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The National Public Housing Museum Eyes a 2021 Opening.

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The National Public Housing Museum will operate out of a 1930s building that was once part of the Jane Addams Homes. **Landon Bone Baker**

The museum will tell the history of American public housing in a remnant of a 1930s public housing complex on Chicago’s Near West Side.

When you’re working to establish a museum with such contested subject matter as the National Public Housing Museum (NPHM), it pays to have a few shorthand expressions within easy reach, lest anyone get confused about creating a curatorial platform for an institution many associate with failure.

Crystal Palmer, a former public housing resident and vice chair of the museum’s board, says the museum will tell “the good, the bad, and the ugly” of public housing. Lisa Lee, the museum’s executive director, says (quoting another board member) that it will “tell the stories of our in-laws and our outlaws.”

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