

RELOCATION SUMMARY

PARCEL NO: 22-7/8-1

OCCUPANT: Mrs. Minnie Ramson and daughter

NEW ADDRESS: 612 N. E. Roselawn

Mrs. Minnie Ramson and her daughter, Miss Laurena Cannon, moved to the N. Failing Street property in November, 1956, and lived there continuously until the Portland Development Commission acquired the property in October, 1965.

In anticipation of this purchase, Mr. James Frazier of the PDC relocation staff visited with Mrs. Ramson. She was interested at first in low-cost public housing; then thought she would accept her son's offer to live with him; and then decided to rent a home. Mr. Frazier inspected a rental unit for her, only to find that she was no longer interested in it. In early November, Mrs. Ramson found another home, which Mr. Frazier also inspected. He found this home deficient according to Portland's Housing Code, and advised her to have the problems corrected before she moved in. Most of the repairs had been completed by November 12, when Mrs. Ramson moved to 36 N. E. Thompson. Two weeks later the PDC paid her moving costs of \$95.00.

Mr. Lawrence Monk, PDC relocation worker, visited with Mrs. Ramson in June, 1966. He found that she did not like her new home: it cost so much to heat that she finally had the gas company disconnect the furnace, and heated the house by burning wood in the fireplace. Mrs. Ramson felt that

the neighborhood would be all right if people would clean up the old burned-out skeleton houses. She later said of the area, "When I moved from Failing, I moved into the slums."

Mrs. Ramson moved again in early September, 1966, this time to a home which she purchased on N. E. Roselawn. Mr. Monk inspected this home in early November, 1966, and found it in very good con-

dition, with plenty of room for her and her daughter. Thereupon the PDC was able to pay Mrs. Ramson a Relocation Adjustment Payment of \$500.00.

Mrs. Ramson likes her new home and neighborhood. She now lives six blocks from the Allen's (22-10), who formerly lived on the other side of the same block. She is closer to other park-site relocatees who lived farther from her in the park: James Bethune (22-9), who lived in the upstairs apartment over the grocery store and operated its meat market, is now only two blocks away; also two blocks away is Miss Lillie Richardson (22-13). Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams (22-11/12) are now five blocks away. Yet Mrs. Ramson seems not to have strong ties to any of these neighbors, so their proximity is of no importance to her.

Mrs. Ramson has no real evaluation to make of the Park. However, she does wish that she still had her former house. "I lost, she said, "but it didn't make me no difference. If they wanted it, I wasn't going to stand in the way."