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Agenda

CRDA Housing & Neighborhood Committee Meeting

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Monday, September 12, 2022

3:00 pm

- Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2022*
- Project Updates
 - 179 Allyn Street
 - Bedford Gardens
 - MLK Apts.
 - Arrowhead
- Next Meeting – October 7, 2022
- Adjourn

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Housing and Neighborhood Committee Conference Call

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Members Present via Microsoft Teams: Committee Chair Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Board Chair Suzanne Hopgood, Commissioner Selia Mosquera Bruno, Randal Davis and Paul Canning

Staff Present via Microsoft Teams: Mike Freimuth and Kim Hart

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Berger-Sweeney at 9:05 a.m. and the minutes of the April 1, 2022 meeting were approved by acclamation.

- 1) **Project Updates** – Mr. Freimuth walked Committee members through the project spreadsheets, noting that most “neighborhood” classified projects had been completed, with the exception of the following:
 - a. **Heritage Homes** – NINA is in the process of assembling two parcels donated by Aetna for their ongoing home ownership program in the Asylum Hill neighborhood.
 - b. **Former Fuller Brush Building** – The CRDA Board approved funding for the project at its May meeting and it has been submitted for Bond Commission approval.
 - c. **Parkville** – A number of new projects are pending in this neighborhood.

Mr. Freimuth reported that CRDA housing projects are leasing at over 90% and that a number of additional projects will come online this year, including Park & Main - Building 2, DoNo - Phase 1 and the renovation of former student housing on Temple Street. Pratt Street will likely begin leasing early next year, bringing the total of new CRDA-funded residential units to around 600.

Mr. Freimuth also noted that the 55 Elm Street project will likely come online in late 2023 or early 2024. Similarly, the 147 units created as part of the Hilton Hotel conversion will start leasing some time in 2023.

In total, CRDA’s Downtown residential unit total sits at 2,700, just 300 units short of its statutory housing goal.

Ms. Berger-Sweeney asked about plans to improve the park adjacent to the Park & Main site and to relocate the nearby methadone clinic, which has been the subject of media attention in recent

weeks. Mr. Davis responded on behalf of the City, indicating that a working group was looking at redesigning the park. He acknowledged the difficulty in relocating the methadone clinic to another area of the City and said that the issue remained under discussion.

Mr. Canning asked for an update on conversion of the former Radisson Hotel. Mr. Freimuth noted that it has been reported that the upper floors are 80% leased, but that number has not been confirmed. The developer is now in the process of converting the lower floors to residential as well. Mr. Freimuth reminded Committee members that CRDA is no longer involved with the project, having been foreclosed out two years ago.

In response to a question from Mr. Canning, Mr. Freimuth outlined development efforts in the Bushnell South area:

- 1) State Buildings on Trinity Street – Following an RFP process, the Department of Administrative Services is in discussions with a developer interested in constructing 110 units in the buildings located across from the State Capitol. Some public funding will likely be required.
- 2) 55 Elm Street – The developer is looking at the possibility of renovating a second smaller building on the corner of West Street and Elm. They have inquired about CRDA rolling over the Historic Tax Credit bridge loan on 55 Elm to the smaller project.
- 3) Parcel 4 – CRDA has issued an RFQ for development of the 4-acre parcel directly behind the State Office Building and proposals are due June 10th. A number of potential developers have made inquiries.

Mr. Freimuth also noted that he has had several meetings with the individual selected under the Parkville Project Manager RFP. He hopes to have a resolution concerning their selection ready for the next Board meeting.

2. 200 Constitution Plaza

Mr. Freimuth walked Committee members through the details of the project. CRDA has been asked to contribute \$3 million toward conversion of the former business training/office building into 101 residential units (24 1BR, 28 2BR and 49 studios) linked to an underground garage system. The total cost of the project is approximately \$18 million and the CRDA funds would be distributed as a loan to the developers - Biagio Barone and John Guedes - at 3% interest, with a 25-year amortization over a ten-year term.

Ms. Berger Sweeney questioned whether there were any affordable units in the mix. Mr. Freimuth responded that he had raised this issue with the developer to no avail. He noted that this represented a “Catch 22” situation in that affordable units lowered the developer’s revenue and CRDA would need to lower its interest rate to accommodate the debt service coverage ratio required by the bank.

