

A new medical center has gone up. Charity Hospital, which is in the project, has built a fine new wing, and a very modern one.

The Boy Scouts of America have a lovely building there. There have been two big parking lots built.

Mr. WIDNALL. But, Mayor, how many residential units have gone into that St. Vincents project?

Mr. LOCHER. Only the ones that have to do with the housing for the elderly which is just now beginning there.

Mr. WIDNALL. How many units will be in that, do you know?

Mr. LOCHER. I think between 200 and 300. I am not certain. But it will be a large building.

Mr. WIDNALL. What is the estimated cost of the St. Vincents project?

Mr. LOCHER. I cannot tell you the total cost at this time.

Mr. WIDNALL. Can you submit an estimate for the record?

Mr. LOCHER. Yes.

(The information referred to may be found in the subcommittee files.)

Mr. WIDNALL. In the East Woodland project, I understand lawsuits have been filed against the city for breaking its promises, and your city—Leo Jackson, who seems to understand the problem pretty well, suggested turning it back to residential.

Now, before I see any money going to Cleveland in the demonstration cities program, I would like to know, is the city going to support the idea of residential renewal in East Woodland?

Mr. LOCHER. I am sorry I did not allude to that earlier when you asked be, but I forgot about it. But there is a lawsuit that stymied the progress there. It is before the common pleas court. We hoped for several months now we would have a decision, but we have not as yet.

But Leo Jackson, chairman of our urban renewal committee, and a very fine person, a very concerned person, has recently stated that he would like to see East Woodland revert back to a housing area. I would too, if I could, as mayor, interest a developer tomorrow in developing that area for housing, I would not hesitate a minute in asking council to change and then asking Chicago, HHFA, or HUD, to change it back to housing.

I would be for that in a second, if we could interest people in building the housing.

Mr. WIDNALL. The thing that I am interested in, as a member of this committee, and I am sure everybody on the committee also has the same feeling, is that we ought to take a good hard look at what has happened in some of these cities in the past and what has been accomplished through the use of urban renewal—whether or not the direction taken in the past has accomplished the results that we hoped for and the goals that we expect.

Now, I know in many, many cities there seem to be broken promises, there have been scores of displaced small businessmen who have not been able to get back in business again. We still have the continuing slum problems. They are increased, and not decreased, since 1949 when we started out in urban renewal.

We have got irate city councilmen all over the United States calling for a halt to the whole program, lawsuits involved.