

RELOCATION SUMMARY

PARCEL NO: 22-10

OCCUPANTS: Lucious and Perry Lee Allen and children

NEW ADDRESS: 5305 N. E. Rodney Street

Lucious and Perry Lee Allen moved from 120 N. E. San Rafael to their Park Site home at 3914 N. Commercial Avenue in February, 1955. At that time they had five children, and the four-bedroom home was ample for their needs. During the course of their eleven-year residence there, seven additional children were born. Thus by the time the Portland Development Commission purchased their home in January of 1966, the Allen's were overcrowded. Mr. Allen operated a grocery store ten blocks to the east for some of the time, and worked irregularly with the shipyards on Swan Island.

In anticipation of the PDC's acquisition of the property, Mr. James Frazier of the Portland Development Commission relocation staff visited with the Allens in November, 1965. During January, 1966 the Commission did acquire the property, and the Allen found a duplex which they purchased and reconverted to a single dwelling unit. Mr. Chet Collingsworth, PDC rehabilitation advisor, inspected this home in mid-January and found that it met the Portland Housing Standards. Four of the five bedrooms are large enough to legally accommodate three children each, leaving the Allens with ample space. The Allens moved to their new home in mid-February, 1966, whereupon the PDC paid their moving expenses of \$110.00. Shortly thereafter, the PDC found them to be eligible for a Relocation Adjustment Payment in the maximum amount of \$500.00. Since their move, one more child has been born, leaving them adequate but not over-abundant room in their new home.

Mr. Lawrence Monk, PDC relocation specialist, visited with Mr. Allen in March, 1967 to evaluate his relocation. Mr. Allen says about his N. Commercial Avenue home, "It was all right. I like the place.

As far as moving goes, I didn't regret it. We have a little better surroundings, and more convenience. We were satisfied." He feels that the proposed ANIP Park "wouldn't hurt. There are quite a few families there that have children.

It would be nice for the neighborhood." He thinks the older of his children may use that park after its completion, since it is about 3/4 mile away; Peninsula is about 1/2 mile away.

Mr. Allen likes his present home and neighborhood. "This is a nice, clean neighborhood. I keep my place straightened up, and I help keep all the area that way: if I'm walking around and see a piece of paper on the sidewalk, I pick it up. And when I see a place on the house that needs painting, I get out a can of paint and paint it up. The neighbors appreciate that. We haven't had a minutes trouble here. Most of the neighbors made us feel welcome. Sometimes we run into our former neighbors, at the store or on the street. We get along quite well; we're slow mixers anyway, and we don't visit back and forth at all." Which is why, although the Rufus Williams family (22-11/12), formerly two doors away from them, now live only two blocks away, Mr. Allen was unaware of this, and had not visited with them. Other former neighbors near-by include Mrs. Minnie Ramson and her daughter, Lorena Cannon (22-7/8), formerly across the back alley from the Allens; Jim Bethune (22-9), who operated the meat market next door and lived in its upstairs apartment; and Miss Lillie Richardson (22-13) who lived four houses to the north. All of these relocatees now live five blocks from the Allens.

Since moving from the Park Site, Mr. Allen has again secured work with the shipyards, but at the time of Mr. Monk's visit was laid off due to a strike. Their N. E. San Rafael property is now rented, and the income from that home supplements his unemployment compensation.

Is there anything the Allens would do over differently? "Not that I can think of. We are about the same distance from the church as before. It's more convenient to the stores here -- TOO convenient for the kids." Mr. Allen feels that the PDC was "quite fair with everything" involved in his relocation: "I think you-all did a good job."