

Cleveland (August 24, 2021) – Join Councilwoman Delores Gray and Burten, Bell, Carr officials Wednesday (8/25) for a ribbon cutting and tours of the Colfax Family Homes, new housing built in the Kinsman neighborhood.

Colfax Family Homes, when complete, will be 36 scattered site, new construction, lease-purchase homes along Colfax Road and Minnie Street in the Kinsman neighborhood. Eighteen are already constructed and occupied.

The project is a result of a comprehensive neighborhood master planning process several years ago in which more than 500 Central and Kinsman residents participated.

“This event is a milestone for the neighborhood,” said Councilwoman Gray. “First, it adds new homes and homeowners into the neighborhood but also because this is what the residents asked for and now it’s becoming a reality.”

The homes are a mixture of one-, two-, and three-story houses with 3 to 4 bedrooms and 1.5 to 2.5 baths. Ranches, colonials and some unique three-story models. Features include a fresh, contemporary design. Homes are being built to Enterprise Green Communities standards and include numerous durable products and features.

This project will allow families to become homeowners at the end of the required lease period. Burten, Bell, Carr’s plan is to actively support families with the education and skills to become good homeowners.

“This lease-to-purchase model has been around for decades,” said Joy Johnson, executive director of Burten, Bell, Carr, a non-profit neighborhood development group. “We plan to learn from past experiences and improve the transition into homeownership for our residents.

“Colfax Family Homes have a modern, 21st Century design that brings a new spark to the Kinsman neighborhood.”

Colfax Family Homes will complement the more than \$80 million invested in the revitalization of the Kinsman neighborhood over the last decade. The project will also place low-income workers in proximity to hundreds of newly created jobs anticipated along the \$331 million Opportunity Corridor and existing businesses with planned expansions.

This project has been made possible with the support of OHFA, OCCH, Key Bank, The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, The Orlean Company, RDL Architects, Inc. , ABC Management, and the non-profit Burten, Bell, Carr as the lead developer. BBC Development, Inc. is the community development corporation serving the Central, Kinsman and Buckeye neighborhoods of Cleveland.

Who: Ward 5 Councilwoman Delores Gray, Burten, Bell, Carr Development officials

What: Ribbon cutting and tours of new low-income, lease-to-own homes

When: 3 pm, Wednesday Aug 25 outside Burten, Bell, Carr offices at 7201 Kinsman Rd.; ribbon cutting and home tours a short walk away at 2938 Minnie Ave. (If inclement weather, event inside into CornUcopia also at 7201 Kinsman Rd.)

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