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ON THE AVENUE: Unit 18 at the Avenue 152 complex in South Boston has bamboo floors throughout and features a six-window sunroom off the living/dining space, left, with nice views of the Back Bay and downtown Boston. The kitchen has light brown granite counters, amber wood cabinets and top-of-the-line Kitchen Aid appliances.

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Southie complex adds style to industrial area

By PAUL RESTUCCIA



A new 24-unit condo complex is bringing stylish living to the site of a former auto body shop on South Boston's West Side.

Avenue 152, located at 152 Old Colony Ave., has 12 units still available, priced from \$355,000 for a 798-square-foot one-bedroom condo to \$525,000 for a 1,275 square-foot three-bedroom.

Developer Patrick McDevitt used architectural color schemes and marble-tiled bathrooms to create a high-quality feel.

All units also offer 10-foot ceilings, high-end Kitchen Aid appliances, private storage rooms, deeded garage parking spaces and hardwood floors.

We recently looked at Unit 18, a two-bedroom condo that's listed at \$490,000.

This third-floor condo offers 1,036 square feet of living space, not counting a finished terrace room.

The unit also comes with bamboo flooring throughout, as well as pre-wiring for surround-sound speakers.

On the outside, four-story Avenue 152 features a brick

exterior with metal projecting bays.

A lobby done in brown ceramic tiling leads to a large fitness room outfitted with exercise equipment and flat-screen TVs.

A wood-paneled elevator whisks you up to the third floor, where a carpeted hallway lit by contemporary sconce lamps leads to Unit 18.

The condo's front door opens into a 4-by-4-foot foyer that features a double-door coat closet.

This space leads to a 21-by-15-foot dining-room/living-room area outfitted with track lighting, recessed lighting and a coffered ceiling. A built-in electric fireplace sits in one corner, and you can add a \$7,000 media center — surround-sound audio/video receiver, DVD recorder and flat panel TV — for a negotiable price.

Glass double doors lead to a 10-by-7-foot terrace/sunroom that features ceramic tile flooring, recessed lighting and six 8-foot wrap-around windows with great Back Bay and downtown Boston views.

The unit's 13-by-12-foot kitchen has bamboo flooring, recessed lighting and a wide expanse of light-brown granite counter space. There's also a separate island with a 30-inch sink and



a three-seat breakfast bar with two frosted pendant lamps overhead.

The kitchen's 13 amber-colored wood cabinets feature two outfitted with frosted-glass doors as well as several with large, five-shelf pantry spaces.

Kitchen Aid stainless-steel appliances include a dishwasher, an oversized double-door refrigerator and a grill-top gas stove with a fluted stainless-steel Broan hood that vents to the outside.

Off of the kitchen, an 11-by-4-foot hallway leads to the unit's two bedrooms.

The 15-by-10-foot master bedroom features two 8-foot windows and a 7-by-4-foot bumpout with a double-doored closet and space for a dresser.

The en-suite, 8-by-5-foot master bathroom boasts white marble-tile flooring, a dark-mahogany vanity and a walk-in shower with a glass door and a rainhead fixture.

Unit 18's 15-by-11-foot second bedroom features double 8-foot windows and a

double-door closet with built-in wire-rack shelving.

A nearby short hallway hosts the unit's washer/dryer hookup. (A Frigidaire washer/dryer is available for a negotiated extra price.)

At the end of the hall, an 8-by-5-foot second bathroom has white-marble-tile flooring and a whirlpool tub finished in white subway tiles with gray accents.

Unit 18 also comes with a separate utility closet that hosts the condo's gas-fired forced-air heating/cooling system.

Additionally, the condo has a 10-by-7-foot private storage room on Avenue 152's first floor, and includes one deeded space in the building's underground garage.

A buyer will also get access to a large common roof deck with great Back Bay and Downtown Boston views. (The developer plans to soon add planters, furniture and a grill as well.)

As for location, Avenue 152 is a half-mile from the Andrew and Broadway Red Line T stops, as well as from West Broadway's shops and eateries.

For more information or a chance to view this property, call Maryann McLeod Crush at MCM Properties at 617-268-5181.

Home checklist

Information about this week's profiled home:



■ **Address:** Unit 18, Avenue 152, 152 Old Colony Ave., South Boston

■ **Bedrooms:** Two

■ **Bathrooms:** Two

■ **List price:** \$490,000

■ **Square feet:** 1,036

■ **Price per square foot:** \$463

■ **Annual taxes:** To be determined

■ **Features:** Bamboo floors, electric fireplace, deeded garage parking, enclosed terrace with city views, common fitness room and roof deck. The kitchen features amber wood cabinets, light-brown granite counters and high-end Kitchen Aid appliances.

■ **Location:** Located in South Boston's residential/light-industrial West Side, a half-mile from West Broadway's shops and eateries and a half-mile from the Andrew and Broadway Red Line T stops.

■ **Built in:** 2007-2008