Parmenter Circle

Middleton, Wisconsin

Developer/Sponsor  Nakoma Development LLC

Units  40 affordable, 10 market-rate

Description  Parmenter Circle is the new construction of a four-story elevator building that brings green, affordable housing to Middleton, WI, Madison’s largest suburb. As part of Middleton’s Highway 12 Plan, to transform the former highway corridor into an urban retail district, Parmenter Circle not only adds new, affordable housing on the west side, it also contributes to the revitalization effort underway in Middleton’s downtown area. Green Communities’ first development in Wisconsin, Parmenter Circle provides four efficiencies, three studio lofts, 16 one-bedroom, 23 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom apartments.

A Green Advantage  Parmenter Circle’s green features protect the environment and create tangible benefits for low-income residents. The building includes elements that will reduce utility costs and improve air quality, such as:

• A high efficiency HVAC system, including forced-air furnaces located in the apartment interior to maximize daylight to the living spaces and limit air infiltration.
• Energy Star appliances.
• High efficiency light fixtures with occupancy sensors.
• Low-flow plumbing fixtures
• Green Label floor coverings.
• Insulated basement, hot and cold water pipes, roof and walls.
• Close to public transportation and community services.

Rents  Rents for 40 of the apartments will be affordable to individuals and families earning between 30-60% of the area median income. The remaining ten units will be leased at market rates.

Amenities  Parmenter Circle features a secure entry system, surface and underground parking, a private playground, community patio and a business center with two computers and printers. Located three-blocks from downtown, Parmenter Circle is within walking distance of a community center, several child care centers, Meriter Medical Clinic, the Middleton Public Library and Middleton High School. A variety of restaurants and shopping facilities are also within walking distance. The units are designed with spacious floor plans, nine-foot ceilings, walk-in closets, and full-size patios and balconies comparable to market rate apartments in the region.

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Developer Nakoma Development LLC is a private development group started in 2004 by Robert Schwarz and Robert Gake, principals. Parmenter Circle is their first development project. Mr. Schwarz has extensive experience financing affordable housing through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, and has worked in syndication, development, land acquisition and property management. Mr. Gake is a licensed mechanical engineer with experience in the area of HVAC design and energy efficiency system retrofits in large commercial buildings. Mr. Gake recently acquired his MBA degree with a concentration in Finance and Entrepreneurship from University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Architect Knothe and Bruce Architects LLC is the architect for Parmenter Circle. The 12-person firm was founded over 30 years ago by Dick Knothe, and is managed by Randy Bruce, AIA, managing partner and principal. Based in downtown Middleton, the company focuses on multifamily housing and has designed a number of LIHTC and senior properties, as well as condominiums. Most of its work is in or near the Madison area.

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