

MAYOR'S NOTES

MEETING: Fairfield Relocation


DATE: 6/7/79 3:00

MET WITH: Judge Brown  
Jay Brodie  
Bernard Berkowitz  
Walter Sondheim  
Bill Smith

Met to discuss relocation of residents in the Old Fairfield. Forced to do this as a result of revenue sharing threats/black mail. It was agreed that City would voluntarily relocate residents, set aside public housing units for residents, purchase properties that come on the market, possibly pass Urban Renewal ordinance, eventually utilize area as industrial. Further report in about 30 days.

WDS/kft  
7/6/79



FROM	TO	BENJAMIN L. BROWN, CITY SOLICITOR	CITY of BALTIMORE <b>MEMO</b>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF LAW, 115 CITY HALL		
	SUBJECT	FAIRFIELD: VOLUNTARY RELOCATION PROGRAM		

TO

DATE:

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM DONALD SCHARFER  
MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY  
ROOM 250 CITY HALL

MAY 10, 1979

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The program would include the following:

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2. An offer to acquire properties and to relocate residents. The 81 residents would receive priority for:


55 units of public housing which become available each year through turnover at the Mount Winans and nearby Westport Projects.

Other public housing units which become available anywhere in the City, including Fairfield Homes, which has an annual turnover of 30 units, and highrise buildings exclusively for the elderly.

The houses to be sold in Mount Winans are currently priced at about \$30,000. With the proceeds from sale of their houses in Fairfield, and relocation grants of up to \$15,000, many of the homeowners may be able to afford the houses in Mount Winans. In addition, the Baltimore Home Finance Program could be used to provide low interest mortgages, and make homeownership feasible for more Fairfield residents. Other programs could be developed (i.e. Section 8 rental or cooperative housing); however, a detailed survey of the needs and desires of the residents should be done first so an appropriate programmatic response can be developed. The estimated costs of acquisition and relocation are shown on the attachment to this memorandum.

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RELIANCE L. BROWN, CITY SOLICITOR

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PRELIMINARY COSTS -- OLD FAIRFIELD

Acquisition Costs at \$3,500 to \$4,000 per dwelling unit  
Based on 21 occupied dwelling units . . . . . \$783,500 - \$324,000

Relocation Benefits  
Based on 44 renter occupied units 123,200  
Based on 37 owner occupied units 555,000

Relocation Service at \$500 per household 40,000  
Property Management 65,700  
Includes maintenance of occupied houses, boarding and  
maintenance of vacated buildings and maintenance and  
cleaning of cleared lots for five years at \$750 each.

Demolition of 100 houses at \$1,500 each 150,000

Other Costs and Contingencies  
Acquisition of vacant lots, neighborhood stores,  
relocation of these neighborhood stores, etc. 100,000

TOTAL

\$1,317,400 - 1,357,900\*\*

\*Estimates are based on Department of Planning's data 1977-78.

\*\*There is potential for proceeds from eventual sale of the land for industrial purposes at \$.50-1.00 per square foot.