

A copy of this report has been furnished to each member of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN J. TOBIN,
 Auditor General.
 Received and placed on file.

Auditor General

March 20, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We have filed today our report on audit of the financial transactions of the Rapid Transit Commission for the period January 1, 1950 to June 30, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN J. TOBIN,
 Auditor General.
 Received and placed on file.

Auditor General

March 20, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We have filed today our report on audit of the financial transactions of the Interracial Committee for the period July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN J. TOBIN,
 Auditor General.
 Received and placed on file.

Auditor General

March 20, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We have filed today our report on the Scope of Audit of the Department of Street Railways for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951.

A copy of this report has been furnished to each member of your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJAMIN J. TOBIN,
 Auditor General.
 Received and placed on file.

Buildings and Safety Engineering
 March 20, 1952

Honorable Common Council:

Re: 11867 Laing, BB 20924:

Gentlemen—There is a one-story unfinished frame dwelling at the above address which is open to trespassers and the elements, and is also being vandalized. This property is located on Lot No. 1448, Yorkshire Woods Subdivision No. 7.

The construction on this building was started in November of 1950. The framework is up and the building is ready for brick veneering; but the builder has not completed the building because legal questions of financial responsibility have arisen between the owner and the contractor.

The persons living in the immediate vicinity have been registering numerous complaints about the nuisance being created by this open and unfinished dwelling.

We have contacted both the owner and the builder and have ordered them to barricade the openings in the dwelling until such time as the work will again progress. They have taken no steps to comply with our request, which would tend to save the building for future occupancy.

We therefore respectfully request your Honorable Body to direct the Department of Public Works to securely barricade the openings in the building, and that the expense thereof be assessed against the property.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH P. WOLFF,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Connor:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Public Works be and it is hereby authorized and directed to securely barricade the openings in building at 11867 Laing ave., charging the cost of said work against the property.

Adopted as follows:
 Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Garlick, Oakman, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.
 Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

February 15, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In connection with the consideration which has been given by your Honorable Body to the petition of Avern L. Cohn (5299) requesting the change in zoning of property located on the south side of Joy Road and the east side of Meadowdale from B2 and R1 classification to C6 classification, the Committee of the Whole of your Honorable Body instructed the City Plan Commission to obtain estimates as to the cost of acquisition of certain parcels of land proposed for use as a greenbelt, and also the estimates as to the cost of improving the said parcels of land as a green belt to be located along the easterly and southerly sides of the area proposed to be rezoned where the next adjacent property would remain in the residential classification.

This Commission has obtained the estimates as directed and it has been determined that the cost of acquiring the land not owned by petitioner proposed for use as a greenbelt plus the cost of developing same would amount to approximately \$3,000. Petitioner Cohn has been conferred with and he has stated that he would be agreeable to depositing the sum of \$3,000 with the City of Detroit covering the cost of developing the said greenbelt and also the acquisition of the land which he does not now presently own, and further that he will submit deeds covering that portion contained within the proposed greenbelt which he does presently own in the event your Hon-

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able Body decides to rezone the property as requested.

The City Plan Commission, therefore, recommends that in the event your Honorable Body takes the necessary action to rezone the property as requested that such change be not made effective until petitioner complies with the following conditions:

1. That petitioner submits deeds covering that portion of the land contained within the proposed greenbelt which he presently owns conveying the said land to the City of Detroit;

2. That petitioner deposit the sum of \$3,000 with the City Treasurer of the City of Detroit, said sum to be held in escrow for the purpose of covering the cost of acquiring the said parcels of land contained within the green belt which are not now presently owned by the petitioner, and further covering the cost of developing the greenbelt in its entirety with planting material in accordance with the plans of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

If the foregoing recommendations are concurred in by your Honorable Body and the change in zoning is effected, it is further recommended that the necessary action be taken to acquire by condemnation the land contained within the proposed greenbelt not presently owned by the said petitioner. All of the above being shown on attached plan No. 939-1.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. EMERY,
Director-Secretary.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That quit claim deed of Irwin I. Cohn and Sadie L. Cohn, his wife, to the City of Detroit covering the "W. 30 ft. of lot 3 and the S. 30 ft. of lot 22 of Robert M. Grindley's Sub. No. 6 of Little Farms of part of the N. E. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 6, T. 2 S., R. 11 E., according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 31 of Plats, page 13, Wayne County Records" be and the same is hereby accepted, and the City Controller is directed to record said deed in the

office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County, and further Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to prepare the proper resolution for the acquisition of lots 5 and 6 and west 30 ft. of lot 4, Robert M. Grindley's Sub. No. 6 of Little Farms of greenbelt, parkway or other public purposes in accordance with public Commission plan No. 939-1, and submit same to this body for approval, the cost of acquiring said land to be charged against escrow deposit of Avern Cohn, Account 906 of Revenue Suspense.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Garlick, Oakman, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.
Nays—None.

City Plan Commission

March 21, 1952.

Honorable Common Council:
Gentlemen—The Division of Slum Clearance and Urban Redevelopment of the Housing and Home Finance Agency has requested that the Gratiot Redevelopment Project Parcel Plan, as approved by your Honorable Body on October 19, 1951 and printed as page 2430A in the Journal of the Common Council, be amended to include the designated uses of the areas not to be sold or disposed of by the City of Detroit. These areas are (1) the Hastings Expressway Reservation of approximately 11.2 acres, (2) the Central Playground of about 8.8 acres, and (3) the Junior Playground of about 2.6 acres.

The Agency has further requested that the amended map indicate the current boundary of the project area.

In view of the above the attached map is presented for your approval and for publication in the Journal of the Common Council along with the resolution concurrently being submitted by the Housing Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE F. EMERY,
Director-Secretary.