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SLUGGER IN HOUSING DEAL

FORMER METS slugger Mo Vaughn's redevelopment corporation is buying the long-neglected Noble Drew Ali Plaza housing complex in Brooklyn.

Vaughn and Eugene Schneur, co-owners of OMNI New York LLC, are set to sign an approximately \$21 million contract with the city for the 385-unit complex in Brownsville tomorrow.

"It's a win-win all the way around," said Vaughn, who retired from the Mets in 2004 with an arthritic knee. "The people we're affecting are those who most need it. Anyone can do something that's easy, but this is a challenge and a worthy one."

The sale should close the book on years of lawsuits and threats of eviction for tenants of the complex, whose owner, Abdur Rahman Farrakhan, was named one of the city's 10 worst landlords by The Village Voice.

--Jimmy Vielkind

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