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ARTSPACE MOVING FORWARD IN MESA
Design workshops and artist meetings scheduled

Artspace, the nation's leading developer of affordable space for artists and arts organizations, is moving ahead on development of a project in Mesa, with plans to begin construction in 2016. Mesa Artspace Lofts will include up to 50 units of artist live/work housing in downtown Mesa at 155 South Hibbert, In addition to housing, the facility will provide performance/exhibition space, educational space, and creative business space – all in close proximity to public transportation.

Representatives from Artspace will be in Mesa on Thursday, January 15 to lead a community design workshop with Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO), Architectural Resource Team (ART), and Chris Winters, Landscape Architect. The workshop will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Lo Fi Coffee at 105 West Main Street and is open to the public. On Friday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m., Artspace will lead a design workshop for artists in conjunction with the Mesa Urban Garden Party "HortiCultured" celebration. This workshop is open to all interested artists and will take place at 212 E. 1st Avenue in Mesa.

"Artspace Mesa is a perfect addition to the arts and cultural environment that continues to expand in downtown Mesa," said Mesa Mayor John Giles. "Public meetings like these encourage residents to become involved in the design of this important part of our

community."

Artspace has worked closely with the City of Mesa, the Arts & Culture Department of the City of Mesa, NEDCO and the community at large since 2012 to develop this project. Mesa Artspace Lofts will not only provide high-quality housing for families, but also generate a significant economic development impact in Mesa and the surrounding Valley communities. As in other cities with Artspace Projects' artist live/work facilities, the Mesa project will expand upon the vibrancy of the existing creative community and serve as a catalyst for growth.

The estimated $13.5 million project has received support from numerous funders, including JP Morgan Chase and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

About Artspace

Artspace is the nation's leader in artist-led community transformation, with more than 35 projects in operation across the country and another dozen in development, representing a unique, $600 million investment in America's arts infrastructure. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington D.C., Artspace is America's leading developer of arts facilities and has served as a consultant to hundreds of communities and arts organizations nationwide. To date we have completed more than 1,000 affordable live/work units for artists and their families as well as more than a million square feet of non-residential space for artists and arts organizations. Additional information is available at www.artspace.org.

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