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Colorado Springs Public Market Announces Downtown Location

Iconic Payne Chapel to Become Community Marketplace

[Colorado Springs, CO], October 1, 2015: The Colorado Springs Public Market will launch a fresh and prepared food marketplace in the former Payne Chapel, a landmark City structure built in 1893. Located at 320 South Weber, just southeast of the heart of downtown, the Public Market will join the growing corridor of activity between the Pioneer’s Museum and the Gill Center and bring fresh food to the core of Colorado Springs.

Planned to open in early 2016, the Public Market is one of several initiatives aimed to increase local food production and consumption. The food sector is an active source of new business growth both locally and nationwide, and offers strong potential to boost income and tax revenue – all while building community and improving community health.

“It’s been a long time coming but this project and destination make a perfect fit with the growing energy downtown,” said Dave Anderson, board president for the Colorado Springs Public Market. “As we welcome more people to live downtown, we’ll soon be able to feed them, while creating all kinds of new business opportunities along the way.”

According to Susan Edmondson, president and CEO of the Downtown Partnership, “Our downtown is blossoming. The Public Market will be a great attraction for residents and visitors, and is sure to add both vibrancy and variety to downtown life.”

The site, one of six properties Palmer deeded to establish churches in Colorado Springs, was home to the City’s African Methodist Episcopal congregation until 1986. Most

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recently, the building housed the Green Man Taproom, and was known for several years as the Carter-Payne Events Center.

“General Palmer would be proud to see how his original gift continues to serve the community,” said Jill Gaebler, City Council President Pro Tem and Public Market board member. “We envision many opportunities for continued community engagement in this wonderful and historic building.”

A five-year, \$5 million capital campaign is underway to complete the lease-to-own agreement, perform building renovations and eventually expand the market space to 30,000 square feet, as envisioned in the Public Market’s original feasibility study.

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