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Re: Recommendations for lot purchases

On January 4, 2005, the Housing Committee, which has been empowered by the Board of Directors of the Jordan Area Community Council (JACC) to make decisions and recommendations on its behalf in matters of Housing, met and passed a motion not to support the purchase of the vacant lot at 2027 James Avenue North. We therefore request that CPED not support the purchase for the following reasons:

- Two of the four upstairs bedrooms are too small with only 92 square feet in each and part of that space is taken up by closets.
- There was only one window on the left elevation and no ability to add more because of the modular nature of this home. Visibility is important in this neighborhood, and the proposed house design would leave the residents blind to what is going in the yard on this side of the house,
- There was no basement in the plan, only a crawlspace. The Ramdan representative said that a basement could be added, but that would not overcome the other deficiencies.
- There is no closet space on the first floor except in the bedroom at the back of the house. Thus, there is no place to hang up coats and scarves.

JACC is concerned that this house will be a difficult one to sell, and this would create problems in a neighborhood where there are already too many vacant houses. If it sold, JACC is concerned that it would not meet the needs of the large family for which it is designed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Titus  
Interim Executive Director