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Non-profit groups propose 40 residential units off Morton Street

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Architect's rendering.

Two non-profit groups have filed plans with the BPDA for a 31-unit apartment building where the B-3 police station used to be on Morton Street next to the bridge over the train tracks and nine condos nearby on Hopkins Street, which will be next to the Stephen P. Odom Serenity Garden the city is planning in memory of the teenager shot to death in 2007.

The Caribbean Integration Community Development and the Planning Office for Urban Affairs say the 31 apartments will be rented to people making between 30% and 100% of the Boston area median income, while the condos will be deed restricted to people making between 80% and 100% of the area median income. Artists will be given initial preference for three or four of the apartments.

The \$19.1-million proposal calls for 30 parking spaces.

In their filing, the groups discuss the new park:

"In honor the memory of Steven P. Odom, who was murdered in a 2007 senseless act of violence, a Serenity Garden of approximately 8,000 square feet will be built on a parcel that is to be subdivided from the Proposed Development and which is being designed to encourage peaceful gatherings and opportunities for local youth to participate in activities and recreation, to be used in conjunction with the Proposed Development's community room. The Garden is expected to include areas for quiet reflection and contemplation, community gatherings and conversations, and active youth engagement and is being further designed through the City of Boston's Parks Department."

The city Department of Neighborhood Development awarded the two groups the land for the development after the long abandoned B-3 station was torn down in 2013.

Morton Station Village small-project review application

(<http://www.bostonplans.org/documents/projects/development-project-filings/morton-station-village-small-project-review-applic>)(7.8M PDF).

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