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For Immediate Release

Davenport's Gold Coast Looking for New Neighbors

Organization Offers House to Interested Buyers

If you've always dreamed of living in the Davenport's Gold Coast neighborhood, Gateway Redevelopment Group (GRG) is offering the chance of a lifetime to live in this historic and dynamic part of the city.

GRG is inviting interested parties to make application to purchase the historic 1898 Brandt-Klenze House at 406 W. 8th Street for a modest down payment. Applicants must be able to demonstrate ability to fund renovation of the 2400-square foot home, present an organized work plan, and show capability to manage the process.

Gateway Redevelopment Group is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is saving abandoned buildings in the Gold Coast-Hamburg Historic District. The District, located above downtown Davenport from 5th to 9th Streets, Ripley to Vine, is Davenport's oldest established neighborhood. The neighborhood was home to some of the city's most prominent German emigrants. After World War II, the area suffered a period of decline. Thirty years ago, individuals began moving back and reclaiming its lost heritage. Today, its residents are proud of their traditions and their neighborhood's diversity.

GRG has been directly responsible for restoring two structures slated for demolition, the Jipp Home and Grocery at 732 Gaines and the Frank Bredow home at 822 Gaines, returning both to useful purpose. Presently, GRG is actively involved with neighbors in saving other neighborhood homes, as well as operating the Architectural Rescue Shop at the Jipp Grocery and promoting the Hamburg Historic District.

In April, Wells Fargo Bank donated the foreclosed home at 406 W. 8th to GRG. GRG's goal is seeing the home restored as an owner-occupied single family residence.

Applications are being accepted through July 1, 2014. Application forms as well as pictures of the home in its current condition can be found on the GRG website at www.grgdavenport.org under the Projects link. Applications are based on a 100-scale point system and will be scored by a panel in a blind review.

The home is now available for inspection and GRG will host an open house at the residence on May 17th & May 18th from 1PM to 4 PM for all interested parties. Questions or requests for additional visits to the home may be directed to Application Coordinator Jeremy Keninger at the contact information below.

What: Applications for ownership of 406 W. 8th St., Davenport.

When: Applications accepted through July 1, 2014. Open house scheduled for May 17th & 18th from 1PM to 4PM.

How: Download the application at www.grgdavenport.org. Direct questions to Jeremy Keninger at 309-314-5879 or via email at 406@grgdavenport.org

For more Information on Gateway Redevelopment Group: Contact Jack Haberman at 563-326-3290, ars@grgdavenport.org.

About the House

The Brandt-Klenze House (c 1898) is a Queen Anne style home with later 1915 Craftsman additions including stucco cladding and a front porch. The house was built by was built by Henry Brandt, a German immigrant and artist, who opened a photography studio in Davenport. In 1895, he married Martha Lorenzen, daughter of crockery merchant Jens Lorenzen, also a resident of the Gold Coast. The house was later home to John and Louise (Andresen) Klenze. Both John and Louise grew in the Gold Coast; their homes on W. 7th and W. 6th Streets were across the alley from each other. The house was later divided into multiple units. The transition back to its present condition as a single family home began in the late 1990's.