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COMMISSION APPROVES 197 LUXURY APARTMENTS Eco-Friendly, Upscale Community Planned On St. Maurice Site



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By Jessica Lizana

The city commission approved plans for a new luxury-style Steller Communities apartment complex at 2851 Stirling Road and Lake Shore Drive, one mile west of I-95.

The 8.3-acre property was the former site of St. Maurice Catholic Church, which is currently vacant.

The original site plans sought a five-story complex with 286 apartment units, 13,000 square feet of commercial space fronting Stirling Road and two parking garages. Residents in nearby communities, including the Estates of Ft. Lauderdale, Ravenswood Estates and Twin Lakes, had expressed concerns over the increased traffic and safety issues that the development could bring to their neighborhoods.

Land owner Steller Communities, led

by Larry Baum, and attorney Dennis D. Mele from Greenspoon Marder, LLP, held more than a dozen community outreach meetings to receive comments that resulted in modifications to the development that were more acceptable to a majority of the residents.

The new site plans approved March 12 will now see a three-story, 197-unit apartment complex with previous plans for commercial space and parking garages eliminated from the designs.

Currently called the Dania Beach Apartments, Baum says “the eco-friendly complex will be completely green, as is standard with all Steller Communities.”

It will feature up-scale amenities, such as a resort-style pool and spa, state-of-the-art fitness center, dog park and smart units.

The apartments tentatively range

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FPL Receives Commission Approval For Power Plant

As part of the ongoing modernization of Florida Power & Light (FPL) fleet of power-generating plants, the company was approved by Broward County last month, followed by the City of Dania Beach commission on March 13, to build and operate the FPL Dania Beach Clean Energy Center in Broward County.

The \$888 million facility, which will be fueled by U.S.-produced natural gas, will replace the existing, aging power-generating units on the site. Plans call for the current plant to be dismantled later this year.

FPL has been modernizing its power generation fleet through the use of highly efficient, U.S.-produced natural gas technology.

FPL states that since 2001, this strategy has saved FPL customers more than \$9.3 billion in fossil fuel costs and prevented 120 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

In recent years, FPL has torn down old plants and built advanced new natural gas energy centers in Cape Canaveral, Riviera Beach and Port Everglades.

The next major modernization in Dania Beach is where the company built its very first power plant more than 90 years ago.

FPL plans to demolish the site’s current generating facility known as the Lauderdale Plant, at 3100 Griffin Road, which uses some components dating back to the 1950s, and build a new, high-efficiency natural gas energy center in its place.

The future FPL Dania Beach Clean Energy Center will generate clean, vitally needed energy while producing

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Coastal Community Bank Plans Three Branches



Joe Dorsey and Jim Afflerback plan to open Coastal Community Bank, N.A., (proposed) within the next seven months.

A group of South Florida business leaders and bankers have joined forces to form Coastal Community Bank, N.A., (Proposed). The Bank’s headquarters will be located on Sheridan and 46th Street in Hollywood, and will be the first community bank to open in Broward County since 2009.

The new bank will be led by South Florida banking veteran Joe Dorsey, who will serve as president and chief executive officer. Dorsey is well known in Dania Beach having worked in banking in the city previously and continues to be active in local organizations, including the Dania Beach Improvement Committee, where he serves as president.

The directors of the new bank include David W. Black, partner with Frank Weinberg Black, PL, and founding Director of Community Bank of Broward; Bennett David, owner, Sara David Realty;

Debby Eisinger, retired former mayor of Cooper City; Mark Kaplan, retired banker; Ken Nolan, partner, Nolan, Auerbach, and White LLP.; Ava L. Parker, president, Palm Beach State College; Bernard J. Schinder, CPA – owner, BJS Consultants; Rosemary Van Witzenburg, owner, Excel Title Inc., and Joe Dorsey, previously a founding director and chief operating officer of Community Bank of Broward (CBB).

Dorsey participated in the successful chartering of CBB in 2002, which was eventually acquired by another bank in 2015, which in turn was recently acquired by an out of state bank just this year.

Joining him on the management team are Jim Afflerback as chief operating officer and formally with Regent Bank; Anthony Fabiano as chief financial

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Schedule Is Set for the Arts & Seafood Celebration

Tribute band Jaded Aerosmith will light up the stage on Saturday, May 19th followed by a captivating performance by R&B band Deep Fried Funk on Sunday, May 20, at the 6th Annual Dania Beach Arts and Seafood Celebration.

