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James H. Houx II Joins Powell Gardens' Board of Directors

Kansas City, Mo, March 7, 2017—James Henry Houx II, prominent real-estate developer and civic leader in Warrensburg, Mo., was appointed to the Powell Gardens Board of Directors at the February board meeting.

“Jim’s talent and background is the perfect addition to the Powell Gardens’ board,” said Jeanie Latz, board chair. “We look forward to utilizing his valuable expertise.”

Currently active in real-estate development and property management in Warrensburg and Johnson County, Houx is the fourth generation of his family to be born in the area. His great-great-grandfather Philip Houx was one of the earliest sheriffs in Johnson County, having settled there before 1827, when it was still part of Lafayette County. In addition to public



service and real-estate, the Houx family has been active in the cattle business and banking.

“We are pleased to welcome Jim Houx to the Powell Gardens Board of Directors,” said Tabitha Schmidt, president and executive director of Powell Gardens. “Jim is a pillar in Johnson County, Missouri, and his business experience and legacy in the community will be invaluable to Powell Gardens.”

Houx graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a degree in business administration. Following his graduation, he worked with Peoples National Bank and was named president after a merger with United Missouri Bank in 1970. He served on the bank’s Board of Directors before he became a real-estate broker, and his civic activities include membership with the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and membership with the Military Affairs Committee and Chamber Ambassadors. He also served on the Warrensburg Industrial

Development Committee. He and his wife, Ann, former mayor of Warrensburg, have four children, including Daniel Houx, who is a current Missouri State Representative.

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Powell Gardens, recognized as Kansas City's botanical garden, resides on 970 acres of lush, rolling hills in Johnson County, Missouri west of Warrensburg on U.S. Hwy. 50. Known for its contemporary architecture and stunning display gardens, Powell Gardens offers classes, performances and festivals year-round. In 2009, the Heartland Harvest Garden, a 12-acre expansion that encompasses one of the nation's largest edible landscapes, was opened to the public.

Powell Gardens is open seven days a week year-round (except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Days). For more information about admission, seasonal hours, special events, classes, rentals, Friends of Powell Gardens and more, call 816-697-2600 or visit powellgardens.org.