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Historic Carondelet Dedicates First Mural on South Broadway

South Saint Louis, Missouri – August 1, 2011: Carondelet Housing Corporation enthusiastically announces the dedication of the first completed Mural on Broadway by local artist Vesna Delevska on Friday, August 19th, 2011 from 4:00pm-6:00pm at 7405 South Broadway. A Press conference will be held at 4:15pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Inspiration for this mural came when Vesna reflected on the history of Carondelet while experiencing its present existence. "I imagine a picture that represents the Spirit of Carondelet," she states. "I hope that the first mural on Broadway will embrace and emphasize the character, the story and the significance of Carondelet, for everything that this place is."

Speakers will include the artist Vesna Delevska, 11th ward Alderman Thomas Villa, St. Louis City's Cultural Resources, South Broadway Merchant's Association and Sister Mary Ann Nestel, csj of Carondelet Housing Corporation and Carondelet Community Betterment Federation. This mural is first in a planned series of eight to ten murals to be implemented along South Broadway. Artist selection for the second mural is currently being pursued.

"The mural depicts Carondelets' location on the Mississippi River", CHC and CCBF's executive Director, Sister Mary Ann Nestel reflects, "highlighting recreation with the Carondelet Park Boat House, opportunities to worship with a church, and a commitment to education with the Carondelet Public Library, all under the vision of the Carondelet sculpture."

Located in Historic Carondelet, Missouri, the Murals on Broadway Public Art Program (MOBPAP) Committee, a committee of the Carondelet Housing Corporation, was formed to implement art, in the form of eight to ten permanent Murals on South Broadway between Bellerive Park and the River Des Peres to ensure this major thoroughfare in the Carondelet city will be represented artistically as a part of the reorganization process of the Carondelet area. A completed 21st Century Carondelet Strategic Plan is available on its website, www.CarondeletHousing.org

Vesna Delevska is available for interviews and the mural is available to be reproduced with permission.

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