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Operation Artists, Scholars, and Innovators

In the Park Neighborhoods (Lincoln Village and Baran Park) November/December, 2010

Projects in development

She returned to her home to invest in buildings and support artists

Nara Fontanez Colton was raised in the Park Neighborhoods near 7th and Hayes. Today, she and her husband, Chris Colton, have returned to the area to purchase four properties within feet of Nara's childhood home. They gutted all four properties and added their signature architectural features such as sky lights.

Two of the properties house pristine rental units (\$400-\$650 mo.). One is a large daycare center. The fourth is a charming building dedicated to artists (see below).



The first floor of the artist building is available for artist studios. The Coltons have not yet decided whether they will rent out studio space or give the space to artists willing to volunteer as art teachers in the community. Two artists have already reserved space here.

The top two floors of the artist building are available for rent (see below), but will likely be rented as a single unit (\$1,000 mo. for both floors). Inquiries on this building can be made at gyainc@yahoo.com.



Already existing projects
Old South Side Settlement Museum



Only the Park Neighborhoods have their own settlement museum. This house museum, run by UrbAn, has rooms that replicate those of the ethnic families that migrated to this area between 1880 & 1960.



In addition to rooms of the early arriving ethnic groups, the museum supports local art. One room highlights current works of IPark Neighborhoods artists. Gallery Nights are also held at the museum.



Join our living tour of the Park Neighborhoods

The Park Neighborhoods, resident association, Urban Anthropology Inc. is actively drawing OASIS people to our area to live, work, and create new organizations or businesses in this beautiful area (see a booklet on neighborhood assets at <http://www.urban-anthropology.org/OCCbook%20v2a.pdf>). If you are an artist of any kind, a humanities scholar, or an innovator such as a community activist or creative entrepreneur, you are eligible to join a series of tours we will be scheduling for this neighborhood. Our bus excursions include homes and apartments for sale and rent, snacks at our local ethnic restaurants, and a tour of our neighborhood assets. The next tour is scheduled for May 14 (Saturday). Everything, including the food, is free. We also offer home buying workshops to help community-contributing people with modest incomes own homes. Contact Rick Petrie (below) to sign up.

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