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### **Magnolia plan unveiled at open house tonight**

By Dan McCue , Staff Writer

Two hundred and sixteen acres of historically industrial property on Charleston's neck could soon look a whole lot different, according to plans submitted to the city of Charleston by a team of developers known collectively as Magnolia Development LLC.

The plan, which will be the subject of an open house tonight at the International Longshoreman's Union Hall at 1142 Morrison Drive in Charleston, calls for the creation of up to 4,400 homes, as well as a hotel, shops, office space and a network of public parks.

Robert L. Clement III and his development partners, Raleigh, N.C.-based Cherokee Investment Partners, hope to begin building roads and making the infrastructure improvements necessary to support such an intense development by the end of the year.

If approved by the city, something that could happen as soon as next Tuesday, when officials will meet for a special planning commission meeting; the build-out of the project will take about 20 years.

Members of the development team, who were going over details of tonight's presentation Wednesday morning, said their master plan adheres to "new urbanist" design principles aimed at making new development as pedestrian-friendly and self-contained as possible.

Tonight's open house is being sponsored by the Greater Charleston Endowment Corp. It will begin at 6 p.m. and is scheduled to last two hours.

For more information, call Anthony Moore, the city of Charleston's manager for Housing and Community Development at (843) 720-3836. He can also be reached by e-mail at [moorea@ci.charleston.sc.us](mailto:moorea@ci.charleston.sc.us).

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### **Prosecutor: Parish trial a long way off**

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The trial of former economist Al Parish, now under house arrest in the

Hollywood home of his brother Johnny Parish, is likely a long, long way off, according to federal prosecutors.

Carlton Bourne, the Justice Department attorney prosecuting the 11-count criminal case against Parish said the next step procedurally will be a pre-trial conference that will take place as soon as the case comes up on the docket of the federal court in Charleston.

“That’ll probably be in late summer,” Bourne said.

But that’s not to say the case has gone quiet.

On Tuesday, Parish defense attorney Andrew Savage filed a 20-page motion for discovery with the court, requesting to see the evidence that has been compiled against his client, copies of all relevant documents, including transcripts of comments Parish may have made to investigators after his arrest, and a list of the witnesses the government intends to call at trial.

And Bourne said, “As with all cases, the investigation will continue.”

The criminal case is covered by the federal Speedy Trial Act, the 1974 law that establishes time limits for completing the various stages of a federal prosecution.

The law holds that an indictment must be filed within 30 days from the date of arrest or service of the summons. That happened in this case when the government filed its 10 wire and mail fraud charges against Parish in early May.

The act mandates that the trial commence within 70 days of the indictment or from the date the defendant enters his plea in court. That would suggest a trial starting shortly before Labor Day. However, the time limits in the act can be modified by either of the parties or the court, something that is considered certain in this case.

As for the civil charges levied against Parish, John Douglas, assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina, said it’s important for interested parties to understand that the civil and criminal cases are not connected.

“The civil case will be going through a protracted time when the receiver is assuring himself that he has collected all of the assets he can reasonably hope to find and has identified all of the victims he can reasonable hope to locate,” Douglas said.

He added, “That may take a while.”