

Governor Healy tours Grand Street Commons, a 48-unit, \$18 million affordable housing development designed by DHK

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Worcester, MA Massachusetts governor Maura Healy recently toured Worcester's Grand Street Commons, a 48-unit \$18 million affordable housing development designed by DHK Architects, Inc. The Boston-based architecture firm designed the housing development for the Main South Community Development Corp. In addition to celebrating the building's near completion, Healy used the event to tout the administration's commitment to affordable housing.

DHK partner Alberto Cardenas, AIA, said, "As architects working with organizations like Main South

Community Development Corp., we see how critical the need for affordable housing is in Worcester, as well as in other parts of the state.”

Several other DHK housing design projects are in active phases and are expected to break ground later this year in Boston, New Bedford, and Worcester.

Recently DHK’s president Fernando Domenech, Jr., FAIA, LEED AP, and a long-time leader in the design of affordable and market rate housing as well as other development, was appointed by mayor Michelle Wu to a “steering committee of real estate and civic leaders to advise on reforms to Article 80 of the Boston Zoning Code.” The committee will work with the mayor’s office and the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA).

In addition to the architecture firm’s housing work, DHK is also recognized as the designer of major transportation projects. In December the opening of the Medford/Tufts Station on the MBTA’s Green Line represented the culmination of decades of DHK Architects’ involvement in the design and planning for the MBTA’s Green Line extension. Working under STV Incorporated, the lead designers of GLXC, the team contracted by the MBTA, DHK was responsible for the design of the Medford/Tufts Station.

The firm is currently working on updates and accessibility enhancements to the Green Line’s Symphony Station on Huntington Ave. in Boston and the reconstruction of the MBTA Commuter Rail Station in Lynn, Mass.

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