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Event photos are available upon request. Exterior and interior renderings are available also.

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Longwood Group Residences on S. Huntington Ave. Have Views of Park and LMA

JAMAICA PLAIN - City and Boston Redevelopment Authority officials joined elected officials and Jamaica Plain neighborhood friends and neighbors today to celebrate 195 new apartments overlooking Olmsted Park steel structure "topped off" by members of the Building Trades including Local 7 Ironworkers.

The residences on South Huntington Avenue will open in Spring 2017.

Joining Antoine M. Nader, Principal of the developer, Longwood Group, and others representing the company were Brian Golden, Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and many other BRA representatives; State Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez; Boston City Councilman Matt O'Malley; Jim Grossman, Vice President and Chief Operative Officer/Northeast of Suffolk Construction; Richard Rouse, Executive Director of Mission Hill Main Streets; and Ralph Cole, Serenity Project Manager.

Following brief remarks from Golden, Nader, Cole, Rouse, and Grossman, a large steel beam, painted white and signed by workers and others attending, was hoisted to the top of the new residential building, with U.S. Flag and traditional "roof tree."

Golden said Mayor Martin J. Walsh regretted he was unable to attend. "It's my honor to fill in on his behalf, as we mark this important milestone on the way to completing 195 new units of housing in Jamaica Plain."

"We're in the midst of one of the biggest building booms, if not the biggest boom, in Boston's history," Golden said. "It's thanks to the hard-working women and men of the building trades that we're able to sustain this pace of growth and continue to build a vibrant city for generations to come."

He said the "Serenity" name reflects its location. "Residents living here will have beautiful, unobstructed views overlooking Olmsted Park and the Longwood Medical Area. ... I know we're all probably rethinking where we

want to live right now."

Golden said the South Huntington Avenue area "is a great alternative to some of the busier places, such as downtown, with easy access to transportation. We hope this spot will be an especially good fit for families, young professionals, and medical professionals who work in the area."

Golden thanked the Longwood Group and Nader family for its commitment to sustainable building. "This building will be LEED Silver certified. Boston has been recognized all over the world for our sustainable building policies ... you're setting a great example for the development community."

Anthony Nader, Principal of Longwood Group, welcomed the many visitors to the 11 a.m. event and called it "a special day." "Ralph [Cole] and our team have really kept this project moving along efficiently, with some welcome help from Mother Nature, and it won't be too many months before we welcome new residents to Serenity and Jamaica Plain," Nader said.

Nader thanked Sanchez, O'Malley, Golden and the BRA staff, as well as neighborhood supporters including Rouse, Mission Bar and Grill owner Michele Soltani, Pat Flaherty of the Mission Hill Neighborhood Housing Services, Dermot Doyne, Toni Komst, Maria Sanchez, and Theresa Parks for their support in getting the project off the ground.

"And I'd just like to give a deserved shout-out to my son, Anthony [and] my nephew Michael, who have done a great job and live this project every day," Nader said.

Serenity will consist of 195 residences on the previously vacant 1.1-acre site. The building "steps up" from five stories along Jamaica Way to 13 stories along South Huntington Avenue, with a courtyard in between. The building's design will also offer views of Olmsted Park for pedestrians on South Huntington.

Construction is steel frame with a brick, glass and metal panel exterior designed to complement the neighborhood. Work on Serenity began in Fall 2015.

The low-rise component will contain 32 premium units overlooking Olmsted Park. These units will have a separate private elevator and be more secluded while offering exceptional park views relative to the other units. This portion will include primarily two and three bedroom units, with larger square footage as compared to the tower unit footprints.

The mid-rise/interior portion will contain units offering both city and park views in addition to the courtyard views. These units will contain primarily studio, one-, and two-bedroom floor plans.

Multiple transit alternatives will be available at Serenity, including easy

public transportation access to the No. 39 MBTA Bus and E Branch of the Green Line at Riverway and Back of the Hill stops. Serenity will feature Zipcars, electric car charging stations, bicycle storage, as well as nearby public transportation and a Hubway station.

Longwood Group is committed to using the most progressive and environmentally friendly practices for construction and unit design. The roof will have highly reflective material in addition to having drought-tolerant native plantings.

Units will have water-flow efficient kitchens and bathrooms in addition to some of the most efficient windows and appliances available. The building's energy recovery system will capture and utilize recovered energy that the building emits.

During construction the materials will be primarily from local suppliers, thus decreasing the transportation costs and emissions. During construction there will be a high level of waste management with a focus on recycling.

The project will consist of approximately 246,186 square feet of gross building area including the 106 parking spaces and retail space.

Amenities will include 24-Hour concierge and security services, lobby, lounge, billiard room, meeting and collaborative areas by RD Jones interior design, private-view courtyard by CopleyWolff landscape design, roof deck pool with lounge, barbecue deck and green roof, wifi access in all common areas, direct-access garage parking, on-site Zipcar location, electric car charging stations, and covered bicycle storage area for 195 bicycles. Units feature oversized windows and a Nest thermostat system/

The architect is Prellwitz Chilinski Associates of Cambridge. Landscape design, including design of the interior courtyard, is by Copley Wolff Design Group. Leasing and property management by Greystar. The general contractor is Suffolk Construction. The lenders on the project are US Bank and Parse Capital.

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