Commissioner Mosquera Bruno questioned whether CRDA was required to include an 80/20 market rate/affordable mix on all its projects. Mr. Freimuth responded that while the Authority is not statutorily required to do so, overall, our projects have averaged about 80/20, though many have been solely market rate. The Commissioner expressed her support for requiring the developer to include some affordable units.

Mr. Canning asked about the availability of parking and whether any tax abatement deal was contemplated. Mr. Freimuth indicated that there was parking linked to the building, the cost of which would be included in the monthly rents. While there was no tax abatement included, the property would be assessed at a residential rather than commercial rate, pursuant to the CRDA statutes.

Mr. Freimuth noted that this was the latest in a long line of efforts to develop this property. He also noted that the original concept plan for Constitution Plaza had included residential use.

Commissioner Mosquera Bruno indicated that given the fact that the developer was accepting public funding, there should be a public benefit (i.e., affordable units) attached to the project. Mr. Freimuth indicated that he would reach back out to the developer regarding the Committee's wishes. It was also noted that the rates charged for studio apartments on a square foot basis were close to affordable.

The following resolution was offered:

The Executive Director is authorized to make a housing loan for up to \$3 million at 3%/25 year amortization/ten year term to the development team of Biagio Barone and John Guedes (together forming a single purpose entity acceptable to CRDA) for the purpose of converting 200 Constitution Plaza into 101 residential units, subject to 1/all sources of funding and approvals being secured, 2/ State of Connecticut Bond Commission allocation and approval and 3/such fiduciary terms and conditions that are necessary and appropriate to the satisfaction of the executive director and CRDA counsel.

Commissioner Mosquera Bruno asked that an affordable requirement be written into the resolution. Ms. Berger-Sweeney indicated that while she thought the resolution's language was broad enough, she wanted to see some percentage of affordable, even just 10%. The Commissioner indicated that should the project come before the Board for a final vote without an affordable component, she would abstain from the vote.

The resolution was approved by acclamation.

3. Board Meeting - Ms. Berger-Sweeney noted that she was unavailable to provide the Housing and Neighborhood report at the Board Meeting on June 16, 2022. Ms. Hopgood was volunteered for the task by Mr. Freimuth.

The next meeting of the Housing and Neighborhood Committee is scheduled for July 1, 2022.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Project:

A change of ownership for this ten building 84-unit assembly known as Bedford Gardens Apartments located at 131-33 Brook and 119-37 Bedford Street in the City's North End Albany Avenue Corridor presents an opportunity to renovate the tired properties and preserve the 84 affordable units. Substantial renovation work totaling over \$100k per unit is envisioned but due to restricted rents, a funding gap exists beyond the low-income tax credits and CHFA mortgage structures commonly available. A municipal contribution can assist in triggering various state and federal assistance. The City of Hartford has opted to invest up to \$1M via its CRDA/MOU development fund into the project to assist and close the gap.

Development Budget:

Mortgage	\$ 3.14M
LiHTC	7.28M
Fed Hist Credits	2.38M
St Hist Credits	2.17M
Def Dev Fee	667K
DOH	3.50M
CHFA CMF	1.0 M
Energy Grant	084k
COH/CRDA	<u>1.0 M</u>
	\$21.3M TDC

CRDA/COH:

A \$1 Million loan at 2% interest co-terminus with CHFA mortgage is requested by developer.

Project:

A complete demolition and reconstruction of the MLK complex, a 64-unit apartment community located on Van Block Avenue in the Sheldon Oak neighborhood, built in 1970 is planned. The new development will consist of 155 mixed income units including 38 affordable units at 30% AMI, 48 affordable units at 80% AMI (an increase to 86 units at affordable rents) and 69 additional units at market rate. The project has been stymied by construction and interest rate increases. After several months of value engineering, increased design work and restructuring the capital stack, the owner, Sheldon Oak Central and its development partner, Vesta Corporation are submitting funding applications to a variety of sources including CRDA.

Development Budget:

Mortgage	\$29.7 M
LiHTC	14.83M
DOH	4.0 M
HOME	3.8 M
Def Dev. Fee	4.4 M
COH/CRDA	<u>5.8 M</u>
	\$62.7 M TDC

CRDA/COH:

Combined CRDA (\$3M estimate) and COH (2.8M estimate) totaling \$5.8M as an interest only 2% loan converting to amortizing debt, co-terminus with CHFA mortgage, but scheduled to be refinanced by year 15 is proposed.



