

# # THESE ARE VITAL SITES

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## EAST BROADWAY ROW PUBLIC LAUNCH

After over a year of planning, Vital Sites launched the East Broadway Row project at a public event on October 9. The press announcement included remarks from board members, community leader Christina Lee Brown, and Mayor Greg Fischer. We unveiled our new project construction sign, and two of the five houses were open for viewing. A few weeks later, we closed on the construction loan at Commonwealth Bank and Trust, and construction began at the end of November. Gregg Rochman with Shine Contracting, LLC will be managing the project. Edwards Companies, which is developing the former Phoenix Hill Tavern site next door, has agreed to donate the cost of, as well as handle, the rear yard and alley improvements.

## QUINN CHAPEL IN WEST LOUISVILLE

In July, Vital Sites had the opportunity to tour Quinn Chapel, formerly the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, along with representatives from Metro and other interested parties. An exterior wall is experiencing structural issues. This historically significant church has been vacant for many years and is currently owned by the YMCA. The oldest building on the property may pre-date the Civil War, and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke here during the civil rights movement in the 1960s. Vital Sites arranged for structural engineering firm BFMJ, Inc. to inspect the site and evaluate the wall for stabilization. The firm agreed to make an in-kind donation for a portion of the consulting and report fees.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Q4 UPDATES

\*In late October, **Carolle Jones Clay** joined our board, bringing our Board of Directors to 9. Carolle is a Senior Vice President and Managing Director for Republic Bank's Community Relations.  
\* Current Board of Directors (below, left to right): Todd Irvin; Thomas Woodcock; Valle Jones; Charles Cash (President); Amy Curry; Kimberly Stephenson; Anne Arensberg (Treasurer); David Ritchay; Carolle Jones Clay (above).



\* Vital Sites Staff: Jessica McCarron  
\* We are working under advisement of Preservation Green Lab to plan for nationwide Executive Director search and recruitment next year!