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ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING COHOUSING EXPERTS COMES TO DENVER ON JANUARY 29;

New Cohousing Community at Historic Elitch Gardens Continues to Move Forward

DENVER, CO; January 26, 1999 -- One of the country's best known experts on cohousing will be giving a public presentation in Denver on January 29 for the **Gardens Cohousing Community.** Nationally recognized architect Kathryn McCamant will offer a slide presentation on **"Design Concepts for Urban Cohousing Communities"** on **Friday, January 29, at 7:00 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church**, 3650 Yates (corner of 37th Street).

McCamant is the co-author of Cohousing: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves, the landmark book that introduced this European model of housing to the United States. McCamant, along with husband and co-author Chuck Durrett, have guided the design process in numerous urban cohousing settings around the nation, as well as in two completed cohousing communities in Colorado: Highline Crossing in Littleton and River Rock Commons in Fort Collins.

McCamant will be in Denver to conduct the initial site design planning workshop for members of the **Gardens Cohousing Community.** Gardens is a new cohousing neighborhood that will be part of the larger new urbanist development on the former Elitch Gardens amusement part site at the corner of 38th Street and Tennyson.

"The participation of cohousing in a new urbanist development is an up and coming trend in the U.S.," predicts Jim Leach, president of Wonderland Hill Development Company, developer of the cohousing community. "We anticipate that more and more larger planned projects will include cohousing because of the social benefits. Cohousing brings true community to a larger project at an early stage in its development,"adds Leach.

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Plans are proceeding for redevelopment of the overall site into a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood known as Highland's Garden Village. The centerpiece of the new urbanist development will be a community plaza in front of the renovated Elitch theater. Plans include preservation of mature trees and restoration of the historic gardens and park at the old Elitch's entrance. In addition to the cohousing community, the project will include single family detached homes, townhomes, senior housing, multi-family apartments, live/work studios, retail space and offices.

Wonderland was chosen as the developer of the Gardens project because of the Boulder company's extensive experience in creating cohousing neighborhoods. To date, Wonderland has completed five cohousing communities in Colorado, including projects in Lafayette, Golden, Littleton, Fort Collins and Boulder, and has started construction on a second neighborhhod in Fort Collins and one in San Luis Obispo, CA.

People seeking more information about the free talk on January 29, or about the Gardens Cohousing Community can call Marilyn Moses at (303) 443-7876, ext. 102.

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