Project:

Arrowhead is a complimentary development strategy to DoNo and the ballpark projects. The block consists of several municipal parcels and adjoining deteriorated privately owned properties. The City of Hartford solicited proposals via a formal RFP and selected a project proposed by the San Juan Center in partnership with the Carabetta Development that will renovate two historic buildings and create 43 new apartments (20% affordable) and 7300 square feet of retail space along Main Street across from the Dunkin Donuts stadium.

Development Budget:

Mortgage	\$2.08M
Comm Impact Grant	5.0 M
St Hist Credits	2.25 M
Fed Hist Credits	2.28 M
Dev Equity	427K
City HOME	1.12 M
Energy Grant	075K
CRDA Loan	<u>3.8 M</u>
	\$17 M TDC

CRDA:

A \$3.8M 2%, 30 yr. amortizing loan is proposed.

Arrowhead Redevelopment Project

1355-1359 Main Street

Hartford, Connecticut

August 25, 2022

Overview

Gateway Partnership was selected in 2021 by the City of Hartford as the preferred developer to redevelop a pivotal site connecting Hartford's North End to the greater Hartford downtown area in the block adjacent to the new Dunkin Donuts minor league baseball stadium. The site, known as "Arrowhead" due to the shape of the intersection of Main Street, Albany Avenue, High Street, Ely Street, and Ann Uccello Street, is a priority link of two key neighborhoods.

Development

The development includes the rehab and new addition to the historic Arrowhead Café (1355-1359 Main ST), City-owned parcels at 522 & 532 Ann Street, acquisition and rehab of the historic "Flatiron Building" (529 Ann ST), the acquisition and rehab of the historic co-operative building (506 Ann ST), creation of parking at 520 & 525 Ann Street, and the City's partial closure of Ann Street to create a vibrant public space courtyard in the center of the project. The combined project creates 43 upscale apartments - 9 of which will have rental subsidy – over 7,300 square feet of street-level commercial and ancillary space, 23 off-street parking spaces, and the public courtyard area. Additionally, the City is developing a concept plan to enhance the sidewalk and streetscape along Main Street in front of Arrowhead, and working with the State DOT to create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly rotary to replace the current confusing multi-street intersection.

Cost & Funding

In 2022, Gateway Partnership with The City of Hartford were awarded the State's largest single DECD Challenge Grant in connection with the Arrowhead redevelopment. The project has an estimated total development cost of \$17.3 Million, with identified sources of funds including \$5 Million from DECD, \$1.1 Million in City HOME Funds, \$3.8 Million from CRDA, and a \$2 Million mortgage from Liberty Bank. Additional funds include an estimated \$4.6 Million in equity proceeds from the sale of historic tax credits, up to \$75,000 in energy rebates, and \$427,000 of developer cash. Additionally, the City of Hartford will implement a 10-year real estate tax abatement for the entire redevelopment.

About the Developer

Gateway Partnership is a joint venture between The San Juan Center and The Carabetta Organization. The San Juan Center was organized in 1957 and founded in 1971 to provide social and economic development services to low and moderate-income residents of the Greater Hartford Area. The San Juan Center serves

Arrowhead Redevelopment

Gateway Partnership LLC
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approximately 1,200 families annually with educational and employment programs, computer and financial literacy programs, housing, social services, and crisis counseling for those in need.

