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MODEL TINY HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND EXHIBITION TO TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND IN CHARLESTON

Charleston, SC – The City of Charleston has reached an agreement with members of the "Tiny House Fit for a King Project" to provide a small, city-owned lot where the organization's volunteers will be able to construct and exhibit a Model Tiny House over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

On Tuesday, the group will release the Tiny House to City officials, who will then move it to a City facility where it will be studied as part of the City's forthcoming Blue Ribbon Citizens Panel on Homelessness.

The agreement was reached late yesterday, after City officials received a letter from the South Carolina Department of Transportation stating that SCDOT had not given permission for the planned Tiny House Model to be built on its property. Initially, the Tiny House Fit for a King Project had intended to build its model on a section of land owned by SCDOT.

Among other things, the signed agreement between the Tiny House Project and the City states that the City property, located at 342 North Nassau Street, will be accessible to the group from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm from January 15-18 "for the purpose of constructing and exhibiting a temporary Model Tiny House ... no larger than 8 x 12 feet and no taller than 10 feet. Activities on the Property in connection with the construction of the Model Tiny House may include educational classes and community discussions.... The Property shall be maintained in good and clean condition, and returned to its condition as it existed prior to its use."

City spokesman Jack O'Toole said, "The City of Charleston is committed to working with all our citizens to find solutions to the problem of homelessness in our community. This model demonstration project is a small but meaningful step in that process, and we look forward to studying it as a part of our upcoming Blue Ribbon Citizens Panel on Homelessness."

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