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Demolition of Homes to Begin in Six Months in University City

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The Redevelopment Authority said today it plans to begin demolition of houses in the University City Renewal Area 3 within six months.

Gustave G. Amsterdam, authority chairman, said this decision was reached after receipt of approval of the renewal plans from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Progress of the multimillion dollar renewal project has been stalled for three years by red tape and the protests of residents in the area bounded by 36th, 37th, Filbert and Warren sts., who wanted to retain their houses and fix them up themselves. The area comprises 7.6 acres of the 105-acre project.

Space Promised

Amsterdam said the authority pledged to the Federal Government that it will find space equivalent to the 7.6 acres and make it available to the residents.

Under this arrangement, Amsterdam said, residents who now own their homes will be able to own the new homes, and those renting will be able to continue renting.

Francis J. Lammer, authority executive director, said U. S. approval authorizes the borrowing of \$19 million-- \$12 million of it federal funds-- to acquire land in the area.

Land Condemnation

After bonds are issued for acquisition, he explained, the authority will send out notices of intent to condemn the land.

The University City plan calls for a \$100-million science center on 26 acres along Market st. from 34th to 40th sts.

Jean Paul Mather, executive vice president of the science center, said that in the next ten days he will meet with representatives of three major companies interested in locating here. Mather noted that the center has \$500,000 in research contracts.

Other University City plans include a 200-unit high-rise apartment house at 34th and Chestnut sts., a \$30-million expansion of the Presbyterian-University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, a \$10-million public high school and some expansion of Drexel Institute of Technology.