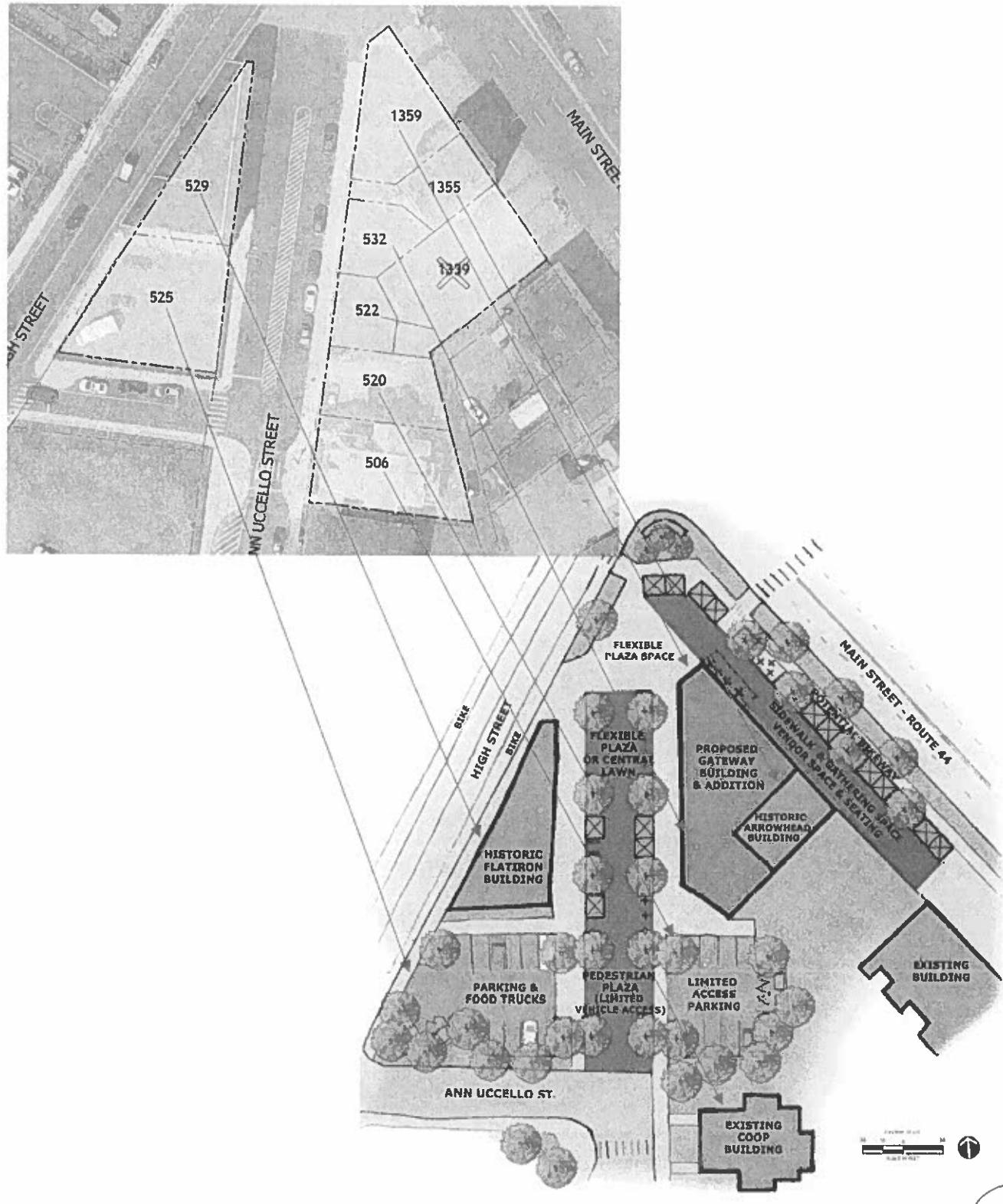
Carabetta has been a dominant force in the development and management of affordable housing since the 1960's; developing well over 20,000 apartments utilizing HUD, tax credit, and conventional financing. Carabetta's current portfolio consists of over 10,000 apartments.

Combined, The San Juan Center and Carabetta own and operate 1,296 apartments in the Arrowhead area.

