

Birmingham Association of REALTORS® is Helping to Enhance Bush Hills Neighborhood Association with the Creation of the Bush Hills Community Garden

Birmingham, AL August 13, 2018 – The Birmingham Association of REALTORS® (BAR) has received a \$2,600 Placemaking grant from the National Association of REALTORS® to help make Bush Hills Neighborhood a better place to live by transforming an unused space into vibrant public space for the community to gather and enjoy.

The grant is intended to help REALTOR® Associations partner with others to plan, organize, implement and maintain *Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper* placemaking projects in their communities

The Birmingham Association of REALTORS® will use the funds to build 30 raised cedar garden beds. Birmingham REALTOR® members will have a REALTOR® working day Saturday, September 8 to plant watermelons and other crops and to place the 30 garden beds. They will partner with The City of Birmingham, Birmingham City Schools, Munford Enterprises, Inc., Williams Lawn Service, Built Up Birmingham, The Worship Center, & Bush Hills Residents, on this project.

“REALTORS® live, work and volunteer in their communities and take immense pride in working to improve them,” said Kim Mangham-Barelare, BAR President “Placemaking can help foster healthier, more social and economically viable communities. It creates places where people feel a strong stake in their neighborhoods and are committed to making things better. This grant will allow us to address areas in our community that are in need of enhancement and revitalization and create a place where friends and neighbors can come together. A place where we can grow and prosper.”

Placemaking grants are awarded to local and state REALTOR® associations to help them and their members create new public spaces and destinations in a community, like turning a parking spot into a people spot (parklet) or a vacant lot into a pocket park. REALTOR® associations and their REALTOR® members are actively engaged in the community and know the neighborhoods and the properties that would benefit most from these placemaking projects.

“As the Birmingham area becomes more attractive and welcoming, nearby properties may also increase in value,” stated BAR CEO, Dr. Dawn Kennedy.

To find out more about National Association of REALTORS® placemaking program visit, realtoractioncenter.org/Placemaking.

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