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### **City honors Planning Chairman Bob Lamb for 28 years of service**

*Real estate veteran helped guide planning and design of contemporary Murfreesboro*

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** — Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lamb has been a driving force in how the City of Murfreesboro has grown, both as a commissioner since 1991 and as Chairman since August 2000. The real estate veteran and MTSU alumnus recently announced he is stepping down from leadership of the Commission. Lamb received a key to the City of Murfreesboro March 6 from another MTSU alumnus, Mayor Shane McFarland.

“I can think of few leaders in our City who have had a greater impact on the growth and development of Murfreesboro than Bob Lamb,” said Mayor Shane McFarland. “Bob’s dedicated leadership in planning and development are written all over town, from the Gateway and the Avenue to the resurgence of Historic Downtown Murfreesboro. We owe him our deep gratitude and appreciation for the many years of service, time and energy serving as chairman of the Planning Commission”

The visioning, master planning and implementation for the Gateway now encompasses more than \$1 billion in public and private investment.

In addition to overseeing the Planning Commission’s review process for countless site plans and subdivision plats, Lamb has presided over hundreds of public hearings for rezoning and annexations. Other significant achievements that occurred under Lamb’s leadership on the Planning Commission include the adoption of: City-wide Design Guidelines, the Murfreesboro 2035 Comprehensive Plan, the 2040 Major Transportation Plan, and the Historic Bottoms and North Highland Avenue small-area studies. Lamb has had a role in the review of almost every major project that has been constructed in Murfreesboro over the last three decades.

As Mayor McFarland noted in presenting Lamb with the key to the City, “When Chairman Lamb started on the Commission, the population of Murfreesboro was approximately 40,000. Today it is closer to an estimated 150,000.”

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Lamb has been known as a lifelong friend of his alma mater. He is a graduate of the Class of 1969 and '77. In November 2016, he was honored as a co-recipient of the Joe Nunley Award presented each year at end of the Salute to Veterans and Armed Services picnic. Since 1982, MTSU had dedicated one football game to thank U.S. servicemen and servicewomen of all military services. Lamb is a retired captain from the U.S. Army and a retired lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army Reserves. The award is named in honor of Joe Nunley Sr., a World War II veteran, MTSU alumnus and former alumni relations director.

Lamb opened Exit Realty Bob Lamb & Associates, an independently owned and operated franchise of Canada-based Exit Realty, in September 2007. Offices were initially located in the Ralston building on Southeast Broad Street. At the time, Lamb was already a 34-year veteran in the real estate business, including 23 years for Bob Parks Realty as managing broker of the company's South Rutherford Boulevard office. Murfreesboro's Exit Realty has grown to be one of the leading real estate companies in Middle Tennessee.

Exit Realty Bob Lamb & Associates offers full range of real estate services to Murfreesboro and Middle Tennessee. In 2013, Exit Realty Corp. International honored Exit Realty with a top national award at its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Exit International Convention—as the largest-grossing single office in the U.S. for the 2012-13 fiscal year among 600 other franchises across the country. It was the second consecutive year the Murfreesboro-based franchise received the prestigious award.

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**Photos attached provided by Jim Davis**

1. *Bob Lamb receives Key to the City of Murfreesboro from Mayor Shane McFarland, March 6, 2019.jpg*
2. *City of Murfreesboro Logo.jpg*

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