**‘A totally cool place to live’: Allen Fletcher offers sneak peek inside new Kelley Square Lofts, bringing 48 high-end units to Worcester’s Canal District**

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By September, Worcester’s Canal District will have 48 high-end apartments above what will soon be a public market and restaurant.

Developer Allen Fletcher said the Kelley Square Lofts, which feature high ceilings and exposed utilities, have already begun renting. They range in price from $1,400 per month for a studio to $2,500 for a two-bedroom with panoramic views of Kelley Square, and include a private courtyard area in the center of the building.

“This will be, I’m not to shy to say, a totally cool place to live,” Fletcher said. “As we know, it’s getting more and more exciting around here. There’s going to be a lot of dust in the air, but when it clears, it’s going to be basically better than ever.”

The apartments also feature a community room, terrace, fitness center, mail room, key card parking and a bike garage.

Fletcher said when designing the development, the goal was to build on what’s already happening in the neighborhood. The apartments and public market are adjacent to Crompton Place, which houses the popular BirchTree Bread Co. and Crompton Collective, and is located only a few blocks from the future home of the Worcester Red Sox.

“You can come home at night and go to the marketplace, you can ride your bike up to Union Station, take the train to Boston or just work in the neighborhood. It’s going to be more local than anything,” he said. “It’s just wonderfully exciting to live here because everything is within reach.”

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Fletcher said a “super convenience store” will be built across the street, giving tenants better access to necessities that aren’t currently within walking distance.

The three floors of housing include 12 studio units, 16 one-bedrooms, 20 two-bedrooms and two upscale units facing Kelley Square.

Downstairs, the public market will feature a mix of large and small vendors that will most likely include a deli, beer and wine shop, produce section and food court with skylights. Fletcher said smaller vendors will be diverse and food-oriented.

A roll-down door will lead from the marketplace to a restaurant and taproom adjacent to Kelley Square, which includes a plaza for outdoor seating. The building’s first floor will have entrances from Green and Harding streets.

“We’re very proud of the layout and it’s taking shape,” Fletcher said.

And as far as the notorious Kelley Square intersection — one of the top crash sites in the state — Fletcher said he’s happy with the status quo but believes the upcoming redesign is necessary.

The state Department of Transportation plans to convert the square into a peanut-shaped roundabout, which Fletcher said will improve pedestrian safety.

“I’m very optimistic,” he said.

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WOW!! REALLY!! $2500. For a “panoramic view” of Kelley square? So you get to see all the drunks wondering out of the bars or accidents...wait till the suckers that rent these places really see what it’s about

* Edog

Gee, I might be a little more excited about/interested in this place if there was actually something habitable to see instead of just unfinished construction. Don't even have the drywall up and I"m supposed to believe this place is "totally cool"?

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