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West Broadway Education and Career Center to Begin Construction This Summer

Partners to Host Public Meeting to Provide Project Update, March 31, 2015

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 (Minneapolis, MN) – A innovative service center focused on providing health and wellness services and education and workforce development opportunities in one place is coming to North Minneapolis in 2016.

Scheduled to open at 800 West Broadway, the West Broadway Education and Career Center is a unique collaboration of education and health care tenants that will offer a collaborative model of career and training opportunities to the residents of North Minneapolis. The main anchor tenant will be the North Minneapolis WorkForce Center (Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development [DEED]). Other major tenants will include Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), the Minneapolis Community & Technical College (MCTC). Together, as just one of many programs, these two institutions will offer students the opportunity to complete high school courses while earning credits towards a college degree. Long time North Minneapolis provider, North Point Health and Wellness Center will also be co-located in the space providing mental health and dental services among many other services. A retail component is also being planned for the West Broadway side of the building. The tenant has not yet been determined.

“The West Broadway Education and Career Center is a unique and innovative strategy that will put workforce, health and education services under the same roof,” said Jeremy Hanson Willis, deputy commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. “This facility will be a community gathering place that helps Minneapolis residents get the support they need for fulfilling careers.”

To learn more about the project details, the public is being invited to a community meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the Capri Theater located at 2027 West Broadway, Minneapolis. The meeting will go from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Networking and complimentary food and beverages will be take place from 6:00-6:30 p.m. The official program will start at 6:30 p.m. and go until 8:00 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from developers Sherman and Associates about the project and view the latest building designs. Tenant partners including DEED/Minneapolis WorkForce Center, MPS, MCTC, and NorthPoint Health and Wellness will also share more detailed information about program offerings and ways to get involved between now and the building opening. Following the presentation, attendees will be invited to ask questions.

“Sherman Associates is excited to be involved in the 800 West Broadway Education and Career Center. This is a truly innovative partnership bringing educational and job opportunities to residents in the Northside

community,” said George Sherman, President of Sherman Associates. “We look forward to construction starting in the next few months that will bring lights, life, and purpose back into this to long-vacant building.”

The West Broadway Education and Career Center is expected to open for services in summer of 2016.

The West Broadway Education and Career Center is a project in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, City of Minneapolis, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Summit Academy OIC, Sherman Associates, Northside Residents Redevelopment Council, CAPI, CLUES, Somali Success School, Lao Assistance Center Minneapolis Urban League, Minnesota Center for Neighborhood Organizing Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Hawthorne Neighborhood Council, and West Broadway Business and Area Coalition.

For more information on the project, please visit our [website](#).

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