

Network NEWS

Updates from CRN

February 6, 2020

CRN's Winter Meeting is Around the Corner
CRN's Winter Meeting will be Thursday, February 13th, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:30am. Please join us for a dialogue with IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust (left) and Woodstock Institute Interim Director Jean Pogge. All are welcome!



Chicago Community Loan Fund
29 E Madison St. #1700
Chicago, IL 60602

9:00-11:30am
Continental breakfast at 8:30

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About CRN

Who We Are:
For 40 years, the Chicago Rehab Network has worked to train, coordinate, and empower community-based organizations developing affordable housing across Chicago and the region. CRN's advocacy has resulted in policies and resources including the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, the Tax Reactivation Program, the State of Illinois Housing Trust Fund, and the Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit. In addition to advocacy and training, CRN provides industry-wide thought leadership through regular policy updates, best practice case studies, and demographic and economic analysis related to housing needs and markets.

Celebrating Hervenia's Retirement!
Office Manager Hervenia Mitchell retired at the end of January. Help us celebrate her career and wish her well at her retirement party at Tapas Valencia! \$30 covers appetizers.



Tapas Valencia
1530 S State St.
Thursday, February 20 | 5-8pm

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DOH 3rd Quarter Report Hearing will be February 11

The Department of Housing will present their [progress report for the third quarter of 2019](#) to the Committee on Housing and Real Estate on Tuesday, February 11th. Come to hear DOH's presentation, hear CRN's testimony on the report, and share your thoughts with elected officials.

Chicago City Hall
Council Chamber
10:00am
[Meeting Notice](#)

Save the Date

CRA Comment Period Open

The public comment period on proposed changes to the Community Reinvestment Act [opened last month and will remain open until March 9, 2020](#). Want to submit a comment to support CRA but not sure where to start? Check out NACEDA's [toolkit](#) and [sample comment letter](#). [Learn more about the threat posed to communities by a weakened CRA.](#)

In the News

Changes to Planned Development Fee Payments

From the Plan Commission: "During the 2020 budget process, the Chicago City Council amended the fee structure for Planned Development (PD) review fees in Section 17-13-0610 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. Previously, PD fees were due at the time of Part II review. Under the new fee structure, half of the fee is due at the time a PD application is filed, half is due at the time of Part II review. The first half of the fee will remain fully refundable until the project is placed on a Plan Commission agenda and published in the required public hearing notice."

[Read more.](#)

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THE WABASH AVENUE YMCA



Wabash Y: The Birthplace of Black History Month

This month, our partners at The Renaissance Collaborative are [taking a look at the historic legacy of the Wabash YMCA](#)-from its role as an orientation center for many of the 6 million African-Americans who migrated to Chicago between 1916 and 1970, to its significance to Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History," whose work helped establish Black History Month. Today, the building is home to affordable apartments. Read more about its history [here](#).

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