INNOVATIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS:

ARLINGTON MILL RESIDENCES AND COMMUNITY CENTER

April 24, 2014

Development Opportunity



Convergence of Forces

- Need for new community center
- Great site size, major thoroughfare, transit, park
- Design as urban center
 - Civic presence on the Pike
 - Height through form-based code
 - Building placement right next to the Pike
 - Public plaza
 - Mixed use with retail
 - Provided space on the rest of the site
- Priority on affordable housing

Try, Try Again

- Single for-profit partner to develop combined
 Community Center and Housing
 - Mixed income housing
 - Housing on top of CC + rear of site
 - Maximize density of uses
- Recession and collapse of financing
- Decision to develop CC separate from housing
- Separate process to secure partner for housing
 - Competitive RFP
 - 100% affordable

Site Layout



Arlington Mill Community Center





Arlington Mill Residences



Arlington Mill Residences



Bringing the Pike Vision to Life

- Public-Private Partnerships
- Form-based Code
- Sustainable and Green
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Mix of housing types and incomes
- Walkable neighborhoods

Housing Development Approach

- Building separate from Community Center
- Form-based code compliant
- Aesthetically appealing & environmentally sensitive
- Emphasis on affordable housing
- Supportive housing, including wing
- "Family-sized" units
- Balance density with cost efficiency & community acceptance

Financial Plan

- □ Total Cost = \$37,000,000
 - 75 Yr Ground Lease Value (\$7.5M)
 - Construction (\$21M)
 - Design, Financing, Reserves, Fees (\$8.5M)
- Sources
 - County Lease discount (\$6M)
 - VHDA Bond Financing (\$9M)
 - Housing Tax Credit Equity (\$22M)
- Leverage ratio = 5:1

122 New Homes

- New construction, much-needed affordable units
 - Waiting List of over 3,000 applicants
- **■** 80% Family Sized Units
 - 25 3BR, 73 2BR, 16 1BR and 8 studios
 - 13 fully accessible housing units
- Affordable to Very Low Income
 - 10% at 30% AMI, including 13 units with rental subsidy
 - 20% at 50% AMI, 70% at 60% AMI
- Amenities
 - Community room, tot lot, picnic area, parking garage, elevators
 - On site resident services, supportive housing office

Challenges

- Balancing competing interests
 - Competing desires within community
 - Immediate neighbors
 - Users for scarce community spaces
 - Operating budget impact
- Leased land VHDA, investors
- Shared site reciprocal easements, access to shared facilities, site work
- Shared garage construction, entrance, access, operations and maintenance, shared costs

The Best of Public-Private Partnership

- County retains ownership of land
- Separate but coordinated development of Community Center & Housing
- Shared parking structure
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Supportive housing with services
- CC services leisure/fitness, early childhood education, employment training, senior nutrition, learning library, multipurpose spaces
- Adjacent public park, trails
- □ Great bus service with Superstops → streetcar

Lessons Learned

- Use public land to subsidize affordable housing and ensure affordability in perpetuity
- Need to work with multiple stakeholders with multiple interests and competing priorities
- Need to fit in larger community vision
- Structure to engage surrounding neighborhoods
- Reinvent in response to changing conditions
- Persistence & commitment to long-term vision

Public, Non-Profit and Fait Land for Infill Affordable Housing Development



Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing
April 24, 2014

Infill Affordable Housing Development

Why Important?

- Garden apt. inventory declining
- Land values rising
- Density increasing thru planning





Key to Creating Infill Affordable Housing

- Free/low cost land
- Capital subsidies (AHIF, LIHTC)
- Efficient scale and design
- Streamlined public process
- Reduced infrastructure, conditions and permit fees

Models of Public/Semi-Public Land

- Views at Clarendon —aging church to 116 unit, mixed-use, high rise (2011)
- Parc Rosslyn APAH owned 22 garden units to 238 unit, mixed income high rise with County park density (2008)





- The Springs —APAH owned 27 garden units into 104 unit mid rise (2016)
- Arlington Mill —County-owned one-story commercial building into mixed use community center and 122-unit mid-rise (2014)

Arlington Mill Residences

- Discounted Ground Lease
- Accelerated Form Based Code approvals (2010-11)
- Wood frame construction
- Shared site/garage costs with County



Total Development Costs: \$302,000 per unit

SOURCES

Mortgage Financing \$73,000 LIHTC Equity \$180,000 County Lease Discount \$49,000

USES

Construction/related \$191,000 Soft costs, fees, reserves \$48,000 Land \$62,000

Impact of Lower Land Costs on Rent

Arlington Mill Able to Serve Lower Incomes													
	409	%AMI	Arl	Mill Avg	60 %	6AMI	80%	AMI					
2BR Cash Rent after utilities	\$	872	\$	1,200	\$	1,356	\$	1,840					
Operating Expenses	\$	625	\$	625	\$	625	\$	625					
Cashflow	\$	247	\$	575	\$	731	\$	1,215					
Monthly Cashflow after Hard Debt	\$	49	\$	133	\$	146	\$	243					
Debt Capacity	\$	(32,639)	\$	(73,000)	\$	(96,596)	\$	(160,553)					
Arlington Mill income targets: 10% at 30% AMI, 20% at 50% AMI and 70% at 60% AMI													
Debt capacity assumes 6% interest, 30 year term, 1.25DSC.													





