

# PRESS RELEASE

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For immediate release....

After 32 years of abandonment, the former Central Junior High School in Chambersburg begins a \$10,000,000 transformation. Upon completion the project will provide a mix of market rate apartments, commercial space, and learning areas located in a series of newly detached buildings with development of on-site parking. Constructed in 1909/1930 AD and occupying a key city block location in the downtown commercial HUB zone, McKissick Properties, the Harrisburg based developer for the project, anticipates the completion of the three phase project by the end of July 2018.

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at the site at half past two in the afternoon (2:30 pm EST) on June 9th, 2017 (06/09/2017). Celebrations will take place on the corner of Queen and Third Streets, with project announcements and guest speakers kicking off the event and a ceremonial start of Phase I to follow at the site.

About McKissick Properties....

As part of the McKissick Family of companies, McKissick Properties was founded on the principles that design should always strengthen a community. As the development arm, McKissick Properties plans to focus on sustainability, adaptive reuse and historic preservation, which have all been the founding principles since McKissick Associates Architects was founded in 1999.

Vern McKissick, III, AIA is a LEED certified, award winning, nationally recognized architect with offices in Harrisburg, PA, Hollidaysburg, PA, Baltimore, MD, Reston, VA and Winston-Salem, NC.

Project overview....

Phase I

(construction from June 9, 2017 through September 2017) – 42,000 SF of Environmental clean-up, selective salvage, & bulk building demolition. Upon completion of this phase, the concealed facade of the original 1909 High School will be revealed to the community for the first time in 87 years.

Phase II

(construction from September 2017 through May 2018) – 39,000 SF (upon completion) will be known as the “Rose Rent Lofts”, a sustainable Green Globes rated residential community created from the adaptive reuse conversion of the original 1909 High School, into market rate housing with a total of 27 units (1,2 & 3 Bedrooms, ranging from 680 to 2,200 SF). On site community and maker spaces, as well as secure parking will be available for residents. This phase of the privately financed project is utilizing historic tax credits and is being funded with assistance of the Chambersburg Area Development Corporation and the Franklin County Area Development Corporation.

Phase III

(construction projected from November 2017 through July 2018) – 52,000 SF (upon completion) will be known as “Work and Learn at Central” and involves conversion of the former main 1930 structure located on US Route 30 east. After reconstruction this newly free standing building containing the former auditorium and gymnasium will offer a variety of build-to-suit office suites, and education facilities with available footprints from 1,000 SF to 8,000 SF along with onsite creative maker areas. As with phase II it is also being developed via the support of various federal tax credit programs.



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