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Africatown Plaza on 23rd and Union is slated to offer 138 affordable housing units targeting those who have been displaced due to gentrification.



Seattle, WA - May 23, 2019 - Riding the historic wave of the grand opening of the Liberty Bank Building back in March of this year, Africatown Community Land Trust (ACLT) is staying true to their word to continue the work of creating more affordable housing opportunities in the Central District for those that have been displaced by systemic gentrification. To that point, Africatown is proud to announce the first Africatown Plaza Community Design Meeting today, May 23, at 5:30 PM inside the Liberty Bank Building.

With the opening of the Liberty Bank Building on 24th and Union earlier this year, which provided 115 affordable housing units, Africatown has emerged as a legitimate and determined player in the affordable housing arena and has assumed a very aggressive posture in regards to securing and developing land in the Central District for the purpose of affordable housing.



The Liberty Bank Building - Photo South Seattle Emerald

According to the Africatown Community Land Trust, President and CEO, Mr. K. Wyking Garrett, ACLT is laser focused on creating affordable housing in the Central District for years to come and that Africatown Plaza is the next step in the natural progression of the long term goal of making space for African Americans who have been displaced to return to the neighborhood that Black people in Seattle have called home for nearly 140 years.

Its very important that our community that has been in the Central District for nearly 140 years, is active in owning, imagining, designing and building the future. said Garrett.

Today's design meeting at the Liberty Bank Building, which is free and open to the public, will give the community a first look at what Africatown is planning for the site and as well as to gather community input as to what they would like to see. It was this approach of symbiotic community engagement which netted high praise of the Liberty Bank Building not only by current tenants but community and government stakeholders alike. Africatown is seeking to replicate and enhance the community feedback process on the Africatown Plaza project development.

The public and media are highly encouraged to attend tomorrow's meeting and see first hand how Africatown is turning effort into action in the cause of fending off gentrification and developing affordable housing in the Central District of Seattle.

Africatown Plaza Community Design Meeting
May 23, 2019
Liberty Bank Building
1405 24th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Africatown Community Land Trust
Africatown Community Land Trust is working for community ownership of land in the

Central District that can support the cultural and economic thriving of people who are part of the African diaspora in the Greater Seattle region. The Africatown Community Land Trust board is comprised of real estate professionals, business executives, entrepreneurs, and other professionals and long-time community members from the Central District.
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