The 2018 lineup features an electrifying cast of performers and a diverse range of acts, including Classic Rock Therapy, Whipping Post and Latin group Catabella to name a few. Join the free celebration on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Frost Park, 300 NE 2nd Street, Dania Beach. This event is the perfect getaway for music aficionados who prefer to “experience” live music and interact with artists amidst beautiful South Florida weather.

Jaded Aerosmith began one day in early February 2015 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida as a bright idea by Guitarist Pete Lauria (Brad Whitford) after noticing that his main street band singer and fellow transplanted Bostonian Tommy

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Braga really loved imitating Steven Tyler during their shows. With the lineup set, the band quickly devised a set list that encompassed enough of the 45-year history of Aerosmith to be representative of the actual experience of seeing the band live on any given night. Jaded Aerosmith hits the stage at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

“We have, through the study of the music being reproduced, discovered a genuine love for this first truly American Rock and Blues answer to The British Invasion’s Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin, and feel that shines through in each of our performances. Most importantly, we are about having a good time with good music and good friends,” states Braga.

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officer and formally with Stonegate Bank; and Keith Schuit, chief risk officer and formally with CBB. The new bank’s officers and employees will all come from local community banks and together have more than 600 years of banking experience.

Dorsey and Afflerback are currently looking at more property in Dania Beach and the surrounding cities with plans to open a total of three bank branches.

“Coastal Community Bank plans to open two additional offices in Broward and Palm Beach Counties within its first three years of operations,” Dorsey said.

“Our directors all have long-standing ties to the community, with close to 500 combined years living here. Our decisions will be made locally, because we all live and work in South Florida,” he added.

Once the proposed bank’s application is accepted by the regulators, it will begin raising between \$22 million to \$25 million in capital and expects to open in the fourth quarter of 2018.

“We want to raise our capital locally, from community supporters, previous investors, former and prospective customers, employees, families and friends,” Dorsey said. “We look forward to renewing old friendships and customer relationships, lost due to the sales and

One of the most sought after drummers of this generation deftly playing any genre, David “Jody” Hill is the C.E.O. and founder of his band Deep Fried Funk. Jody has earned three Grammy nominations with Joss Stone for the album “Mind, Body & Soul” and has had numerous television appearances. Jody and the Band were also given the opportunity of playing for the First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, and landed performances with Malcolm-Jamal Warner, Jaguar Wright (known for Jay Z’s hit song “A Song Cry”), Kindred Family Soul, Dwele, Peter Harder, Gloria Gaynor, RL, Bobby Valentino, Lloyd, Roscoe Dash, Flo-Rida, Rick Ross, Tank, Git Fresh, Trick Daddy, Big Brooklyn Red, D.Woods, Anthony David, Q. Parker and Eric Roberson. Hill possesses infinite talent and maintains his status in the industry as a force to be

reckoned with. Attendees won’t want to miss jamming out to his soulful rhythms on Sunday evening beginning at 5 p.m.

“Each year we continue to push ourselves to bring attendees the very best festival experience. With some new changes and features in store for this year’s festival, we are ready and excited to treat our fans to an incredible weekend of live performances,” states Rickelle Williams, Executive Director of the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

This year has an incredible entertainment line-up. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday May 19: 12:30-2 p.m. Jimi Ruccolo, 2:30-4 p.m. Kedash and the Treasure Band, from 4:30-6 p.m. Classic Rock Therapy, and rounding out the evening from 6:30-8 p.m. Jaded Aerosmith (Tribute band).

mergers of our previous local community banks.”

“We are forming this bank in order to provide high quality, banking services with a personal touch, which are usually absent in banks which are not locally headquartered.” Dorsey added.

Pending charter approval and capital goals met, Dorsey estimates the first bank on Sheridan and 46th Street to be open within seven months.

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The application for a new bank charter was filed with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, on February 9.

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from 720-square-foot one-bedrooms to 1,200-square-foot three-bedroom units, but designs are still being modified.

The units will be part of three separate buildings, with two L-shaped structures near each other, forming a U-shape, and a third smaller building. Plans also call for 357 spaces surrounding the buildings.

Also possible are access gates on Lake Shore Drive leading into the complex. The streets are public domain and therefore cannot be locked, but the gates will create a deterrent to cut-through traffic.

“I really commend the residents for

working together with the development team,” said City of Dania Beach Mayor Tamara James.

“This is what happens when developers open their minds and really listen to residents’ needs; just look what you can accomplish,” added City of Dania Beach Commissioner Bobbie H. Grace, “I think this will be something Dania Beach is very proud of when it’s finished.”

Steller Communities is also currently building 36 single-family homes off of Griffin Road called Whispering Oakes.

Ground breaking for the Dania Apartments is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2018, pending permits, with a 2019 opening.

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