

Mr. Smeat.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman
Housing Resources Committee

The attached paper was used today by Rodney Cook in explaining to the Board of Aldermen actions taken on the August 2 proposals by the Housing Resources Committee.

The request for 2,000 additional units of Public Housing was presented in what appeared to be a sort of backhanded manner in a Finance Committee paper requesting Federal Grant Reservation of \$800,000 to support 2,000 units of Public Housing.

It was my understanding that last Friday the recommendations of the Housing Resources Committee for revision of the Non-Conforming Use Ordinance were finally turned over to the Planning Department for study. However, Rodney Cook stated to the Board of Aldermen that the Planning and Development Committee would not go along with the proposal of the Housing Resources Committee to permit structural changes in non-conforming use residential buildings and had instructed the Planning Staff to make the Planning and Development Committee's position known to the Zoning Committee and other Departments and Committees of the Board of Aldermen which might be affected.

Rodney stated twice on the floor of the Board of Aldermen that the Housing Resources Committee had recommended that a new Committee of the Board of Aldermen be established and given responsibility for housing. He further stated that the Planning Staff and Planning and Development Committee felt that this could be better handled by the existing Planning and Development Committee; and he introduced a Resolution which he said that was designed to accomplish this, the Resolution was adopted. I asked Collier Gladin for a copy of the Resolution, but he said he did not have any. As I understood the Resolution from hearing it read in the Board of Aldermen, the Planning and Development Committee is assigned responsibility for Housing and is further charged with providing guidance and direction to the Housing Resources Committee. I would prefer for the guidance and direction portion not to be included in the Resolution in that it may be considered as placing our Committee under greater influence of the Planning Department and direction of the Planning and Development Committee than it has been in the past. I have requested a copy of the Resolution from the City Clerk, but have not yet received it.

No mention was made of our request of revision of the District Zoning Ordinance.

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