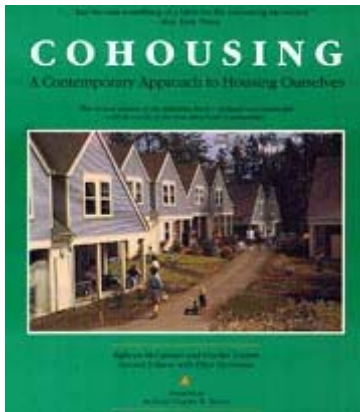


“Getting It Built” Cohousing Workshop

Northfield, Minnesota November 8-9, 2008 (9-5 Saturday; 9-1 Sunday)

[Buffalo Commons Cohousing](#) is delighted to announce that nationally renowned cohousing pioneers Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett (of [CoHousing Partners](#) and [McCamant & Durrett Architects](#)) are coming to Northfield, Minnesota (40 miles south of Minneapolis/St. Paul) to offer their introductory workshop for forming cohousing. This is an invaluable resource for early-stage groups seeking to understand the fundamentals of the cohousing development process. While portions of the workshop will focus on development of Buffalo Commons Cohousing in Northfield, the curriculum is directly applicable to development of other cohousing communities, and individuals from other areas/communities nationwide are encouraged to attend.



Katie and Chuck will focus on the nuts and bolts of cohousing development, providing a comprehensive overview and a roadmap for forming communities. As background, we encourage participants to have read the book [Cohousing: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves](#) and to have visited or toured completed cohousing. We encourage early registration, as class size will be limited.



Curriculum will cover the following:

The Development Process

- The role of the developer and ways to partner
- Typical development stages and timelines

Land Search & Acquisition

- Evaluating sites for feasibility
- Making a purchase offer
- Partnering with brokers, master developers and others

Financing

- Typical development costs
- Roles of community members and outside investors
- What can you afford?

Design

- Best practices from Denmark to America
- The “Common House Game,” a learning exercise

Working Together

- Making decisions and working with consensus
- Building a strong group to get the work done



McCamant & Durrett Architects

Participants will receive a binder with supporting materials; coffee, tea and snacks will be available in the mornings and lunch will be provided on Saturday. To register, fill out and submit the form on the next page.

Note: In addition to the full workshop, Katie and Chuck will present a more general slideshow overview of cohousing the evening of Friday, November 7th at the Grand Event Center, 316 Washington Street, Northfield for a \$12 entry fee (payable at the door; no pre-registration required). A reception catered by Just Food Co-op featuring local foods (chicken from Finca Mirasol, bread from Brick Oven Bakery, cheeses from Shepherd’s Way Farms, and veggies from local CSAs) and music by The Zillionaires kicks the evening off at 6:30. The slideshow, with Q and A time, will run from 7:00 to 8:30. The Zillionaires will be back on stage tearing it up from 8:30 until 10:00. A cash bar will be open throughout. Whether you’re a cohousing newbie or veteran, this promises to be a fun and informative evening!

GETTING IT BUILT! COHOUSING WORKSHOP

Saturday November 8 (9am to 5pm) and Sunday November 9, 2008 (9am to 1pm)

Presenters Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett
In Northfield, Minnesota

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Email address_____

Telephone (home)_____ (work)_____ (cell)_____

Cost is \$300 for the weekend; \$150 to add a second person from the same household

Make check payable to: **Linne Jensen, Treasurer, Buffalo Commons Cohousing**

****Save by registering early****

**\$250 for one registration and \$125 for a second registration from the same household
if postmarked by October 24th.**

Mail form and check to: **Cindy Robinson, 707 St. Olaf Ave, Northfield, MN 55057**

_____ Check enclosed for \$250.00 / \$300.00 (*circle amount*)
(Payment for one attendee)

_____ Check enclosed for \$375.00 / \$450.00 (*circle amount*)

(Payment for two attendees)

Second Name_____

Second Email_____

Price includes materials, beverages, snacks, and a lunch catered by Chapati (a local Indian restaurant) on Saturday. Please indicate any special dietary needs (vegetarian, food allergies, etc.):

Questions?

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