

specifications will destroy the competitive character of the bid. To have that effect, the variation must be substantial. To be substantial, it must affect the amount of the bid. It must give the bidder an advantage or benefit not allowed to the other bidders. It must be an element considered in fixing the price."

It is the opinion of this office that the contract in question should be let to the second bidder, that being the lowest responsible bidder as defined by the courts.

Respectfully submitted,
STEPHEN J. CAREY,
Assistant Corp. Counsel.

Approved:
PAUL T. DWYER, Corp. Counsel.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:
Resolved, That the bid of the Elevator Construction and Service Co. for the Replacement of the Control Equipment of Electric Passenger Elevators 1, 2, and 3 at Receiving Hospital, Contract BH-56, be and is hereby rejected for the reasons stated in the foregoing communication; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Health be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation—Elevator Division, for the Replacement of Control Equipment of Electric Passenger Elevators 1, 2, and 3 at Receiving Hospital, Contract BH-56, in the amount of \$55,983.00, such being the price bid for Item 1 of the Proposal for this Contract; and be it further

Resolved, That the Controller be and is hereby authorized and directed to honor vouchers when presented, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and minor contingencies, as well as the Contract cost, and charge them to Account 136-3119-806.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

Detroit Housing Commission

February 15, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: John W. Smith Homes

(Mich. 1-6)

Dedication of Streets

Gentlemen—The John W. Smith Homes (Mich. 1-6) is a 210-unit low-rent housing project located at the corner of Evergreen and Lyndon, which was constructed in 1942.

We respectfully request that the main streets running through this project, viz.: Vaughan, Crescent Drive and Acacia, be dedicated in the same manner as other streets in the vicinity. Such action will, among other

things, enable the management to enforce traffic regulations within the project.

We are enclosing three prints of the site plan of this project upon which we have indicated the streets proposed to be dedicated.

Your approval of the dedication is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY J. DURBIN,
Director-Secretary.

Streets and Traffic
August 24, 1954.

REF: 540529

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning, herewith, the petitions of the Detroit Housing Commission requesting that certain streets and service drives in the Sojourner Truth Homes and the John W. Smith housing projects be accepted by the City of Detroit for street right-of-way purposes. We have made a careful investigation of these two projects and wish to point out the following conditions:

In the Sojourner Truth project, the service drives consist of either 20 or 30 foot right-of-ways and pavement widths of approximately 15 feet. Inasmuch as there are no curbs, sidewalks or street lighting provided for these service drives, it is our recommendation that this portion of the petition be denied.

In the John W. Smith homes, the street right-of-ways in general are 40 feet wide and the pavement widths vary from 18 to 26 feet wide. These streets more nearly approach the accepted standards for city streets inasmuch as they are provided with curbs, sidewalks and street lighting.

We are, therefore, respectfully recommending that the dedication of the streets in the John W. Smith homes project be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. MALO, Director,
Dept. of Sts. & Traffic.
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Acting Commissioner,
Dept. of Public Works.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the necessary land to provide for establishing Vaughan, Crescent Drive and Acacia Avenues, in the John W. Smith Homes be and the same is hereby allocated for street purposes in accordance with plan of the Detroit Housing Commission dated February 10, 1954.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

Detroit Housing Commission
August 31, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:
Gentlemen—Pursuant to authoriza-