



UL MEETING HOSTESSES Urban League Guild Members checking on last minute details for the 48th Annual Luncheon Meeting of the League, January 29th are left to right: Alice Taliaffero, national corresponding secretary; Gwendolyn Poindexter, talented seamstress who made the banner being inspected above; Alethia Mayo, president and Lucetta Pinkston, chairman of the Guild's 20th anniversary celebration.

CITY LIMITS

Urban Renewal Is On The Move

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Urban Renewal is on the move. The big shift is on! The citizens of the Hough community are, again, to be the innocent victims. With the area bounded by Superior Avenue, E. 85th Street, Hough Avenue and East 79th Street once having been designated as Phase II, we now find that the shift has been made to an area bounded by E. 79th, Chester Avenue, E. 71st St. and Carnegie Avenue.

Well on their way toward developing detailed plans for Phase II of the University-Euclid Urban Renewal Project, the City of Cleveland's Urban Renewal Department is again ignoring the rights and responsibilities on the citizens to be in on the initial planning of a program that will drastically determine or change their future.



Without any communication, whatsoever, with the local community and its residents, the move is on to get Phase II underway. Not only is this program moving toward detailed plans, but is also shifting from what was once designated as Phase II area.

With James Lister (now Executive Director of Urban Renewal) calling the shots, Phase II has been shifted to an area that consists primarily of large apartment buildings, large and small businesses, and large and small industries.....an area that would cater largely to the absentee owners, business man and the power structure. Historically, we know that this has been the story of Urban Renewal in Cleveland.

This new area would almost totally bypass the residential owner...calling a halt or cut-off of those improvements that would have begun (once they get started) in the original phase of the project.

Logically, and granted the progress in University-Euclid has not been in any way logical, the next phase of this program should be in an area that would bring to completion the steps started in Phase I.

A Walk-thru, planned to connect the Daniel E. Morgan recreation area at E. 92nd with the East High School recreation area at East 82nd Street, would be cut off at East 86th St. if the shift is final.

Kenmore Avenue, which has involved a large demolition area toward development as a minor traffic artery, running from Ansel Road to East 82nd Street, would be cut off at E. 86th Street if the shift is final.

A number of acres would be cut off from the large playfield to be developed in the Hough-Crawford area if this shift is final....all of these being features that "sold" the project to the community in the first place.

Furthermore, now financing tools that are available to the residents within a Urban Renewal Area, namely: the 3% direct loans and the direct grants up to \$1500, would be unavailable to these residents if the area for Phase II is shifted.

It is imperative that renewed commitments be made to the residents of the University-Euclid Urban Renewal area....

commitments to include the residential area in the Phase II project.

Councilman M. Morris Jackson, who has spear-headed the community's efforts to head off this shift, has been meeting with a number of local groups within the past few days. Out of these meetings, mobilization for a community rally has resulted.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1966 a "Rally for Survival" is being held at Fidelity Baptist Church, 8400 Wade Park Avenue at 7:30 pm. At that time, approval of a statement supporting Mr. Jackson will be voted upon.

Again, on Thursday, January 20, 1966, a citizen's group, led by Mr. Jackson will meet in Mayor Locher's office to discuss this issue and others important to the project. It is hopeful that the citizens' support will be quite evident in the outer-office and corridors.

If Phase II of the project is to serve the residents, this action is necessary.