

Urban Renewal Agency of  
the City of San Antonio  
Planning Committee Meeting  
Conference Room-Agency Office  
June 17, 1959

### PLANNING COMMITTEE TOUR

A tour of the project area was scheduled for 9:00 o'clock a.m. for members of the Planning Committee of the Urban Renewal Agency and those members from other Urban Renewal Committees who wished to familiarize themselves with the project site. Following the Planning Committee tour an informal meeting was held in the Urban Renewal Agency Office for the purpose of discussing the project area and methods of getting the Master Plan Program underway. Colored land use maps were prepared for each committee member.

During the general discussion, representatives from the Relocation Committee were interested in figures showing the number of families in the area and average incomes per family. Mr. Cano, Research Assistant, briefly outlined results to date of statistical surveys made by the Agency staff. Mr. Cano also advised the committee of other information available in the Agency Office to assist committee members.

Mr. John L. Dickson, San Antonio River Authority, member of the Planning Committee, noted that in 1955 when the City began buying expressway rights-of-way an expert had been called in to make a study of this area, as well as other areas in the City. It had been their conclusion that the area now known as Central West Area, Project I was best suited for light industrial and commercial development. After further discussion, it was the general concensus of opinion of the Planning Committee that, considering the unique tax structure, land located in the project area would bring in high tax revenue if developed as light industrial and commercial properties.

It was also suggested that thought should be given to the commercial and light industrial firms now located on Hoefgen Avenue which would be affected by construction of the expressway; that several of these firms had shown interest in the project area and should be contacted by the Planning Committee in order that they might be considered in the early planning stage and included in the Master Plan for the area.

It was suggested that the Urban Renewal Agency draw up a criteria to present to professional planners, and, that this criteria first be presented to the Planning Committee for study. A specification chart should also be prepared by the Agency in order that the planner would know what was expected of him by the Agency.

Chairman Thorne appointed Harvey Marmon, Joe Rainey Manion and Charlie Scheers as a sub-committee of the Planning Committee to work with the Agency staff in the preparation of a criteria for mailing to possible consultanting firms, allowing two weeks (from date of letter) for submittal of proposals. At the end of this period of time the sub-committee will select a firm for recommendation to the Urban Renewal Agency.

There being no further business before the Planning Committee at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 o'clock a.m.