NEW SOUTH SIDE HOUSING CORPORATION WILL MEET DEC. 16

COLUMBUS -- The Board of Trustees of the newly established South Side Housing Development Corporation will hold its first meeting on Friday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. at South Side Settlement House, 310 Innis Ave.

The corporation's purpose is to help residents of the south side of Columbus, who are living below the poverty line, become homeowners.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees is open to the public. People are welcome to attend the meeting and become members of the corporation.

The corporation was established with the assistance of the Interprofessional Commission of Ohio at The Ohio State University. The commission has been working with people from the south side for about two years to develop means by which the number of persons who become homeless and who live in that area of the city could be reduced.

The Interprofessional Commission of Ohio is a cooperative program of eight human service professions which seeks to improve services for citizens in Ohio through education and program development. Based at Ohio State, the commission is composed of representatives of associations and academic units from the

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professions of allied health, education, law, medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, and theology.

The housing corporation's charter establishes a nine-member Board of Trustees, which includes a minimum of five community residents. Membership in the corporation must be at least 50 percent low income residents of the south side.

The initial Board of Trustees was elected at the housing corporation's first meeting Nov. 12. Elected were: Bill Baker, Becky Flemister, Michelle Hogan, Dolis Manning and Beatrice Williams, all residents of the south side; Jim Bosveld, a paralegal for the Legal Aid Society of Columbus; William Casto, a professor at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio; Randy Bowman, a staff member of South Side Settlement House; and Carol Aniolkowski, a former social work intern at South Side Settlement House and currently a staff member at Amethyst House, a residential facility for battered women.

The membership also elected the Rev. Van Bogard Dunn posthumously as a trustee. Dunn, who was a consultant and founder of the Interprofessional Commission of Ohio, died Nov. 7. He was active in the planning for the housing corporation.

The trustees then elected the founding officers of the corporation. They are Beatrice Williams, chairperson; Dolis Manning, vice chairperson; Becky Flemister, secretary; and Bill Baker, treasurer.

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