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**NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BREAK GROUND IN NORWALK**

**Neighborhood Revitalization Planned For West Main, Summer and Jefferson Streets**

Norwalk, CT, February 17 – A new residential development called Summerview Square, that received unanimous approval in December from the Norwalk Planning and Zoning Commission, will begin construction in April in the neighborhood surrounding West Main, Summer and Jefferson Streets, it was announced today by Norwalk Mayor Richard A. Moccia.

Summerview Square, a 63-unit rental community will be constructed on land owned by AG Phase 1 and AG Phase 2. The owners acquired the property that abuts West Main, Summer and Jefferson Streets from another developer. Since purchasing the property, the owners hired Summerview Development Group LLC, a local real estate development and building company to be their owners' representatives and construction managers.

In an interesting new twist for a developer, Summerview Development Group sought out the West Main Street Neighborhood Association's input on issues relating to the future development, and they established good neighborhood ties with the surrounding community.

One of their first collaborations with the West Main Street Neighborhood Association, Summerview Development Group sponsored a neighborhood cleanup. They also conducted numerous neighborhood meetings to build a feeling of camaraderie within the neighborhood, and to keep them informed of the design concepts as they developed.

Mayor Moccia calls the project a "shining star" for the city of Norwalk at a time when residential and commercial construction in Fairfield County and the state of Connecticut is limited.

"The Summerview Development Group has proposed for the site an impressive residential community that will add to the beauty and livability of this neighborhood. They are certainly starting off in a most neighborly manner by sponsoring and participating in the neighborhood cleanup program," states the Mayor.

Summerview Square, designed by architect Raymond Sullivan, of The Sullivan Architectural Group in Norwalk, will be a combination of mostly two-bedroom and one-bedroom units, some with dens that will each have individual parking spaces. The project will be constructed in four phases; the first to begin on Summer Street with the construction of 13 units, which the

developers say will take approximately five to six months to complete. Accessibility for the handicapped will be addressed with the installation of elevators, and the owners intend to build with a commitment to energy efficiency and ecological sensitivity.

Norwalk Planning and Zoning, headed by Director Michael B. Greene calls the project a business role model, and commended the owners and their representatives for their cooperation and attention to detail.

“This was truly a cooperative effort where the staff and developer worked to articulate the vision that the Zoning Commission had for the redevelopment of the area while incorporating the desires of the neighborhood,” said Mr. Greene.

The property owners, through their representatives who have worked closely with the neighborhood association to gain their approval and support for the project, are stressing the development keep the look and feel of the historic neighborhood from the design of the building’s facade to the landscaping and planting of trees. The rental units will be priced at market rate comparable to the surrounding community, and 10 percent of the units, as required by law, will be set aside for affordable housing.

“My partner and I are both long-term builders who are very proud of our work. We build every project regardless of price point as if we were going to live there ourselves,” states Andrew J. LaSala, Jr., a partner of Summerview Development Group and Immediate Past President of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Fairfield County (HBRA).

“As the future managers of the Summerview Square project, we expect to play a very hands-on role in our community while continuing to strengthen our relationships with our neighbors,” LaSala adds.

Adds Christine Abraham, President of the West Main Street Neighborhood Association, “Neighborhoods in Norwalk are very involved, and this owner and their development team have proven that it’s always better to work together to achieve success.”

Details about the project and the owners can be obtained by contacting Andrew LaSala of Summerview Development Group at: 203-762-3608 or e-mail: [cannondale1@optonline.net](mailto:cannondale1@optonline.net).

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