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## **Kansas City Museum Reveals Exhibit Design Progress June 27 to Community During Presentation and Open House** *Project Team shared how guests will experience its exhibits and programs*

(KANSAS CITY, Mo.) — The Kansas City Museum welcomed community members on Wednesday, June 27 to attend a presentation and open house to hear the latest Exhibit Design and Development progress. Approximately 35 attendees participated in the event that convened at the Kansas City Museum @ the Historic Garment District (KCM@HGD) at 800 Broadway Blvd. in Kansas City, learning more about the core interpretative and thematic core stories and key learning objectives that Museum guests will experience in its exhibits and programs when the Museum reopens.

“Where we stand right now in the exhibit design and development is at 50 percent completion of the schematic design phase,” [International Architects Atelier \(IAA\)](#) Principal Elizabeth Amirahmadi said. “We are on track with our exhibit design process, which kicked off in April 2018 and are thrilled to be working with the internationally recognized museum design firm [Gallagher & Associates](#) that produced the Museum’s Visitor Experience Plan.”

[The Visitor Experience Plan](#), which was officially adopted by the Parks and Recreation department in 2017, has defined parameters for this work and sets the parameters for exhibition design and development. Kansas City Museum staff is working with IAA, the lead, primary architectural design firm for the project, Gallagher & Associates, City and Parks colleagues, and a team of local historians, curators, educators, and artists to create the print and digital content and interactive technologies for the interpretive experiences.

At the Presentation and Open House event, Museum Staff, Project Team Members, along with representatives from the Kansas City Parks & Recreation Department and Kansas City Museum Foundation, provided new information, answered questions, and captured public feedback about the Kansas City Museum’s expansive renovation project to create a leading-edge 21st century museum of Kansas City’s history and cultural heritage.

“We plan to share the full Schematic Design Plan to the public in digital format for review when the project team is at 100 percent completion of the schematic design phase, which is expected to be later this year,” Kansas City Museum Executive Director Anna Marie Tutera said. “We are ensuring full transparency across this project.”

Also at the event were representatives of [JE Dunn Construction Co.](#), the project’s construction manager, who came prepared with their signature “Donuts with Dunn” goodies, as well as answered questions that attendees had on construction. The team also provided copies of the [Kansas City Museum’s June 2018 Progress Report](#).

GO KC Bonds, as approved by voters on April 4, 2017, as well as the Museum Levy, provide funding for the Kansas City Museum restoration and renovation project. Stage I Construction, which kicked off on October 10, 2017, includes all four floors of Corinthian Hall (the mansion) with an estimated completion date of 2020.

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## BACKGROUND

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.

The Kansas City Museum is in the process of architectural design development to create a premier museum of Kansas City's history through a multi-year, multi-staged restoration and renovation project. International Architects Atelier is the lead architectural design firm, and J.E. Dunn Construction Co. is the Construction Manager. Museum Management Consultants produced the Museum's Strategic and Business Plans, which were adopted in Fall 2016, and Gallagher & Associates produced the Museum's Visitor Experience Plan that provides the parameters for exhibition design and development.

The Kansas City Museum Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to develop initiatives, convene leaders, and mobilize resources through inclusive partnerships to support the mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities of the Kansas City Museum.

For more information about the Kansas City Museum, visit [www.kansascitymuseum.org](http://www.kansascitymuseum.org) or call Kansas City Museum Communications Director Steff Hedenkamp at (816) 506-4630 or by email at [steff@redquill.com](mailto:steff@redquill.com).



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