

Excerpt from Allied Area Task Force Minutes of January 25, 2007

Item VI Council Resolutions

05379 – Ald. Konkel explained the reasoning for drafting this resolution. She wants to enable as many people as possible stay in the neighborhood and especially those who may be negatively effected by other actions the City is taking. She recognized one concern about the resolution already and that is the possibility that some residents may be screened-out from moving into the City owned property. She indicated there may be a need to review the City's screening policies.

Carousel Baryd indicated she liked the idea of the property not sitting vacant, but also acknowledged that those residents will eventually have to leave anyway.

Robert Artis asked Ald. Konkel what the screening criteria for the City was? Ald. Konkel indicated that would be a question for City staff. No City staff present had the answer to that question. Mr. Artis wondered if the City criteria could be changed or exceptions made.

Dan Wood wondered if rather than using all the City owned property for this purpose just a portion could be used? Ald. Golden asked staff about that idea and it was suggested the question should go to Percy Brown who was not present at the meeting.

Mike Zimmerman asked about the timing of the issue and when a report was due back to Council. Ald. Konkel indicated that the resolution was going back to the full Council on February 6th.

Ald. Golden wondered about the habitability of all the units and whether or not they were in a condition to re-rent. Mr. Golden also indicated that if this accommodation is made, he would absolutely want to limit it to tenants in good standing. He indicated he didn't believe we had enough facts to make a decision. He was interested in knowing the general wishes of the Task Force in how to proceed. Should the City provide "life boats" to some residents? Dan Wood agreed.

Barry Hayes would like to see the City property owned up for both existing and new (transferred) residents and to make rents even more affordable. Carousel indicated the resolution only addresses residents who are affected by nuisance abatement action. Ald. Konkel indicated it could also address those current City tenants effected by renewals. She indicated a desire to renew leases of current tenants since it will be 2008 before anything is done to the property. She indicated she'd like to see 6 or 9 month renewals of leases.

Stephan Uselman clarified that we were talking about tenants who are effected by nuisance abatement who are in good standing or are we talking about those with leases coming up? Ald. Golden indicated that we were now talking about both. Carousel

expressed concern about the screening criteria. She would like the screening criteria to be reviewed but indicated that we have to utilize some screening criteria.

Dan Wood asked about those not affected by nuisance abatement, cases where the landlord in area is just going to sell property?

At this point Ald. Golden suggested revised language in the “now, therefore be it resolved” section of the resolution. Chairperson Zimmerman brought the discussion to a close.

Motion by Golden/Wood to amend resolution number 05379 as described by Ald. Golden. Motion passed unanimously.