Arrowhead Redevelopment

Gateway Partnership LLC
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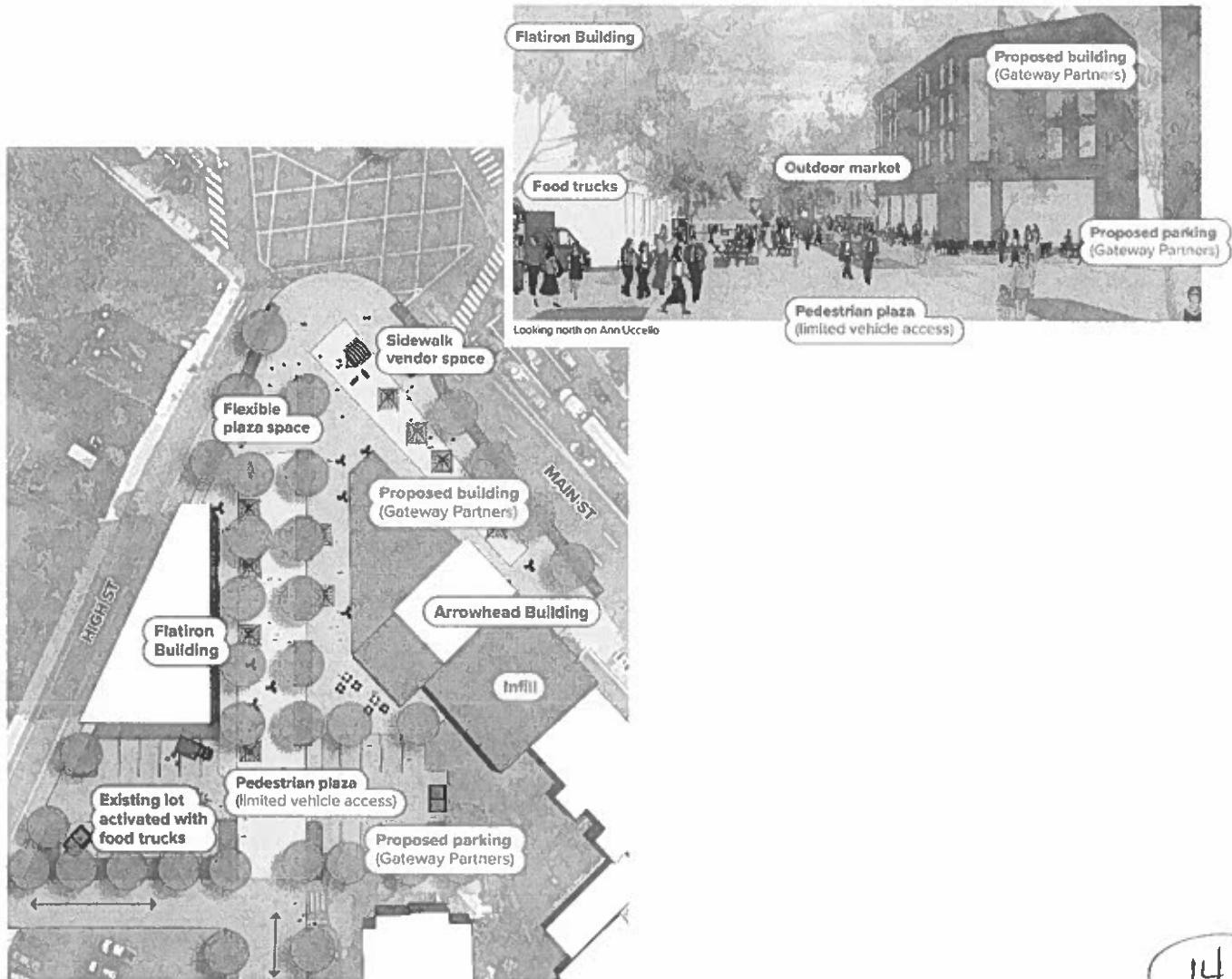
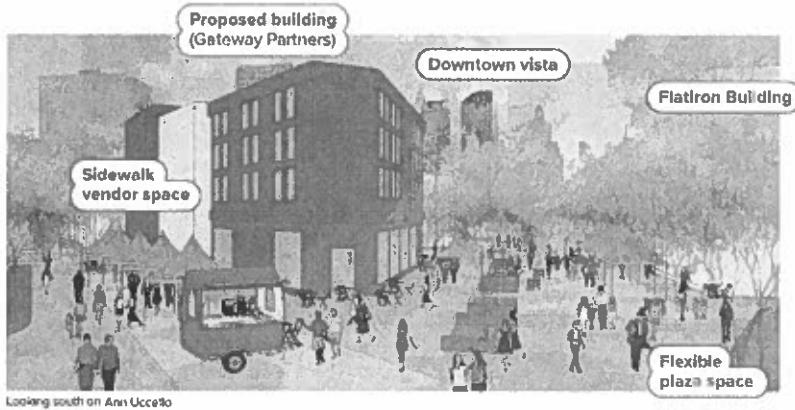
Arrowhead Site and Proposed Redevelopment



Arrowhead Redevelopment

Gateway Partnership LLC
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City of Hartford – Development Consultant Renderings



