

BEDFORD PINE AREA

1. What in your estimation, is the best or most feasible approach to the problem of housing displaced persons?

Persons displaced by governmental action must be relocated within the general confines of their immediate neighborhood. Displacement of families or persons outside their neighborhood disrupts family unity and creates untold social problems. Programs which will allow gradual demolition and replacement of housing rather than wholesale demolition of neighborhoods must be established.

2. What are your views concerning temporary relocatable housing? Pros and Cons I favor temporary relocatable housing. It will help prevent disruption of neighborhoods and families. Such temporary housing must not be allowed to develop into permanent undesirable, below code housing.

3. What position does City Hall take with regard to relocatable housing? Then specifically the type to be used in the Bedford Pine Project.

City hall proposed and encouraged the relocatable housing demonstration in Bedford-Pine and Model Cities.

4. What role will the City play with regard to this temporary relocatable housing?

See Number 3. Atlanta Housing Authority is the City's agent for administering the urban renewal and housing program.

5. What plans does City Hall have in mind with regard to the Bedford Pine area? How do these plans differ from the actual plans?

The actual plans as submitted by the Atlanta Housing Authority are the plans of the City since AHA is the City's agent for housing redevelopment.

6. What long range goals and plans are projected for the area?

7. What in your estimation, would benefit the area the most? What are their immediate needs?

The immediate needs in the area are in the area of providing decent housing. Parks and schools have been developed and are in operation. Economic Opportunity programs must of necessity go hand-in-hand with the development of physical facilities.

8. What communication links does the City have with the Bedford Pine Negro leadership?

Bedford-Pine Negro leadership communicated with City Hall through the Bedford-Pine Urban Renewal Committee or Sub-Committee to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal.

9. Do you think that by using these temporary relocatable housing units it will help strengthen the neighborhood concept? Encourage people to stay in the area? Explain.

Yes. People establish roots in an area and even though it might be sub-standard, it is home to them.

10. Do you anticipate using the temporary housing elsewhere in the future? If so for what use and where? What will be done with the units during the interim?

Yes in the Model Cities project. The redevelopment needs in this city are so great that there would always be a use for temporary housing units and there would be no interim period when these units would be allowed to stand vacant.

11. What type of relocation plans are there for retaining churches and local stores in the neighborhood?

See Atlanta Housing Authority plans.

12. Are you aware of any new proposals for the area, such as expanding the civic center or utilizing the area for commercial development purposes? What are City Hall's views? How would you like to see the area developed? Expound.

I am aware of no specific proposal for expanding the Civic Center or utilizing the area for commercial development. The area should be primarily redeveloped for housing. We should not, however, deny the Atlanta area adequate civic facilities and the total needs of the city must be weighed with the needs of the Bedford-Pine community in determining reuse.

13. What is the current status of the Bedford Pine project?

See Atlanta Housing Authority.

14. Does the City plan to initiate any new types of low cost housing for the area?  
If so explain.

See Atlanta Housing Authority.

15. What other agencies, on a local governmental level, are involved in the planning or development stages of this project?

Atlanta Housing Authority and City Planning Department.

16. What suggestions would you have for coping with the housing problem other than using the temporary relocatable housing? List alternatives.

The Mayor's Housing Program sets forth specific goals and has provided for machinery to push housing plans. A copy of this program is attached.

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Thank you