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## Now that Spring has sprung, what's next on the high-risin'?

With their 36-story high-rise condominium tower called Spring approved by the Austin City Council last week, could developers already be planning a Summer, Fall and Winter?

"There are four seasons, so we haven't exhausted the list of names in the theme," said Robert Barnstone, who is developing Spring at West Third and Bowie streets with Perry Lorenz, Diana Zuniga and Larry Warshaw.

Barnstone said he and his partners "absolutely" are scouting other downtown sites for more residential high-rise projects. Barnstone already has in his sights on land owned by Austin-based Schlosser Development Corp. directly east of the new Whole Foods Market at West Sixth Street and North Lamar Boulevard.

"We'd certainly like to talk to them about it for Summer or Fall," he said. "They know we're interested."

Meanwhile, developers plan to start



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\$200,000 to \$400,000.

A coalition of near-downtown neighborhood groups fought the high-rise, saying it was too tall a building to be so close to their neighborhoods and Town Lake. What they probably didn't know was that the battle could have been twice as fierce.

"We tried mightily to get two point towers on the site," Barnstone said. "There just wasn't enough space to do it gracefully."

construction on Spring in 10 months and are planning an early 2008 opening.

Barnstone said potential buyers have put down \$500 refundable deposits to reserve 200 of the 220 units. Units will range from about

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