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South Main area to get a grocery store this year

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High Point Grocery owner Rick James posed for a portrait inside his new store last August. (Patrick Lantrip/Daily Memphian file)

The South Main area of Downtown Memphis is getting a grocery store.

The former Liberty Cash Grocers at 136 Webster Avenue, off South Main near the new trolley stop at the far south end, will become South Point Grocery, hopefully by the end of 2021.

Castle Retail Group, which owns three local Cash Savers and bought and reopened High Point Grocery last year, is in partnership with Tom Archer, owner and president of Archer Custom Builders, who owns the building.

Michigan grocery business looks to Midtown Memphis location

In 2017, Archer purchased the building with the idea that it would become a grocery again.

“I have believed in this site since I first laid eyes on it, and although it took longer than expected, we’ll deliver on our promise to bring a grocer to this neighborhood,” Archer said in a press release.

Rick James, owner of Castle, has also had a vision for Downtown.

“I have had an eye toward Downtown for 20-plus years, waiting for the population and location to make the venture favorable,” he said in the same release. “This site is perfect for our needs and will serve a growing population in the south end of downtown.

“High Point has given us the confidence that a small, neighborhood-centric store that is really attuned to the needs of the community can thrive.

High Point Grocery is open and ‘The Neighborhood’ welcomes it

Archer said a visit to High Point was what prompted him to contact James about opening the Downtown grocery.

James said the store will focus on fresh products, from a butcher shop to a deli to produce and of course, a wide selection of beer, something James’ son Taylor James has grown at Cash Saver Midtown and at High Point.

Work on the ground floor is going on now and the store should be open before the end of the year.

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