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The City of Wilton Manors Announces Redevelopment Plans to Transform Former Trailer Park into a Vibrant Housing Complex

Wilton Manors, Florida (February 20, 2014) – The City of Wilton Manors continues with wonderful plans for the community’s future. Plans are underway for the vacant trailer park site located on NE 24th Street. Privately funded, and not using any City funding, the new project will transform an unattractive property into a 7.16-acre development which will include studio, 1BR, and 2BR rental apartments, a community center with fitness room, pool, and an art park.

“This vacant 7 plus acres has been an eyesore to the surrounding neighborhood, impacted property values, and had been an overall hindrance to neighborhood revitalization,” said Mayor Gary Resnick. “This project not only represents \$530,000 in impact fees to the City for public safety, parks and recreation, sewer system, and other services, but more importantly, will help transform the entire area between Dixie Highway and NE 15th Avenue and benefit the entire City .”

The trailer park was a chronic problem and accrued over \$500,000 in code violations. Turning this property into a productive and attractive site is an important step toward attracting new residents and businesses, increasing City’s tax base as well as improving surrounding neighborhoods.

“New housing further strengthens the community,” states Mayor Resnick, “In this case, property that was an eyesore with a lot of code violations, will be transformed into new homes and attract new residents and businesses to the City.” In addition to the redevelopment, the property owner/developer, Ascend Wilton 24th Street, LLC, has also committed to contributing towards traffic calming measures on NE 24 Street, and supporting the City’s tree planting program in the surrounding neighborhood

ABOUT THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS

The City of Wilton Manors was founded in 1925 by Edward John “Ned” Willingham, a land developer from Georgia. Today, the City of Wilton Manors offers all the benefits of a big city from shopping, to hip restaurants and bars, a burgeoning arts community and tons of community events, yet still maintains a cozy, community-feeling offering miles of natural waterways perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities. Recently named the “Second Gayest City” in the United States, the City of Wilton Manors celebrates its diverse population of approximately 12,000 residents. To learn more about the live, work and play opportunities in Wilton Manors call (954) 390-2100 or visit www.wiltonmanors.com.