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ARROWHEAD PROJECT

10 YEAR PROFORMA										
	2023	2024 [stabilized]	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Resid Vacancy	10%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Residential Rent	\$726,756	\$741,291	\$756,117	\$771,239	\$786,664	\$802,397	\$818,445	\$834,814	\$851,510	\$868,541
Commercial Income	\$32,112	\$32,754	\$33,409	\$34,078	\$34,759	\$35,454	\$36,163	\$36,887	\$37,624	\$38,377
Less Resi Vacancy	(\$72,676)	(\$51,890)	(\$52,928)	(\$53,987)	(\$55,066)	(\$56,168)	(\$57,291)	(\$58,437)	(\$59,606)	(\$60,798)
Less Commercial Vacancy	(\$4,817)	(\$4,913)	(\$5,011)	(\$5,112)	(\$5,214)	(\$5,318)	(\$5,424)	(\$5,533)	(\$5,644)	(\$5,757)
Effective Gross Income	\$681,376	\$717,242	\$731,587	\$746,218	\$761,143	\$776,366	\$791,893	\$807,731	\$823,885	\$840,363
Operating Expenses	\$2,019 per unit	(\$301,815)	(\$310,869)	(\$320,196)	(\$329,801)	(\$339,695)	(\$349,886)	(\$360,383)	(\$371,194)	(\$382,330)
PILOT	\$653 per unit	(\$28,467)	(\$28,467)	(\$28,467)	(\$37,841)	(\$38,780)	(\$55,639)	(\$57,019)	(\$83,477)	(\$85,548)
Replacement Reserves (2.0% EG)	\$317 per unit	(\$13,628)	(\$14,036)	(\$14,437)	(\$14,891)	(\$15,338)	(\$15,798)	(\$16,272)	(\$16,760)	(\$17,263)
Total Expenses	\$7,998 per unit	(\$343,910)	(\$353,373)	(\$363,120)	(\$382,533)	(\$393,813)	(\$421,323)	(\$433,674)	(\$451,431)	(\$516,786)
Net Operating Income	\$337,466	\$363,869	\$368,467	\$363,685	\$367,338	\$355,043	\$358,219	\$336,300	\$338,744	\$323,578
Debt Service - 1st Mortgage	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)	(\$113,562)
CRDA Debt Service - 2nd Mortgage	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)	(\$168,546)
Cash Flow	\$55,357	\$81,760	\$86,358	\$81,576	\$85,221	\$72,934	\$76,111	\$54,191	\$56,636	\$41,469

1st Mortgage DCR
Combined DCR (CRDA Coverage)
Cash on Cash
Yield on Cost

Cash Flow
FMV
Outstanding Loan Balances + Broker Fee (3%)
Equity Repayment

Net Sales Proceeds

Benefit Stream

Equity
(\$427,179)
\$55,357
\$81,760
\$86,358
\$81,576
\$85,221
\$72,934
\$76,111
\$54,191
\$56,636
\$41,469

Internal Rate of Return*

*Does not include Cash Developer Fee

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CRDA Housing Approved - Varied Funding Sources

Project	# Units	TDC	TDC/Unit	CRDA Amt.	CRDA \$/Unit	Mkt/Aff Split	Structure		CRDA Bd. Approval	Bond Commission	Closed	Target Occupancy	Occupancy
Front Street	121	\$35.7M	\$310K	\$12M	\$99.1K	Mkt	DECD grant		N/A	12/12/2007	12/17/2013	Renting	97%
Silas Deane	111	\$27M	\$225K	\$5M	\$41.6K	Mkt	Urban Act		N/A	9/30/2016	5/24/2018	Renting	85%
289 Asylum	8	\$1.474M	\$184K	\$485K ¹	\$56K	Mkt	Note has been paid off.	12/8/2016 03/22/2018	N/A	6/13/2018 01/28/2021	Renting	100%	
241 Asylum	4	\$1.99M	\$150K	\$200K	\$50K	Mkt	construction note 5 yr., Capital Funds	12/8/2016	N/A	5/7/2018	Renting	100%	
115-117 Sigourney	4	\$1.16M	\$290K	\$200K	\$50K	Aff	\$200,000 Hist. Bridge Loan 'Heritage Homes' - Affordable	5/24/2018	6/1/2018	8/13/2019	Owned	115&117 Sold	
86-88 Hawthorn	2	\$830K	\$418K	\$50K	\$25K	Aff	Heritage Homes (NINA) Aff.	5/24/2018	6/1/2018	8/13/2019	2020	86 & 82 Sold	
80-82 Hawthorn	2	\$818K	\$409K	\$200K	\$100K	Mkt	Heritage (NINA) Market	3/18/2021	6/1/2018	7/27/2021	2022	80 & 82 Sold	
213 Lawrence	3	\$462K	\$154K	\$370K	\$123K	Mkt	1st Mortgage 3% 20 Yr.	1/21/2021	N/A	2/9/2022	2022		
525 Main Street	42	\$7.8M	\$186K	\$2.1M	\$50K	80/20	City Funds 2.5% 20 Yrs. + 1% buydown	10/21/2021	N/A		2023		
275 Pearl	39	\$9.46M	\$242K	\$2.86M	\$73.5K	Mkt	City Funds 1.5% 20 Yrs. + 1% buydown	10/21/2021	N/A		2023		
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¹ Paydown of principle from sale

