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Amani Christian Community Development Corporation Acquires Parcels for Six Million Dollar Mixed-Use Development at 2159 Centre Avenue for African Queens Apartments

PITTSBURGH - January 26, 2022 Amani Christian Community Development Corporation (Amani) announces the contingent closing on three parcels that make up the 2159 Centre Avenue project in the Hill District from the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA). The African Queens Apartments is a six million dollar investment that includes four stories of 12 affordable 1- and 2-bedroom apartments, in-unit laundry, community services, and 1,700 sq. ft. of affordable and market rate commercial retail space on the first floor currently available to lease.

"The project embodies the spirit of Avenues of Hope through its holistic approach to equitable development and the building design," says Aster Teclay, URA Manager. "The merger of community services, housing, and commercial space supports the needs of the community while strengthening the Centre Avenue commercial corridor."

African Queens Apartments will provide new housing opportunities for existing residents to help address the ongoing shortage of affordable rental units in Pittsburgh and will further enhance the Centre Avenue Business Corridor in alignment with the Greater Hill District Master Plan. "The URA and its Board appreciate the efforts of Amani Christian Community Development Corporation led by Rev. Lee Walls. I know the difficulties of creating projects of this scale that remain true to affordability while simultaneously increasing the economic vitality of a community," said Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle.

Amani is grateful to be able to proceed with this project and continue creating new developments for the future of the Hill District community. Groundbreaking at African Queens Apartments is expected to commence in 2023 and will be delivered to the Hill District community by 2025.

Amani's Mission:

Amani www.amanipgh.org facilitates healthy and safe communities by creating programs that educate the Hill District residents, nurture youth, encourage community and economic development, and promote a livable quality of life.



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