

RESOLUTION NO. 102

WHEREAS, there exist in Alexandria certain areas of blight and deterioration which are detrimental to the safety, health, social and economic welfare of those who live and work in these areas; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to correct existing housing conditions, provide additional parks and recreational facilities, improve land use patterns, provide public improvements such as lighting and streetscapes, improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns, and provide better parking facilities in designated neighborhoods for residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to continue to provide community-City participation and encourage refurbishing and rehabilitation of residential and commercial areas by the residents; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's goal to eliminate blight and deterioration and to establish a more viable community through the improvement of physical conditions by utilizing code enforcement, rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, renewal, spot clearance, and neighborhood clean-up campaigns; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's goal to continue to search out ways to improve the health, social and economic conditions that have had a detrimental impact upon the lives of the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has established in the 1971 Capital Budget a program for the revitalization of Potomac East, Potomac West and the Central Business District, which program appropriates \$1 million for the first year's activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has designated this program area as Potomac East, which is briefly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Cameron Street and the Potomac River, westward along Cameron Street to Patrick Street; south along Patrick Street to Prince Street; east on Prince Street to South Washington Street; south along South Washington Street to the Capital Beltway (Interstate 495); westward along the Capital Beltway to Telegraph Road; north on Telegraph Road to Duke Street; east on ~~Duke Street to the RF&P Railroad~~; north

along the railroad right-of-way to Slaters Lane; east along Slaters Lane and continuing to the Potomac River, consisting of approximately 200 blocks and including those special areas known as the DIP Urban Renewal Project, Census Tract 16, Powhatan, Old Town West, and the North Waterfront,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria extends its full support to the program of revitalization and improvement in Potomac East and that the area described above is hereby officially designated as one in which a concentrated Neighborhood Improvement Program for conservation, redevelopment, and revitalization will be undertaken; and

That the City Manager is hereby authorized, in coordination with recognized citizen groups, that are now or may become recognized, to implement programs to accomplish revitalization in Potomac East through the improvement of housing conditions, the provision of parks and open space, the removal of unsalvable structures, the elimination of incompatible land uses, the improvement of traffic patterns, the provision of supportive parking, the installation of public improvements, and other appropriate social and environmental activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls upon the citizens of Alexandria, all boards and agencies of the City, all City employees, and all neighborhood organizations and businessmen, to join with the City Council and City Manager in a concerted effort to revitalize Potomac East.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this City Council meeting, and, further, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all interested Alexandrians.

BY AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers Clerk