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## **REMI Properties Inc.**

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total development cost is roughly \$80 million. The Honeybell is an amazing project for this market. The Chaffiot family has been a pleasure to work, as well as Justin and all the subcontractors. There are a lot of subcontractors from Brevard working this project.”

“This project is going to keep a lot of subcontractors busy for more than two years,” added Morton.

Industry veteran Robert “Rob” Wiener of Certified General Contractors is The Honeybell project manager. “We are pleased with the progress of the project,” said Morton. “Rob is doing an outstanding job working closely with me overseeing the day-to-day operations, tracking any sort of budget changes, securing materials and all the other things that a project like this involves.”

“Once we are fully running at this development, there will be from 100 to 150 people working at The Honeybell,” said Wiener, who has been with Certified General Contractors for 13 years.

“It’s a great project for Vero Beach and for our company as well. I believe The Honeybell will be a showcase community for this area.”

- Spacious patios or balconies available with each unit
- Attached and detached private garages available for rent
- Two lighted pickleball courts

The designated small-business meeting spaces will have individual workstations. “We will be setting up different workstations inside the clubhouse and making small conference rooms for tenants who want to do Zoom meetings. They will have access to that feature as part of their lease package,” said Morton.

There will be a range of events for the tenants, including live musical entertainment.

REMI Properties is making a significant investment in landscaping for The Honeybell, said Mark Chaffiot. “Landscaping is one of our bigger items in the budget for this project. We hired a landscape architect firm in Orlando, the Libra Design Group. The firm is well known in Central Florida.”

He added, “They not only will be doing the landscaping for The Honeybell, but also the hardscape. We will have a lot of paver walkways connecting the different buildings. There will be a linear trail that goes around the dog park

and pickleball courts. We will have a community that is attractive to the tenants. The Libra Design Group told us they want the tenants to feel like they are in a home-like environment.”

The Honeybell will be an active community. In 2016, REMI Properties started an Apartment Life program, said Justin Chaffiot. “The Apartment Life program brings that traditional neighborhood spirit and social atmosphere to our apartment sites. We have a team that lives on site at our properties and their primary function is to be event planners and community-care coordinators.”

“I believe it’s one of the best decisions we have made. The Apartment Life program helps set us off from the competition,” he added.

He said the program has played an important role in tenant retention. “Our properties in Brevard have a high retention rate. Our occupancy levels are in the mid-90 percentage. We are exceeding the national average, which is awesome. At our properties, we provide that sense of community and fellowship. And we will be doing the same at The Honeybell. This is going to be a fabulous community.”