

Golden Rock Park to include condotel, supermarket, amphitheatre, restaurant

ST. KITTS—The proposed US \$76 million Golden Rock Commercial Park, next to Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport, will include a boutique hotel, supermarket, restaurant and bar, amphitheatre and meeting rooms.

Co-developer Errol Douglas, giving an overview of the 250,000-square-foot (sq ft) project at its recent launching ceremony, pointed out that it is designed to fit in an aesthetically pleasing environment and will consist of five multi-storey buildings.

He told government officials and business lead-

ers that Building 1 will comprise three floors and a mezzanine. A total of 64 units of approximately 1,000 sq ft are available in this building. Commercial spaces are available on the ground and main floors and office spaces are designed for the first and second floors. One unit comprising 20,000 square feet has been reserved for a supermarket. There are two elevators in the building, one being a glass elevator that overlooks the food court and interior water features.

Building 2 has been designed as a Condotel with 32 two-bedroom units, each

of which is approximately 1,350 sq ft in size. The building which has five floors will have an expansive lobby with marble floors and exquisite granite finishes. This building structure is designed with a green roof space with lounge and trees on the rooftop. A restaurant and bar that opens to the private courtyard and pool area on the ground floor will be some of the building amenities.

The third building will have 32 units designed for offices and spread over four floors. Each unit will be approximately 1,000 sq ft in size. This building is designed with a 36-foot-high atrium and interior courtyard which opens to the skies.

Building 4 has been designed with five floors and will house 34 self-contained business units of approximately 1,000 sq ft each. The lower ground floor of this building will house recreational facilities for the park and is designed so as to possibly fit a four-lane bowling alley.

Building 5, which will have three floors, will house an upscale spa and fitness centre. It will also possibly include the completion of an amphitheatre for the enjoyment of tenants and patrons.

The project will be constructed in five Phases: Phase I is currently underway and involves the construction of the first building, which will house 65 units. The entrance to this building is designed with a covered walkway direct from the car park area and pedestrian crossing and gives ease and convenience of entering the building.

A food court with an interior waterfall and water feature is located on the ground floor and this connects through a doorway to the amphitheatre outside.

Many of the offices in this building will have views overlooking the green valley of Basseterre and views towards the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. Meeting spaces will be available for the offices to support their corporate function.

Phase II will involve the construction of the second building, the Condotel. The building is designed with two meeting rooms with high-speed Internet connections and presentation equipment, and also so that



Artist's rendition of a view of Golden Rock Commercial Park.

it can be leased and operated as a business hotel. It is fitted with two elevators and a central staircase with emergency exit at back.

Phase III will involve the construction of the third building, the office building, which will come equipped with two elevators and a central staircase. The elevators go to the rooftop and will provide a serene environment either during work or after office

hours. Two meeting rooms will be available for corporate or individual meetings. The building will have a reception desk at the lobby and a security desk, which can be manned 24 hours to facilitate the guests and operators within the building space.

Phase IV will involve the construction of the fourth building housing the self-contained business units. This building has been

designed with interior courtyards such as those of Building III and a similar lobby with reception and information desk.

Phase V will involve the fifth building with its upscale spa, fitness centre and amphitheatre. These facilities will be managed to ensure that they are operated to the benefit of the occupants and visitors to the commercial park.

Health Minister welcomes first cancer treatment facility to Nevis

NEVIS—The opening of the first cancer treatment centre by Haematology and Oncology Associates of the Caribbean Inc., on February 8, 2013, was a historic day in Nevis. The medical facility, on Government Road opposite the Alexandra Hospital, will be run by medical haematologist and oncologist Dr. Erol Hobdy.

A specialist in the care of adult patients with various cancers and blood disorders, Dr. Hobdy has been in private practice in the Virgin Islands since 2006. She is the owner of the Virgin Islands Haematology and Oncology practice and has private offices in St. Thomas and St. Croix.

She decided to extend her practice to Nevis to accommodate her patients from St. Kitts and Nevis, having felt that these persons needed the support of their families while they received chemotherapy.

"It has always been my vision and my passion to be of service to my fellow Caribbean people...and to provide good quality oncology services and affordable cancer care to people throughout the Caribbean, however, I have not done this alone," Hobdy said during the official opening ceremony on the grounds of the Alexandra Hospital.

She acknowledged several individuals in the Ministry of Health who were instrumental in assisting her with the establishment of the haematology and oncology centre.

Dr. Hobdy said she would

have the assistance of a fellow oncologist who would be available for the Friday clinics to see cancer patients at the facility.

"This is just the beginning of greater things to come. I just see endless possibilities," she said.

Meantime, Minister of Health on Nevis Mark Brantley, in his remarks welcomed Dr. Hobdy to the island and pledged the government's support of her practice.

"I am here to welcome you Dr. Hobdy, and to say you have the untrammelled support of the Ministry of Health. Whatever we can do to demonstrate that we care about our people, that we care about the healthcare that is being delivered to our people, that we will be available to you...I can assure you that so long as God gives me life, you will have my support and the support of the ministry."

The Health Minister used the opportunity to outline a number of lifestyle choices, which in his view could help to minimise the incidence of contracting cancer. He reminded those present that in the event one contracted cancer, it did not have to be a death sentence.

"I myself learned that it doesn't have to be a death sentence, that with early detection and with treatment, such as that being brought by Dr. Hobdy and her associates, that we in Nevis can have, if not a cancer-free society, certainly a society where our people do not need to die from this disease," he said.

St. Kitts and Nevis reports big drop in crime in 2012 compared to 2011

ST. KITTS—St. Kitts and Nevis is reporting a significant fifty per cent reduction in crime last year compared to 2011.

Speaking on his weekly radio programme "Ask the Prime Minister" on Tuesday, Prime Minister Dr. Denzil L. Douglas noted that the high crime rate had been a matter of concern in the Federation two years ago and praised the cooperation between the heads of the Police Force and the Defence Force and their men for the dramatic turnaround.

"The talk shows obsessed about it — as well they should have; business people lamented it; government officials and ordinary civilians could think of nothing else. At that time, the constant refrain was: What is the Prime Minister doing about crime? And so I announced that if I was going to be held responsible for the crime rate, then



Commander Patrick Wallace

the dramatic difference that is now felt throughout the country, where crime is concerned.

"We analysed this challenge from every angle. We assessed the assets that were already at our disposal, and then we just as carefully made a detailed list of the assets — tangible and intangible; financial, human, technological, and multilateral — that we would need to take on this challenge. We put an action plan in place and we implemented it," said Prime Minister Douglas.

"I cannot stress enough how key Commissioner C.G. Walwyn and Commander Patrick Wallace and the men and women they command have been to this effort. As a result of extraordinarily hard work by all involved and a merciful God, crime over the last year alone plummeted some 53 per cent," said Prime Minister Douglas.

I was going to assume the leadership of the country's crime-fighting operations. And that is what I did," Prime Minister Douglas told listeners.

He said although he was not giving detailed raw figures, he was pleased to be able to give the actual statistics that go along with