² New balance at \$485K with interest rolled on initial \$450K condo note
³ 225 Hartford 111 Regional

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CRDA Neighborhood Projects

Project	Description	TDC	CRDA Amount	CRDA Funds	Structure	Committee Approval	CRDA Board	Bond Commission Approval	Status
Bowles Park	Demolition of 410-unit housing project & construction of 91 new rental and owned units on Granby Street [Blue Hills neighborhood]	\$40m	\$5,000,000	FY16 Neighborhood	\$5m grant for demolition	9/9/2016	9/15/2016	9/30/2016	CRDA completed
Brackett Knoll	Construction of 14 two-family owner-occupied homes on Naugatuck Street	\$3.7m	\$1,555,000	FY16 Neighborhood (Promise Zone)	\$20,860 "used for MDIC connection charges for housing lots. Balance used to construct required road; Board approved additional \$154k for road on 6/20/19"	11/10/2016	12/8/2016	2/1/2017	Road completed
Swift Factory	Renovation of historic factory into "Community Food and Job Creation Hub" serving the Northeast: Upper Albany and Clay / Arsenal neighborhoods	\$32.7m	\$4,300,000	FY16 Neighborhood (Promise Zone)	\$4.3m loan - minimum debt service calculated using an initial 1.7% APR and be paid monthly upon stabilization. CRDA to receive 70% of net available cash after payment of first item debt service & other required distributions. Payment shall continue over a 20-year term until CRDA has received all of its capital with 3% IRR. Funds contingent upon execution of tenant leases (a) for no less than 50% of leasable project space or (b) no less than 50% of projected rental revenue.	3/10/2017	3/16/2017	5/12/2017	CO issued.
Albany Ave/ Main Street	High Speed internet cabling connection to North End Business	TBD	\$525,000	FY16 Neighborhood (Promise Zone)	Funds used to match Federal Promise Zone Funding and compliment Albany Ave. Streetscape project.	6/15/2017	6/15/2017	11/29/2017	Completed
Dillon Stadium	Management and renovation of Stadium, including replacement of field, replacement or refurbishment of bleachers, upgraded seating, lighting & sound system, upgrades to concessions, restroom and locker facilities, building code and ADA upgrades and new site entrance. Additional upgrades to be made at neighbouring Colt Park.	\$10m	\$10,000,000	FY17 Neighborhood	CRDA to oversee renovations and hold construction contracts. Work at Dillon to be done in conjunction with Hartford Sports Group (HSG) and their architect. Scope of Colt Park renovation to be developed in conjunction with City of Hartford.	1/12/2018	2/8/2018	2/16/2018	Completed
Charter Oak Health Center	Renovation of vacant building into specialty health clinic	\$1.9 m	\$450,000	FY 16 General	Grant for exterior work, historic restoration & site work	NA	6/21/2018	9/20/2018	Completed
690-714 Albany Ave.	Renovation of 8 unit / 3,500 sf storefront bldg	\$3.8m	\$2,500,000	FY16 General	Equity investment in renovation	NA	6/21/2018	7/25/2018	On hold, funds to be reprogrammed
Quirk Middle School / PAL	Renovation of former middle school	\$7.5m	\$7,500,000	\$3.9 = FY16 General \$3.6 = FY16 Neigh (PZ)	Includes \$500,000 for implementation of Neighborhood Security Fellows training program		3/21/2019		Completed
Heritage Home	Assistance via NINA to increase home ownership in Asylum Hill area.	TBA	\$2,500,000	FY17 Neighborhood	Loans and grants	5/11/2018	5/24/2018	6/1/2018	multiple properties see Housing Varied Funding Report
Fuller Brush	Conversion of 2 buildings to res. 101 units	\$36.2M	\$5,500,000	Neighborhood	2% 30 yr. bridge historic & perm	4/1/2022	5/19/2022		Pending
Liberty Church	Steeple Restoration	\$1M+	\$1,000,000	Urban Act	Grant Funds	N/A	N/A	5/31/2022	Assistance Agreement Pending