

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Belmont DeVilliers Neighborhood Association has for many years been working to enhance and revitalize its historic neighborhood on the west side of downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont DeVilliers Neighborhood has enjoyed several successes with regard to commercial development and streetscape improvements during the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the need for significant numbers of quality affordable and attainable housing units within the neighborhood still remains despite the best efforts of the community to date; and

WHEREAS, other communities have addressed such housing needs in their close-in older neighborhoods through one or more development partnerships with experienced national residential developers that have a proven commitment to the challenges of neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, development partners with proven records of engaging the community to obtain high-quality mixed-income residential developments of scale on scattered sites within a defined and planned area have yielded the most successful results over time; and

WHEREAS, a mixed-income housing development of scale that incorporates historic preservation, adaptive re-use, and appropriate new construction in-fill would be most advantageous to the process of further advancing our urban neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, successful mixed-income residential developments have development partners that understand the need for economic and social integration of the neighborhood, the need to stay involved in the community for the long-term, and the need to incorporate appropriate commercial and institutional uses with the new residential products; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pensacola and Escambia County are both considering resolutions establishing the need for such a development as top community priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BELMONT DEVILLIERS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION THAT:

Achievement of a mixed-income residential development of scale in the older neighborhoods around downtown should be clearly stated as a top priority goal for this community and for the furtherance of the revitalization of the Belmont DeVilliers Neighborhood; and the governing bodies of the City of Pensacola and Escambia County are encouraged to publically express such priorities in a way that any private development entity or entities experienced with such developments of scale in an urban setting would be encouraged to consider such a project in our community. Be is further noted that the Belmont DeVilliers Neighborhood Association

stands ready to assist and collaborate with any such entity in all ways possible to achieve the desired outcome.

Attested To:

Delores P. Curry

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Date