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Sean Pittman, President of Pittman Law Group to Fund Cascade Park Smokey Hollow Construction

TALLAHASSEE, FL — A signature historical feature that defines downtown's Cascade Park — The Smokey Hollow Plaza — moved one step closer to reality today with the announcement that Sean Pittman of the Pittman Law Group will sponsor the construction costs for the historical park amenity.

Located in the upper section of the 24-acre park, The Smokey Hollow Plaza will commemorate the historic neighborhood of Smokey Hollow. Once a vibrant African-American community during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Smokey Hollow had its own stores, clubs and houses. Situated in the area just east of the Capitol and west of Myers Park Drive, it was a neighborhood of shotgun houses with tin roofs and front porches. Streets were mostly dirt and the area was abundant with fruit trees like the pecan, fig and kumquat.

The plaza, which will house a misting fountain and bronze relief map will be located midway along the western bank of the upper pond. The misting fountain's "cooling cloud," set within limerock boulders, will be symbolic of the smoke that once hung over the community. A Smokey Hollow Bronze Relief Map will be created to show the layout of the neighborhood as it was in the past.

In making the \$100,000 pledge, Sean Pittman called Cascade Park a "celebration of Tallahassee's history" giving birth to new life for downtown Tallahassee.

Additional amenities planned for the park include a stage and 4,000-seat amphitheatre and interactive water play plaza.

Fundraising efforts continue to be coordinated by Tallahassee City Commissioner Gil Ziffer of Ziffer Stansberry Advertising and Public Relations, who expects additional announcements in the near future for other Cascade Park amenities.

"Since this property has so much significance for the Tallahassee community, with its rich history and location adjacent to downtown, support has been extremely promising," Ziffer said.

Capital Health Plan already has committed \$662,000 to build the 2.3-mile multi-use fitness trail. In making the donation, CHP cited research that shows that 30 minutes of exercise three times a week can help reduce blood pressure, reduce risk of diabetes, and lower cholesterol – all resulting in improved health and reduced healthcare costs.

Mainline Information Systems committed \$200,000 for the Cascading Waterfall.

All 13 planned amenities are unique in design and function. A sampling of the amenities include:

- The Meridian Monument Plaza & Stage with Amphitheatre
- Centennial Field Commemorative Plaza
- Interactive Water Play Plaza
- Historic Timeline Fence
- Boca Chuba, Artistic Storm water Control Feature

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