

RESOLUTION NO. 91

WHEREAS, there exist in Alexandria certain neighborhoods in which blight and deterioration exists that is detrimental to the health, welfare, and safety of those who live, work, and shop in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the existence of blight and deterioration has an extremely negative impact on the total community, both socially and economically; and

WHEREAS, there is a recognized need to combat this blight and deterioration and to improve housing conditions, to provide additional parks and recreational facilities, to establish workable "people-oriented" traffic patterns, to provide supportive parking, to improve land use patterns, and to provide public improvements such as lighting and streetscapes; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide the stimulus for citizen-City refurbishing and rehabilitation of the residential and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the great diversity of problems confronting the City requires a multi-faceted approach including, but not limited to, code enforcement, rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, renewal, spot clearance, and the installation of public improvements; 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, social, and economic conditions, and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has recognized the need for environmental improvement in that area known as Potomac West, which is briefly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue with the RF&P Railroad, going north on Commonwealth Avenue to Mt. Vernon Avenue; then going northwest on Mt. Vernon Avenue to the City boundary limits; then east along the boundary to the RF&P Railroad; then south along the railroad to the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue; and including those areas referred to as Lower Rosemont, Brenton, Mt. Vernon-Monroe, Mt. Ida, St. Elmo, Lynhaven, and Arlandria;

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 West 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, to implement programs to accomplish revitalization in Potomac West 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 West.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revitalization of Potomac West shall be subject to such normal review and approval as may be required by the Code and Charter of the City of Alexandria.

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.

Adopted February 23, 1972

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

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. MAYOR

ATTEST:

Helen Vickers Clerk