

Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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City of Minneapolis Celebrates Completion of Two Sustainable, Multi-Generational Green Homes North Projects

**Homes Located at 4700 and 4704 Bryant Avenue North, Minneapolis
Each Feature an Attached Accessory Dwelling Unit**

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 (Minneapolis, MN) – The City of Minneapolis and City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) will celebrate the completion of the first two city-funded multi-generational homes in Minneapolis with a brief program and tours of the projects located at 4700 and 4704 Bryant Avenue North, Minneapolis from 2:00-3:00 p.m. today. The celebration will include comments by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, Minneapolis Council President Barbara Johnson, representatives from Senator Franken and Senator Klobuchar’s offices, and CLCLT homeowner/board member Leticia Selmon. Following the program, attendees will be invited to tour the properties.

“The work to address disparities in our city is not complete if we don’t make progress in the area of housing,” said Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges. “Green Homes North brings together the quality, affordability and cultural adaptability that our changing demographics need. I am very proud of the work being done to find innovative solutions that accommodate the needs of our growing multi-generational families.”

The homes were built by CLCLT in partnership with architect Marnie Peichel and general contractor J. Lewis Building & Remodeling as part of the City of Minneapolis’ Green Homes North initiative. Green Homes North is an effort to build 100 affordable, sustainable, energy efficient homes over five years in North Minneapolis to revitalize the neighborhoods hit hardest by the foreclosure crisis. The two CLCLT homes are part of the third round of Green Homes North project awards marking 56 towards the goal of 100 with 28 complete and another 28 in progress.

“The multi-generational homes provide a type of housing that has not previously been available in the Forth Ward,” said Minneapolis Council President Barbara Johnson. “This is a unique opportunity to meet the needs of families who care for extended, aging family members, including new American and immigrant families that stay housed together as part of their culture. It is a great way to be supportive of families who need this special type of housing.”

Each completed multi-generational home features a two-story main unit with 1,600 sq. ft. including three bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms and an unfinished basement. Attached is an additional home that offers another 500 plus sq. ft. with one bedroom, one bathroom and a kitchenette. The two living spaces are conveniently connected through French doors that open between the dining room and kitchenette areas. The two spaces also share a laundry facility.

“The City of Minneapolis’ Green Homes North initiative allowed the CLCLT a great opportunity to create two of the first multi-generational homes in the city utilizing recently adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit use designation,” said Jeff Washburne, Executive Director of the City of Lakes community Land Trust (CLCLT). “The creative use of the Community Land Trust also fostered an opportunity to tie long-term solar leases to each of the homes, further tying affordability to energy savings.”

In addition to being funded by the City of Minneapolis Green Homes North program, funding for these projects was provided by Minnesota Housing, Family Housing Fund and Twin Cities Community Land Bank.

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