

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 302**  
**The Soulard Community Housing Corporation**

**WHEREAS**, the all-volunteer Soulard Community Housing Corporation was incorporated in 1989, following the designation by the City as one of the first thirteen “Operation Conserv” neighborhoods. 9th Ward Alderman Martie Aboussie and 7th Ward Alderwoman Phyllis Young helped organize the new housing corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, original board members included: Lillie Suggs, Kathy Dabrowski, Mary Lou Bourque, Jim Taylor, LaDona Cano, Russell Farber, and Rod Wright. Others who have served on the board through the years include: Ann Lapins, Kathy Fortune, Patsy O’Connell, Jim Monahan, and Dave Zeiser. Cynthia Harrison, Peter Lapins, Gary Reed, Rod Wright, and Tom Duisen have served as president. In addition to Kirk Fortune, president, the current Board includes: Mary Hart-Burton, Amy De La Hunt, Tom Duisen, Mary Sheridan, Raben Andrews, and Richard Eaton; and

**WHEREAS**, the Soulard Housing Corporation took on renovation of buildings that no developer was willing to undertake, such as the 800 block of Geyer where it renovated one of the oldest structures in Soulard called “The Trapper’s Cottage.” That building, along with the rehab of two other historic homes and construction of two infill units, completed a long abandoned block; and

**WHEREAS**, through the years this group of dedicated volunteers has acquired and renovated or constructed over a dozen homes for owner-occupancy. The goal has been to increase the number of homeowners in Soulard and to further stabilize the neighborhood. Most recently, the wonderful homes at 3306 S. 9th, 3312 S. 9th, and 900 Utah were transformed with the hard work of the dedicated volunteers of the Soulard Community Housing Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, as it prepared to cease operation, the Soulard Community Housing Corporation has taken revenues generated by the sale of these properties and contributed to assist other not-for-profits and to make direct improvements in neighborhood projects such as wrought iron fencing around Soulard Market Park, a new furnace for the Soulard School, and a new roof for the American Legion. The Soulard Housing Corporation has made important and significant contributions to the redevelopment of the neighborhood..

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions of the Soulard Community Housing Corporation to St. Louis and the Soulard community, and to thank the participants for their many hours of service and their efforts to make a difference. We direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on this 28th day of January, 2011 by:

**Honorable Phyllis Young, Alderwoman, 7th Ward**  
Honorable Kenneth Ortmann, Alderman, 9th Ward

Adopted this the 28th day of January 2011 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen