Blue Hill Ave. Garage Sold for $72M Development

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A century-old Mattapan garage property that's approved for a 105-unit affordable housing project was sold by its longtime operators this week for $8.75 million.

Planning Office for Urban Affairs and JGE Development received approval from the Boston Planning & Development Agency in August for the 1590 Blue Hill Ave. development.

The sellers were the McKeen family, operators of the auto repair facility since 1976. The site spans nearly 1.6 acres and has been occupied by automotive-related uses since 1925.

The redevelopment was approved under zoning that encourages multifamily development along the Mattapan thoroughfare.

In an email, POUA President William Grogan said developers are beginning the process of securing construction financing, which is estimated to take at least two years.

Estimated at $72.3 million, the project consists of a 6-story, 120,000 square-foot building containing 105 income-restricted housing units, 1,000 square feet of ground floor retail or community space and 31 parking spaces.

Units' affordability mix will be determined following developers' receipt of public funding sources, but developers estimated they would be reserved at a range from a maximum of 30 to 80 percent of area median income.

Colliers Executive Vice President Jeanne Pinado represented the sellers.

"I am proud of my role in the eventual development of 105 affordable homes for Boston families by the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, which is serving as a catalyst for social justice through its work in housing development and neighborhood revitalization," Pinado said in a statement.

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