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DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY SUSTAINABLE, TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SOUTH LINCOLN HOMES REDEVELOPMENT PLAN UNVEILED

Denver, CO -- On Tuesday, August 11, 2009 the Denver Housing Authority (DHA), Mithun, Inc., Perry Rose LLC, elected officials, residents and community members met to review and celebrate the master plan that will guide the redevelopment of the DHA South Lincoln Homes over the next seven years.

South Lincoln Homes, owned and managed by DHA, contains 270 public housing units on 15.1 acres in the La Alma/Lincoln Park neighborhood. DHA intends to redevelop the site into a new 800-900 unit community, consisting of a mix of housing products for a wide range of income levels. New economic opportunities at the site will help to foster a sustainable community and transit oriented development that will serve a broad resident base.

DHA's goal for the South Lincoln redevelopment is to create an energized pedestrian focused community where residents experience environmental sustainability, cultural diversity, proximity to downtown and a wide spectrum of housing options. The South Lincoln redevelopment will integrate planning, design and operations to promote economic, environmental and social vitality.

Community Involvement

DHA staff and their master planning team began soliciting community input for the project in April 2009, through a series of planning meetings conducted with members of the DHA Local Resident Council and group interviews with stakeholders to review goals, concerns, concept options and site amenities for the South Lincoln redevelopment master plan.

Additionally, steering committee meetings were held to review comments from the community meetings, troubleshoot design ideas and refine, incorporate and offer guidance to the master planning process. Over 320 comments have been received throughout the process. Comments were used by the steering committee and design team to shape the goals, design of the plan and to address such issues as community amenities, location of community spaces and phasing concepts.

Redevelopment Plan

The South Lincoln Homes redevelopment plan proposes a promenade, a new central plaza providing a clear, safe linkage to the 10th and Osage Light Rail Station. With its proximity to the Auraria Higher Education campus and downtown, the site will transform into a holistic new transit-oriented development maintaining the core attributes of a highly green-sustainable, mixed-use community, promoting a healthy lifestyle, mobility, integration of the arts and educational opportunities for the diverse mix of new and existing residents.

Sustainable components of the redevelopment plan will feature LEED certification for Neighborhood Development, New Construction and other Enterprise Green Communities criteria; Healthy Development Communities and community-wide recycling programs. The plan incorporates street design, traffic calming and safety for a pedestrian-focused community. New building, homes and unit construction will promote sustainability through high performance building design, infrastructure and energy efficiency systems.

Work will continue on the DHA South Lincoln redevelopment as DHA applies for federal funding, including a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOPE VI grant application, which is due in November 2009.

Established in 1938, the Denver Housing Authority is the largest housing authority in the rocky mountain region and serves more than 23,700 very low, low and moderate-income residents with subsidized housing throughout the city.

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