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BRA approves Allston mixed-use project with 80 apartments, start-up incubator space

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(Boston Redevelopment Authority)

By Matt Rocheleau, Boston.com Staff

The Boston Redevelopment Authority board approved plans Thursday night to build a \$17 million mixed-use building in Allston that will include 80 apartments and short-term start-up incubator space.

The 93,000-square-foot building at 61-83 Braintree St. will also include three community rooms, a 562-square-foot retail space and 67 parking spots in an underground garage, the authority said.

Eleven of the 80 apartments will be designated as affordable housing. The space

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reserved for start-ups will measure about 1,715 square feet, officials said.

The project, developed The Waypoint Companies and designed by Charlestown-based Neshamkin French Architects, will seek LEED Silver certification.

Work on the project is scheduled to start in June and take about a year to complete, officials said.

Crews will first demolish two low-level warehouse and office buildings on the property that are currently used by plumbing and hardware supply company Thompson Durkee.

The [half-acre site](#) abutting the Massachusetts Turnpike will then undergo environmental remediation, officials said.

The developer has committed to making \$30,000 worth of improvements to the nearby Penniman Park and will spend about \$10,000 to conduct a local bicycle route study.

Officials said they expect the project will create between 90 and 95 construction jobs.

For more details about the project, [click here](#).

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High turnover apartments work well for the parking shortage. Recent graduates in Allston shouldn't have much more stuff to move than when they moved in and out of dorm rooms and student apartments, so they can do it again when changing jobs to one not on public transit or wanting to live with a mate.

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The fact this is located a short walk from the new Commuter rail station being built in conjunction with the New Balance building is probably just a coincidence....

NOT!

Many of the buildings in that area are old, rundown single or two story structures. Look for more projects like this because of the New Balance project/Commuter Rail station.

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