

RESOLUTION NO. 349

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria is committed to the proposition that housing should be available in the City of Alexandria for persons of all social and economic levels; and

WHEREAS, this commitment led the City Council to relocate rather than to eliminate the forty units of public housing which must be removed due to the construction of the Metro rapid rail transit system through the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, these forty units will be replaced by constructing new housing units at four sites scattered throughout the City -- John Roberts Homes, South Bragg Street, Sanger Avenue, and 28th Street; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's intent and desire that these new housing units will be a positive addition to the neighborhoods in which they will be located; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to work closely and cooperatively with the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority towards the attainment of these goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria re-affirms the following characteristics with respect to the replacement public housing sites:

- 1) That the John Roberts Homes site shall have from fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) units, and that each of the other sites shall have from eight (8) to ten (10) units.
- 2) That a "unit" is defined as a residence for a single family, not necessarily as a separate building, and that several units may be contained in a single building.
- 3) That every effort will be made to design and construct the new units in a manner that will preserve existing trees and the natural terrain and environment of the sites as they presently exist.
- 4) That the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority shall work with the property owners and residents in the neighborhoods in which the sites are located with respect to the site planning and design of the new housing units, and shall assure that the appearance of the new units shall be in keeping with good design standards.
- 5) That any public facilities, such as walkways, playground equipment, picnic tables, etc., that are disturbed or eliminated as a result of constructing the new housing units, shall be replaced by the City as close as possible to their original location.

6) That the sizes of the units to be replaced and the number of people being relocated are such that the traffic impact in any particular neighborhood resulting from the new housing units will be minimal.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction of these new housing units will begin approximately in the summer of 1975, with completion anticipated within 18 months.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council prefers that the Rolfs Tract shall remain as a natural park and will not be considered for any housing.

FINALLY RESOLVED that it is the sincere desire of the City Council that both the residents of the neighborhoods and the residents of the new housing units will receive each other openly and with mutual respect, and that a community pride will result that will be to the benefit of all persons.

Adopted November 12, 1974

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Beverly Snedeker, Acting City Clerk