The Springs Rezoning/New GLUP

Springs Timeline

- Amend Sector/Long Range
 Plan (GLUP)—2010 2012
- Site Plan Approved—2013
- Financing and Permits-2014
- Construction 2015 2016
- Open and Celebrate 2016

	Prior Zoning "RA 8-18"	Rezoned as "RC"					
APAH Lot size	40,501	40,501					
# units per acre	22 per acre	3.24 FAR					
Permitted on site	33	131 units					
GLUP change	Low-Medium Residential	High Medium Residential Mixed Use					

Advantages/Challenges of Leveraging Public and Semi-Public Land

Advantages

- Reduced land and overall development costs, opportunity for lower rents/reduced cash subsidy
- Reduced predevelopment risk and holding costs during entitlements
- Potential for shared savings, e.g. infrastructure, site work, garage
- Programmatic synergies, e.g. church, daycare, community center, housing

Challenges

- Typically requires rezoning and GLUP change (1 – 3 years)
- Adds coordination costs for legal, design, operations
- Public may be more engaged in public property changes
- Historic preservation
 concerns about older
 churches, schools, garden
 apts.

Comparisons

Garden Model

- Purchase aging garden apartment
- Modernize to code.
- Often older designs, walk up, smaller units
- May retain as historic
- May add bump outs and new site work, tree preservation, sidewalks
- Total development costs
 \$200K \$280K/unit

Urban Infill Model

- Leverage inexpensive land owned by public, non-profit & faith partners
- Build new construction, accessible, quality homes
- Significant infrastructure costs, eg parking, site work
- Plan 1 3 years for predevelopment and approvals
- Total development costs \$300 -\$400K/unit

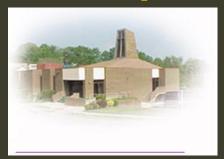
Macedonia Baptist Church Apartments



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3412 South 22nd Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204
Dr. Leonard L. Hamlin Sr. Pastor

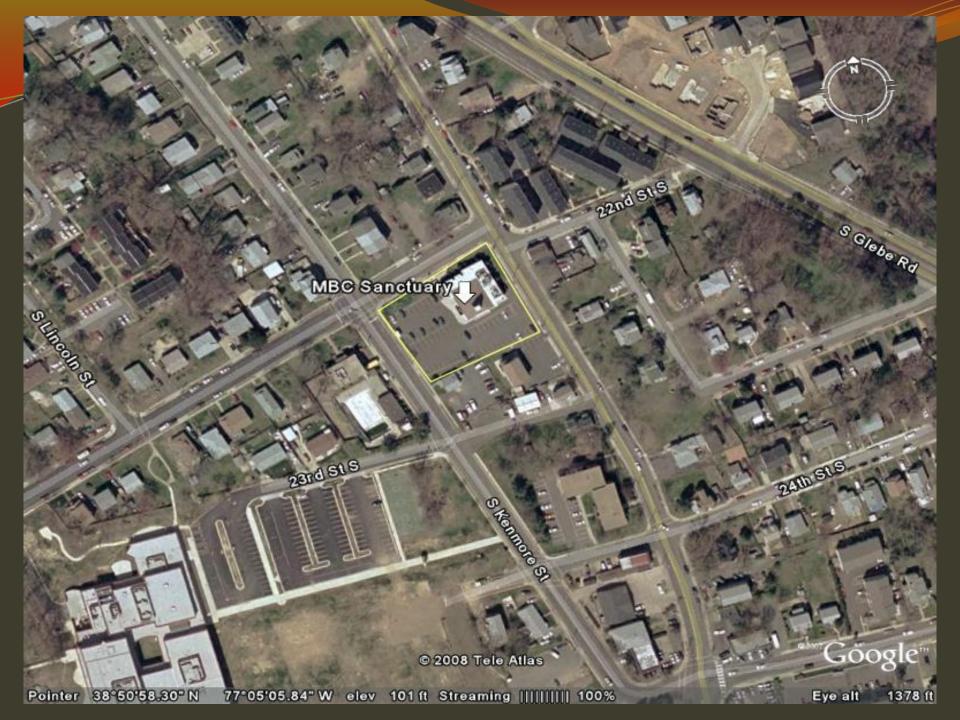
Macedonia Baptist Church



- •Location 3412 South 22nd Street Arlington, Va. 22204
- <u>100</u>+ years of service and ministry within the Nauck Community "1908"
- •Geographically Diverse Congregation (Approximately 1200)
- •Numerous Congregants with deep roots to the community

MBC Apartments (Factors)

- · Located within a changing & developing community.
- Macedonia Congregation has always sought to be part of the community.
- The Congregation believes that the Faith Community should be an integral part of the community where it resides.
- 1999 Established the Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (CDC).
- In the same year, Macedonia Baptist Church began the process of assembling land for the purpose of Community development.

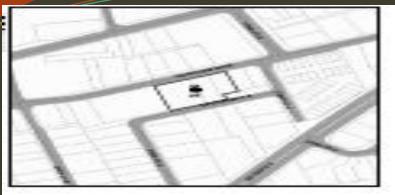


Macedonia Apartments



Project Summary

- · 36 units (19 one-bedrooms / 17 two-bedrooms)
- Rents paid by tenants at 60% and 50% AMI levels and lower
- 5 units dedicated to Arlington County Supportive Housing for persons with mental disabilities
- · 38 garage parking spaces
- Partnership Between Macedonia Baptist Church, Bonder & Amanda Johnson CDC, AHC, Inc. & Arlington County Government



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