



HOUSING PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

OFF-SITE SESSION

HOMAN SQUARE

PARTNERSHIPS FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY

Thursday, June 1st - 1:30 – 4:30pm

DESCRIPTION

Located in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago, [Homan Square](#) is set on 55-acres that previously housed the historic Sears catalog facility, office tower, and power plant built in 1905. Today, that campus hosts a 70,000-square-foot community center; a 14-story hub for arts education, youth leadership development, job training, and nonprofits; 400 units of affordable housing; affordable health care providers; YMCA day care facilities; and public charter elementary and high schools. The [Foundation for Homan Square](#) and [IFF](#) formally joined forces in 2018 to maintain and expand the tapestry of community resources built up in the area over the last 30 years. This includes a [Mercy Housing](#) property, [The Lofts on Arthington](#), that received the 2020 Jack Kemp Award from ULI recognizing excellence in workforce housing, where we will hold a discussion on collaboration between developers and CDFIs on comprehensive community building efforts. Today, IFF and Homan Square continue to work together to build out the next phase of plans to build more affordable housing, develop vacant lots, and attract small businesses to the area.

AGENDA

1:30pm	Depart Loews Hotel
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Bus Ride from Loews Hotel to Homan Square <i>(aim to arrive between 2 and 2:15pm)</i>
2:15pm – 3:00pm	<u>Tour</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Lofts – <i>including an overview presentation</i>• Homan Campus• Nichols Tower – <i>group discussion</i>
3:00pm – 3:45pm	<u>Final Stop: Group Discussion</u> <p>The final stop on the tour will be Nichols Tower, where the group will have a chance to take in the view, understand ongoing development projects, and discuss the overall community development strategy in Homan Square. This stop will feature time for questions and group discussion with fellow members and the team from the Foundation for Homan Square, IFF and Mercy Lakefront.</p>
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Depart Nichols Tower for Loews Hotel

OFF-SITE PROPERTY VISITS

BUS TOUR

- The Lofts on Arthington | 3301 West Arthington St.
- Homan Campus | 3517 West Arthington St.

FINAL STOP

- Nichols Tower | 906 South Homan Ave.

OFF-SITE COORDINATORS

- Kevin Sutton - Executive Director of the Foundation for Homan Square (FHS)
- Mark Angelini – President of Mercy Housing Lakefront
- Joe Neri – CEO of IFF
- Shannon Ross – Vice President of Policy, HPN