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## KANSAS CITY MUSEUM CONVENES OPEN HOUSE TO UNVEIL PHASES OF RENOVATION

(KANSAS CITY, Mo.) — Community members are invited to attend an open house public meeting to learn about and discuss the development of the Strategic Plan and Business Plan, as well as the Design Process for the future Kansas City Museum and its upcoming stages of renovation. There is no formal presentation, and community members are welcome to come anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29 to the Kansas City Museum at 3218 Gladstone Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. 64123. Refreshments will be provided, and parking, including accessible parking, is available in the Museum’s parking lot, with street parking that is also available.

While the timeline for starting construction on the first stage of construction on the project is not yet determined, by August 2016, the space planning report will be completed and will provide a roadmap for moving into design development and construction documents for the first stage of construction, which may include the lower level, first floor, and second floor of Corinthian Hall (the mansion).

The design process is being led by [International Architects Atelier](#) (IAA), and the restoration and rehabilitation of the entire property plus possible expansion will be a multi-phased, multi-year project. The goal is to transform the private residence and estate into a fully functioning and sustainable history museum facility and environment, complete with space for exhibitions, collections, programs, amenities, and back-of-house museum functions. Each stage of construction will incrementally increase and improve the exhibition, collections, and program spaces as well as amenities, and will open to the public upon completion. The timeline for starting construction on the first stage of the project is not yet determined.

“The renovations in this first stage will be transformative and will create a dynamic and inclusive visitor experience that showcases unfolding stories of Kansas City’s history, cultural heritage, and pride,” Kansas City Museum Executive Director Anna Marie Tutera said. “We have taken the feedback from our previous community outreach very seriously, and we plan to make the Museum a place where visitors learn, interact, collaborate, and feel inspired to more fully experience and engage in Kansas City.”

In addition to design planning, the Kansas City Museum has been working with [Museum Management Consultants, Inc.](#) on a new strategic plan and business plan, and will be working with [Gallagher & Associates](#) to create a visitor experience plan, that expands upon extant interpretive planning. For more information about the Kansas City Museum, visit [www.kansascitymuseum.org](http://www.kansascitymuseum.org). For more information about the open house, contact Steff Hedenkamp at (816) 506-4630 or by email at [steff@redquill.com](mailto:steff@redquill.com).

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**BACKGROUND ON THE KANSAS CITY MUSEUM**

Located at 3218 Gladstone Boulevard in the Historic Northeast community of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Museum is comprised of five original buildings, including the mansion Corinthian Hall, which was built in 1910 by Robert Alexander Long. The estate became a public museum in 1940. It is owned by the City of Kansas City, Missouri and operated and managed by the City of Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department. The Collection contains more than 100,000 artifacts and several thousand more archival materials that interpret Kansas City's local and regional history.

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