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Spaceworks to Begin Search for New Executive Director

NEW YORK, August 5, 2016 -- The Board of Directors of Spaceworks, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the shortage of stable, affordable rehearsal and studio workspace for artists in New York City, announced today that its Executive Director, Paul Parkhill, has decided to leave his position by year-end to create a new planning and development consulting practice. The Board also announced that it has created a Search Committee to conduct a nationwide search to find a successor.

“Since arriving as our first Executive Director in the spring of 2012, Paul has taken an innovative concept and built it into a dynamic nonprofit organization serving visual and performing artists across New York City,” noted Pam Wasserstein, Board Chair. “During Paul’s tenure, Spaceworks has completed four long-term, affordable workspace projects in Brooklyn and Queens that currently serve thousands of artists. Thanks to Paul and the dedicated staff, we are now poised to expand that portfolio in neighborhoods across the City,” she concluded.

Parkhill commented, “I am immensely proud of our accomplishments to date, with four active projects and a pipeline of prospective new spaces across the City. Spaceworks is in a strong financial position with exciting programs and a dedicated staff, and I feel that the time is right for me to pass the organization on to its next leader. I remain deeply committed to the organization’s mission: to keep New York as the nation’s creative capital and a place for diverse and vibrant culture.”

The Board said Parkhill will remain at Spaceworks through the end of 2016 to ensure a seamless transition.

The Search Committee will be chaired by Kimberly Holden, Principal, SHoP Architects, and includes Xaviera Simmons, Visual and Performing Artist, Charles Renfro, Principal, Diller Scofidio + Renfro, and Terry Fassburg, a retired corporate executive.

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About Spaceworks: Spaceworks is a nonprofit cultural community development organization dedicated to expanding the supply of long-term, affordable workspace for artists in New York City. The organization builds and strengthens lasting connections between artists and communities, inviting artists to contribute to neighborhood vitality. Learn more at spaceworksnyc.org.

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