

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

MEMORANDUM

February 28, 1944

To: Community Council

From: Relocation Planning Commission

Subject: Relocation Planning Commission Background

It is necessary that every Councilman knows what is important that is taking place in this Project. Future plans of an individual or group of individuals are the vital concern of those people alone, hence, making it imperative in the interest of the community that each Councilman keeps up-to-date with the program and plans of relocation that are now being initiated.

The question is not are we going to relocate, but rather, how can we relocate and focus attention as well as stimulate thinking in this direction. One of the greatest contribution anyone of us can make now is the help that is given by you to set up a machinery through which others can promote their own relocation. We should strive to see whether or not each of us have a proper attitude and perspective that might be constructive and beneficial to the residents of this Center.

Realizing that the future includes post-war planning, immediate consideration and care are necessary, since no one else is more involved of this entire program than we ourselves. We are now, with the approval of this body, trying to provide the means through which personal planning of the future might receive the proper presentation and attention of the W. R. A.

The new applicants for membership to the Relocation Planning Commission are added on the present nucleus body through your approval. We meet periodically and whenever necessary. We do not speak in behalf of residents of this Center, but we do produce a cross section of opinions on plans and problems of relocation. We serve as a mouthpiece through which the Community Council, Block Managers, Farmers, Merchants or any other group might push their ideas and plans of relocation. We attempt to clarify, be informative, follow through ideas and suggestions of relocation, etc., as well as push a favorable public relation program both on the project and national levels. We are, through you,

recognize by the W.R.A.

For efficiency and quick action three members of the Relocation Planning Commission are elected to meet with a similar-numbered group of appointed personnel. This group with the Project Director as chairman, Chief of Relocation Division as executive secretary, and an executive secretary of the Relocation Planning Commission as ex officio member comprise the Relocation Executive Board. The setup is, thus, streamlined for work and action.

In order that the will and policies pertaining to resettlement of the Community Council might be carried out, the entire membership of the Community Council's Resettlement and Public Relations Committee is on the Relocation Planning Commission. Unusual amount of work will then be thrust on the shoulders of this Committee. We must realize that appreciation of your efforts to help are lost simply because we are trying to help individuals by group action and group participation. We have many shortcomings resulting from these group initiations, so we must count upon patience and care as our guide.

We must lay aside the trivial matters and concentrate upon the real issues. Whether we are for or against relocation is incidental to whether we think or plan for the future. Our children, our future, our plans, hence, become the problems of the first magnitude.

We need active participation along with active thinking from you. You are the elected leaders of our community. We must recognize our real needs and find successful fulfilments of these needs.

Respectfully submitted,

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Relocation Planning Commission