

JOHN COLTRANE HOUSE

- The John Coltrane House, located at 1511 N. 33rd Street, has been owned for the last 18 years by the Early-Gadson family. During the past 18 years, many projects, including the stabilization of the front of the house, interior repairs and electrical upgrades, were completed to ensure the house would remain a National Historic Landmark for the community to enjoy in perpetuity.
- In 2010 the family formed a 501c3 nonprofit organization, The John Coltrane House Inc. to spearhead the revival of interest in and support for the house. Since then, additional work has been completed including repairs to the heating and plumbing systems and roof.
- In January 2020, the family entered into a partnership with the Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation (SMCDC) to restore the historic property and to return the facades of 1511-1515 N. 33rd Street to their original grandeur.
- A feasibility study completed in early 2021, included a conceptual design, structural assessments, and a cost estimate for the restoration of the John Coltrane House and redevelopment of the adjacent properties.
- Future plans call for the creation of the John Coltrane Museum and Cultural Arts Center, which would span from 1511-1517 N. 33rd Street.
- A project team composed of Ms. Early-Gadson, SMCDC, staff from City Council President Darrell Clarke's office, and Watchdog Real Estate Project Management have been working for over two years laying the groundwork, raising funds, creating partnerships and advancing the project.
- The team envisions the development of the John Coltrane Museum and Cultural Arts Center as an integral part of the larger ongoing initiative to revitalize the historic Strawberry Mansion neighborhood and create a gateway into the community.
- Residents will collaborate in defining how this site will represent a gateway into their neighborhood and will have the unique opportunity to not only partner in the design of both the indoor and outdoor space, but will help to build the outdoor space through community build events.
- While the restoration of the John Coltrane House will attract people from all over the world, the Cultural Arts Center will be, primarily, a gathering space, or third place, for the community.
- There will be multiple opportunities for community engagement in future planning and implementation of the project, so feel free to share your ideas.
- Anyone who has questions or would like to engage members of the team can send their inquiries to the project administrator at coltranemcac@strawberrymansioncdc.org.



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