projects and issues that contribute to the quality development, mobility, safety, cleanliness, and attractiveness of downtown Austin for investors, businesses, employees, residents, and visitors. He guides the Downtown Alliance’s vision and strategy, ensures the organization’s fiscal health, and represents a board of directors focused on the creating, preserving and enhancing the vibe, value and vitality of downtown Austin.

Prior to taking the helm at the Downtown Alliance, De served as executive vice president for economic development and public affairs at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, president of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, and president of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

For two decades, De held various positions at real estate development companies where he provided oversight for development projects including land-use planning, master planning, asset management, construction, property management, marketing and leasing.

His development of nearly seven million square feet of buildings and expertise in brownfield and urban redevelopment distinguish De’s career in real estate development.

De served as the president of the NAIOP Pittsburgh chapter in 1998 and 1999, was a member of the NAIOP National Board from 2002 through 2006 and was named to the NAIOP Pittsburgh Hall of Fame in 2011.

A native of Pittsburgh, De has a master’s degree in public administration from Carnegie Mellon University and a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Robert Morris University. He is married to Jane, and they have two adult sons.