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MEDIA ADVISORY

MDHA to Hold Design “Charrette” for Cayce Place

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency today announced it will hold a public meeting on May 6., 2013 to seek ideas and to gather input from residents of Cayce Place and the surrounding neighborhood about what should be included in a master plan for the public housing development. The meeting will take place at 5:30pm at the Kirkpatrick Enhanced Option Elementary School, 1000 Sevier Street in East Nashville. The meeting will take the form of a design “charrette” in which attendees will begin by viewing a presentation on successful public redevelopment projects from around the country and then break into small groups to look over site plans and to make suggestions about ways the Cayce Place neighborhood might be improved.

James A. Cayce Place is one of Nashville’s oldest and largest public housing developments. The first phase of Cayce Place was completed in 1941, followed by phases completed in 1953 and 1954. The development consists of approximately 716 housing units on 63 acres, as well as administrative offices for MDHA. Social service provider The Martha O’Bryan Center is located on Cayce Homes property and the site is adjacent to The Cayce Clinic, Kirkpatrick Elementary School and the Kirkpatrick Community Center. The neighborhood is named after James A. Cayce, a Nashville civic leader and the first chairman of the Nashville Housing Authority.

WHO: Ralph Mosley, chair, MDHA Board of Commissioners
Jim Thiltgen, interim executive director, MDHA
Rhae Parkes, EJP Consulting Group
Peter Westerholm, Metro Council member
Hunter Gee, Smith Gee Studios

WHAT: A public “charrette” designed to give Cayce residents and neighborhood residents an opportunity to make suggestions about the Cayce master plan.

WHEN: Monday, May 6, 2013 @ 5:30pm

WHERE: Kirkpatrick Enhanced Option Elementary School, 1000 Sevier Street, Nashville, TN

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The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency administers a variety of urban and community development projects, works to increase the availability of affordable housing, and leads and supports revitalization efforts in downtown and neighborhoods throughout the city.