

J. DARRYL BYRD

J. Darryl Byrd, Chief Executive Officer of Pearl Brewery, LLC, is leading Silver Ventures, Inc.'s effort to transform the historic Pearl Brewery into a groundbreaking culinary gathering place where you can eat, live, learn and play on the banks of the San Antonio River. Partners in this initiative include the Culinary Institute of America, the world's premier culinary college, which has its third campus at Pearl, as well as leading local chefs and entrepreneurs involved in restaurants and shops as well as the popular Pearl Farmers Market.

While Pearl's primary purpose is fundamentally about creating extraordinary culinary experiences, it includes complementary elements in areas relating to wellness and fitness, education, environmental stewardship and community engagement and events, involving a number of retailers and organizations that contribute to the creative energy at Pearl.

Prior to joining the Pearl team, Darryl served as Development Director for Silver Ventures, Inc. He also held a position as Vice President of Development for Medallion Homes and Worth Enterprises in San Antonio. He received his undergraduate degree from Hampton University, and Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University. Darryl is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He is a former Chairman of the City Planning Commission. He is also the former Director of the San Antonio Section of the American Planning Association and was recognized by the San Antonio Business Journal as one of the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in 2000.

Currently, Darryl is Tri-Chair of the Mayor's SA2020 Steering Committee visioning process and co-chair of the 2010-2011 Leadership San Antonio program. He also was recently featured in the centerfold of the Mexican GQ.

Darryl and his wife, Monica have been married for 11 years and have a son, James who loves defeating his Dad in chess.