

be offered for sale to individuals under terms and conditions to be decided upon by the Board and approved by the Federal Housing Agency. The lots in question are part of some 850 lots which were originally offered at public auction, and not having been sold, were withheld from sale at the request of the City of Detroit, pending the development of some plan or arrangement for the rebuilding of this section as a blighted area.

The City Plan Commission has officially designated the area extending from Eight Mile to Pembroke and from the alley east of Greenlawn to the alley west of Birwood as a blighted area in need of redevelopment. This section comprises about 231 acres and contains a considerable number of substandard and dilapidated buildings as well as some structures capable of rehabilitation and a few houses in acceptable condition.

The Commission has believed that any development in this area should be in accordance with a definite plan which will provide not only for a suitable physical arrangement of streets, lots, parks, recreational grounds and other community facilities, but which will also provide for the elimination of bad housing and the improvement of other housing, so as to place the entire area in a permanently sound and desirable condition. The availability of the scavenger lots in question at a reasonable price would greatly facilitate the carrying out of any such plan.

The City Plan Commission has discussed this matter with several private groups who are desirous of building in this area, and it appeared that some progress was being made toward a solution which would meet all requirements, the chief problem being the cost of acquiring and clearing property with undesirable structures. It also appears that the State Land Office Board may have authority under the act by which it was created to do certain things in the premises as a part of the program for the rehabilitation of the lots which it holds preparatory to their sale.

The City Plan Commission regards this area as presenting an unusual opportunity for the rebuilding of a blighted section into a desirable neighborhood with all modern amenities under relatively favorable conditions, hardly to be duplicated in the case of any other blighted area in the City.

The Commission believes, therefore, that every effort should be made to procure the complete redevelopment of this area either as a unit or in parts under a preconceived physical and procedural plan. The premature release of the lots in question by the State Land Office Board, particularly

if followed by other similar releases in the area, would probably jeopardize the whole redevelopment as a neighborhood unit.

Considerable work has already been done on the analysis of the area, the formulation of redevelopment plans, and the investigation of means of effecting a redevelopment. The Commission believes that these studies can be completed and the basis for final decisions can be obtained within a relatively short period.

The Commission therefore respectfully recommends to the Mayor and the Common Council that the City of Detroit request the State Land Office Board to continue the withholding of all scavenger lots in the Eight Mile-Wyoming area for an additional period of 45 days to permit completion of the studies now in progress and the decision of the City of Detroit as to the redevelopment of this area.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. F. EMERY,
Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the State Land Office Board be and it is hereby requested to withhold from sale all scavenger lots in the Eight Mile Road-Wyoming ave. area for an additional period of 45 days.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Cody, Ccmstock, Dorais, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.

Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

March 7, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The City of Detroit has acquired through foreclosure procedure a parcel of land of approximately 13 acres, which is situated at the northwesterly corner of Burt Road and the Pere Marquette Railroad. This parcel consists of unplatted vacant land.

An investigation was made for the purpose of making a recommendation as to the disposition of this property in accordance with an established policy, and as requested by the Real Estate Division of the Corporation Counsel's Office.

In this investigation it was found that there is no apparent municipal purpose to which this land may be devoted except to complete the Street Pattern for the area. Fullerton Avenue terminates at the westerly boundary of this parcel, and Burt Road is 10 ft. wider to the north of this parcel than it is directly adjacent to it. It appears desirable to open Fullerton Avenue westerly to Burt Road, and to widen Burt Road so that its alignment on the west will

be uniform with the alignment toward the north.

It is respectfully recommended, therefore, that portions of this land be allocated for the opening of Fullerton Avenue, and for the widening of Burt Road while this land is in possession of the City, all of which is shown in Plan No. 701-2 attached.

After such allocation, it does not appear necessary to retain the remainder of the land as City-owned property.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. F. EMERY,
Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That portions of the parcel of city-owned land at the northwest corner of Burt Road and Pere Marquette R. R. be and the same are hereby assigned for street purposes in accordance with Plan No. 701-2 of the City Plan Commission, said plan providing for widening Burt Road a distance of 10 ft. on the westerly side, north of the Pere Marquette R. R. and for opening Fullerton ave. to a width of 66 ft. between Blackstone ave. and Burt Road.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Cody, Comstock, Dorais, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.
Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

March 7, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen— Pursuant to an established policy, the Real Estate Division of the Corporation Counsel's office requested a recommendation as to what disposition should be made of certain land which had been acquired by the City of Detroit through foreclosure proceedings because of delinquent taxes.

Our studies have disclosed that two of these parcels can be advantageously used to serve a municipal purpose.

One of these parcels, No. 447, which is situated on the south side of Moore Place between Woodrow Avenue and 30th Street is approximately 60 feet by 108 feet in size, and would serve as a playlot for an area which has quite a large child population.

The other parcel, No. 446, is situated at the southwesterly corner of Livernois and Intervale Avenues and contains approximately 6.64 acres. It would also be useful to serve as a site for recreational facilities for the vicinity, possibly as an adjunct to a site of 23 acres which has already been assigned to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In both instances, the Department of Parks and Recreation have expressed a desire to obtain the land contemplating its ultimate utilization

to supply recreational facilities which are needed in the respective areas.

Under the circumstances and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph A, section 7, chapter 10 of the Charter of the City of Detroit, the City Plan Commission recommends that the above property be assigned to the Department of Parks and Recreation for use.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. F. EMERY,
Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that the following parcels of land acquired by the City through tax foreclosure proceedings, be and the same are hereby assigned to the Department of Parks and Recreation to be used for recreational purposes:

Parcel No. 446, approx. 6.64 acres at the southwest corner of Livernois and Intervale aves.

Parcel No. 447, approx. 60 ft. by 108 ft., on the south side of Moore Place between Woodrow ave. and 30th St.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas— Councilmen Castator, Cody, Comstock, Dorais, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Police

February 24, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am submitting the annual report of the Department of Police for the year 1943.

Respectfully,
JOHN F. BALLENGER,
Commissioner.

Received and placed on file.

Department of Public Works

March 10, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Department of Public Works, to whom was referred Petition No. 6269 for the first paving of Elmira Avenue between Schaefer and Decatur, reports that petitioners are the owners of more than 50% of the property abutting the street to be paved and that the amount of unpaid taxes is less than the 20% ordinance requirements, and that plan and cost estimate in the sum of \$9.-245.76, has been prepared by the City Engineer.

It is, therefore, recommended that your Honorable Body grant the petition and direct the Board of Assessors to prepare a preliminary assessment roll, based upon the cost estimate of the City Engineer, and transmit said roll to the City Treasurer for collection in accordance with Ordinance No. 92-D.

Inasmuch as 25% of said tentative assessment roll has already been paid