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PRESERVATION-REDEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP RESULTS IN MARMALADE HISTORIC HOME REHABILITATION, COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SALT LAKE CITY – Preservation Utah and the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City (RDA) invite media to tour the most recently completed "Preservation at Work Project House" at 528 N. Arctic Court in Salt Lake City's historic Marmalade neighborhood on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski, City Council Member Chris Wharton, and Preservation Utah Executive Director Kirk Huffaker will comment on the Arctic Court historic home rehabilitation project and the Preservation at Work partnership at 4:30 p.m., with a celebratory open house with supporting project partners and community members thereafter, ending at 6:30 p.m.

Established in 2012 by combining funds from both organizations to rehabilitate a historic cottage on 571 Pugsley Street, the Preservation at Work partnership has three primary aims: transform blighted properties into livable homes; offer community trainings in home renovation and rehabilitation; and preserve community character and the built environment.

"This partnership with Preservation Utah has been instrumental in achieving the RDA's redevelopment goals for its West Capitol Hill Project Area, as well as my administration's sustainability goals," said Mayor Biskupski. "By rehabilitating existing homes, we are reusing existing materials, which conserves resources and energy, and ultimately reduces carbon emissions associated with the production of a new structure."

The Arctic Court Preservation at Work Project House was built in 1911 as a duplex residence to house factory and railroad workers. Once prevalent in Salt Lake City, many of these hip-roofed, shotgun-form houses have been demolished, making 528 Arctic Court a rare vestige of Salt Lake City's early twentieth-century industrialization.

The design and restoration work at 528 Arctic Court exhibits the expertise of the crew of Salt Lake City-based Capitol Hill Construction. In addition to the complete renovation of the home's interior and exterior, Capitol Hill Construction regularly provided the public

with demonstrations and information in the home through their participation in several hands-on workshops. Capitol Hill Construction, together with tremendous support of Preservation Utah's Historic Properties Committee, finished 528 Arctic Court. These donor partners include Midwest Floor Coverings Inc. (flooring and kitchen cabinets), Sutherlands Lumber (interior paint), RC Willey (gas stove), Living Home Construction (interior finishes), and light fixtures (Preservation Utah employees and volunteers). Janis Bennion, realtor with Chapman Richards and past Preservation Utah Chair of the Board of Trustees, is providing real estate services.

"While under construction, the Arctic Court Preservation at Work Project House served as an authentic space to host our hands-on community education workshops on historic preservation techniques," said Huffaker. "Now completed, it will stand as an example of the collective efforts of non-profit, government, and commercial entities to preserve the neighborhood's historic fabric."

Prior to sale, Preservation Utah will place a preservation easement (protective covenants) on 528 Arctic Court to ensure the house is cared for in perpetuity.

Preservation Utah (established in 1966 as the Utah Heritage Foundation) preserves, promotes, and protects Utah's historic built environment through public awareness, advocacy, and active preservation. Visit www.preservationutah.org for more information.

The Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City works with communities to implement Salt Lake City's master plans to create vital housing opportunities, improve infrastructure, and participate in the economic development of the City. For more information on RDA projects and programs, go to www.slcrda.com.

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