Noir Design Parti Detroit Black Architects Exhibit & Panel online 6-7:30 pm this Thursday Nov. 18

McNichols Owner + Architect Panel
Presented by Live 6 Alliance & the Detroit Collaborative Design Center at University of Detroit Mercy with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts
Moderated by Noir Design Parti

DETROIT—The hottest, most happening place in Detroit right now could be the commercial boom on McNichols just west of Livernois, with several new spaces under construction.

Now, Live6 Alliance and the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at University of Detroit Mercy’s School of Architecture & Community Development are hosting an eye-opening exhibit and online panel discussion with some of the architects and owners this Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Register free with Zoom at https://bit.ly/NDPLive6. The discussion will also be livestreamed on the Live6 Alliance Facebook page. The exhibit and panel discussion feature the work of Noir Design Parti, which documents and celebrates the work of Black architects in Detroit and Michigan.

Noir Design Parti (NDP) is led by Saundra Little, FAIA and Karen Davis Burton who will moderate Thursday’s panel of Black architects and entrepreneurs, featuring:

- Chase Cantrell (Speramus Partners)
- Acuna Olumba (Detroit Pizza Bar)
- Jevona Watson (Detroit Sip)
- Kimberly Dokes (Dokes Design Architecture)
- Bryan Cook (Berardi + Partners)
- Louis Fisher (Architecture & Urban Design)

“Detroit’s Black architects are creating major works and exciting spaces around the city and elsewhere. We are thrilled to showcase their work,” said Dr. Geneva Williams, Executive Director of Live6 Alliance.

“We hope by exposing their designs and ideas plus some history of Detroit’s groundbreaking Black architects we will inspire more younger Detroiters to pursue work in this dynamic field.”

“As a designer, it is so exciting to feature the work of Noir Design Parti and Detroit’s Black architects here on McNichols and inside Neighborhood HomeBase,” said DCDC’s Ceara O’Leary. “We’re right in the middle of all the new activity along the corridor and the momentum is palpable.”
The work is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and is the first of a series of design and arts events hosted by Live6 and DCDC.

New restaurants and businesses open soon on W. McNichols include Detroit Pizza Bar (photo), Detroit Sip, the N’Nambdi housing initiative and more. Plus, a special pop-up holiday gift market inside Live6’s Neighborhood HomeBase through the end of the year.

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TOP: Outdoor exhibit at the corner of McNichols and Prarie.

BELOW: New restaurants opening soon along the revitalized McNichols corridor.