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The Brooklyn Historical Society Hosts The Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable

A quarterly luncheon series dedicated to examining, analyzing, reviewing and predicting all the critical issues of Brooklyn real estate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 2007, Brooklyn, NY – In an ongoing effort to connect with different members of the community and inform the future of our borough the Brooklyn Historical Society is hosting a series of professional roundtables for industries and professional associations throughout the borough. All proceeds will benefit BHS and its programs. The first in the series is The Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable which provides a unique opportunity for Brooklyn real estate professionals to come together to discuss the most important issues in Brooklyn real estate. “At a moment when Brooklyn’s history and future is so much a focus of public debate and discussion we look forward to many inspiring discussions as we explore issues that are relevant to our borough,” said BHS President Deborah Schwartz. “We’re pleased to be a part of this kind of civic engagement and the developer community is providing BHS with critical support through these dialogues.”

The roundtable steering committee includes developers Eric Brody of The Brody Group, Sara Mirski of Boymelgreen Developers Inc., Louis V. Greco, Jr. of Second Development Services, Inc., Jason Muss of Muss Development, Christopher Havens, Jay Schippers of Jay M. Schippers Realty, Michael Kaye of Douglaston Development, Joseph Sitt of Thor Equities, David Kramer of The Hudson Companies, Inc., and David Von Spreckelsen of Toll Brothers. The first roundtable will be held on Wednesday, March 7th and the focus will be property taxes. Speakers will include Martha E Stark, New York City Commissioner of Finance and Steven Spinola, President of the Real Estate Board of New York, as well as neighborhood snapshots in which Boymelgreen Developers, LLC, Toll Brothers, Hudson Companies and The Brody Group will provide up-to-date sales data on projects in the market.

“As we witness the dramatically changing landscape of our Borough, it’s important to also create a dialogue and share knowledge with colleagues throughout the borough,” explained David Kramer. “This is really an extraordinary opportunity for real estate professionals to come together in an inspiring building and discuss the most pertinent issues in Brooklyn real estate,” said David Von Spreckelsen. “The roundtable luncheon series presents an occasion to meet the individuals at the center of issues that are of vital interest to the real estate community and it’s an opportunity to support a significant Brooklyn institution,” said Sara Mirski. “Our hope is that by bringing Brooklyn’s most influential real estate professionals to a Brooklyn Historical landmark it will further expand their knowledge, understanding, and respect of the diverse history of Brooklyn and help to make Brooklyn’s future even more prosperous,” expressed Eric Brody.

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Founded in 1863, the Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) is a museum, library, and educational center dedicated to preserving and encouraging the study of Brooklyn's rich 400-year past, while recording and reflecting upon the future of our culturally rich borough. BHS houses a treasure trove of materials relating to the founding of our country and the history of Brooklyn and its people. We draw from all of these holdings to create interpretive exhibitions illuminating the past and informing the future. BHS hosts over 9,000 members of the general public at its exhibitions each year. In addition to our general programming, BHS serves over 70,000 public school students and teachers annually by providing exhibit tours, educational programs and curricula, and making its professional staff available for instruction and consultation. The exhibits at BHS are dynamic learning experiences for audiences of all ages.

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