Apartments and commercial space planned for former brewery site on Syracuse's North Side

An affordable housing organization plans to build a three-story commercial and apartment building on the former Otisca Building site on Syracuse's North Side.

Housing Visions has submitted plans to the city for a $3.5 million building at the northeast corner of Butternut and North McBride streets.

The 23,877-square-foot building would contain 4,700 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and 20 one-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors.

The property is where the historic Otisca Building stood until it was demolished earlier this year.
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public hearing on the project Tuesday and may vote on the application following the hearing.

If approved by the agency, the tax assessment on the land and commercial space would be frozen for seven years and then phased in to full assessment over the next three years. Housing Visions also has applied for exemptions from the state mortgage recording tax and from sales taxes on construction materials.

Lockwood said Housing Visions will seek property tax exemptions on the apartments from the Syracuse Common Council.

The Otisca site project is the most prominent of 12 properties on which Housing Visions plans to build a total of 51 apartments for low-income tenants. The others are off South Salina Street on the city’s South Side. In total, the projects will cost $13.8 million to build.

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taxpayer dollars and ended poorly...those are old arguments and plenty of money will be made on the project on the avg. taxpayers dime......

klatubarada
Building 4700 sf. of commercial space does not guarantee a tenant for it. I'm wondering if the building will have off street parking. No mention in the article. Employees and customers would need it. Residents also may need parking.

chezwicke
There are a lot more than 51 people who need low income housing !!!!

Sir Genghis, The Night Time Is HIS Time
More places to burglarize.
Annoy a liberal - enjoy life to the fullest
(http://connect.syracuse.com/user/nativeupstater/index.html)
Median income on syracuse's Northside $40,000 - 60% would be $24,000. Sounds more like low income housing - Oh yea Imagine what that place would look like in 10 years

Antimediocrity (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Antimediocrity/index.html)
Looks like another right-wing, let's make up numbers person. FYI Median Income is based on the MSA or County-wide. For a family of four that is around $64,000... so your 60% is more like $40,000. But, why let facts get in the way of our unbridled angry and hatred. So, enjoy your life of foolishness.

sunnycrest (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/sunnycr...
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Provided no individual(s) make a profit off of this (i.e. a windfall for a developer) this is good public policy, good use of public tax funds, and appears to have federal, state and local dollars involved based on the organizations and the tax exemptions being applied. The temporary jobs will be another good shot in the arm for the area. The permanent jobs in the commercial section won't hurt, low to moderate housing is desperately needed and the building will spur additional development.

I need a new set of tires. (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/stiffler42/index.html)
call in Mike and Frank to pick that building irst indeed,

Proposed new builng is just ho-hum!!! NO WARMTH!
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The original structure was an impressive building, the proposed new building? Not so much.

The Guy
Syracuse is slowly coming back. Tons of work being down around the former bus transfer station.

We mock your likes this.

I need a new set of tires.

too bad you will be dead and gone before the ground breaks.

Cc likes this.
I hope so for all our sakes. Hang on to your optimism.

S (http://syracuse.com/)
· Reply

sarge353 (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/sarge353/index.html)
Any bets on what it will look like in 10 years?

and

Der Fuhrer's M (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/falconhardtop/index.html) likes this.

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malled1 (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/malled1/index.html)
Graffiti, rubbish strewn everywhere, cracked windows.....possibly, hope I'm wrong though and it's kept up by management.

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S (http://syracuse.com/)
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malled1 (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/malled1/index.html)
Nice article , but makes me sick how this town shoved out manufacturing
like they were locusts. Glad to see some building going on apartments are better than empty lots, now if they could tear down what's left of that building of the old brewery on Lodi near the fire station maybe a mixed development there.

I need a new set of tires.

Carrier, Bristol Myers, Lockheed, Miller, Budweiser, NVG, Nestle to name a few that could have made Upstate NY a powerhouse of mfg. and a strong economy.

I see "tax exemptions" playing a role in this project, but it doesn't smell anything like the mall project by the sewage plant that taxpayers got stuck with. Sounds like good stuff; solid planning, clear goals, 7+3 phase-in, cards on the table, no hidden agenda. Best wishes!
This is such a positive addition to Syracuse. People always complain about how run down the town is, well projects like this over time will improve Syracuse's landscape. It's not going to be easy or quick, but 10 years from now I can only imagine how great this city will be.

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Ok, where is Councilor Bob Dougherty who thought the Habitat houses are ugly?? This place looks like an office building, jail, garage, and does NOT look like the surrounding neighborhood. Where is is outrage now, or does he only pick on volunteer organizations that don't ask for any tax exemptions?

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Makes me thirsty for a good ole Haberle Congress

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Annoy a liber\, crazedmaniac\, and lyleanderick like this.
Slingblade (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/slingbladeISBACK/index.html)

http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-2hUyFMwTZm8/UChprHmb4uI/AAAAAAAAAOc/xhPjWwOaIqE/s1600/Congress-Beer-Labels-Haberle-Congress-Brewing-Company_62435-1.jpg

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Der F and malled1 like this.

S (http://syracuse.com/)


I actually have a Haberle Congress Beer cone top can...found it working in an old house in the wall...was offered $1500 for it. From what I can tell it is the best one in existence and very rare. Do I hear 2000?

Josiecomments likes this.

S (http://syracuse.com/)

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