

Presentation to the HOLLY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 27, 2023

RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

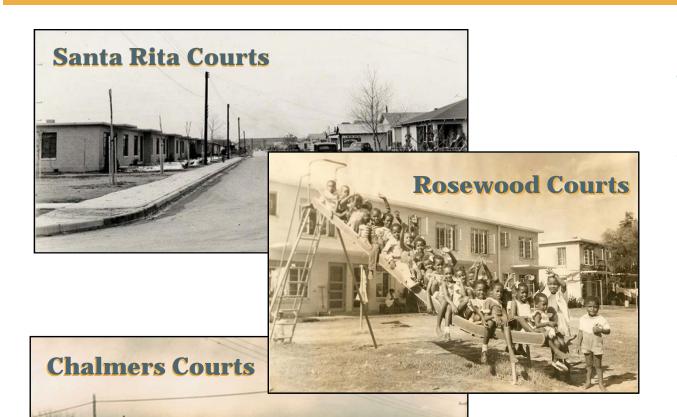
Housing Authority of the City of Austin



Pathways at Chalmers South



Public Housing in Austin in 1939

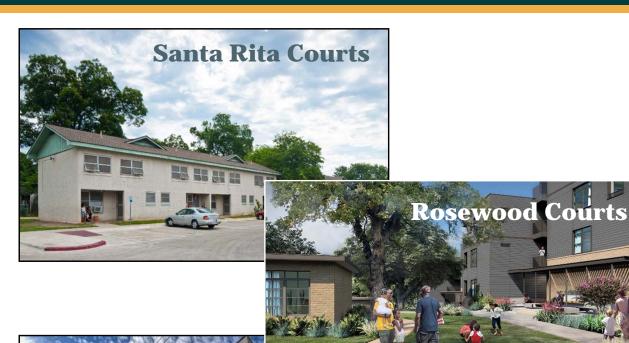


These properties—Santa Rita, Chalmers, and Rosewood--were among the first public housing projects created under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. The developments represented an important aspect of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal program and were intensely championed by then-Congressman Lyndon Baines Johnson. They were built by HACA in two phases from 1938 to 1940.



Chalmers Courts

HACA IN 2023



Under the Rental Assistance
Demonstration (RAD)
program, HACA's traditional
public housing transitioned to
a long-term subsidy platform
that allows for new resources
to upgrade properties.
HACA's primary goals:

- Revitalize aging facilities to expand the number of units serving low-income families;
- Providing residents with health and wellness services, job training, and educational support; and,
- Preserving the historic legacy of properties and maintaining neighborhood communities.



SANTA RITA – CURRENT STATE





- Antiquated/deteriorating building systems
- No Central AC (inefficient window units)
- Small living spaces
- Little to no accessibility for persons with disabilities

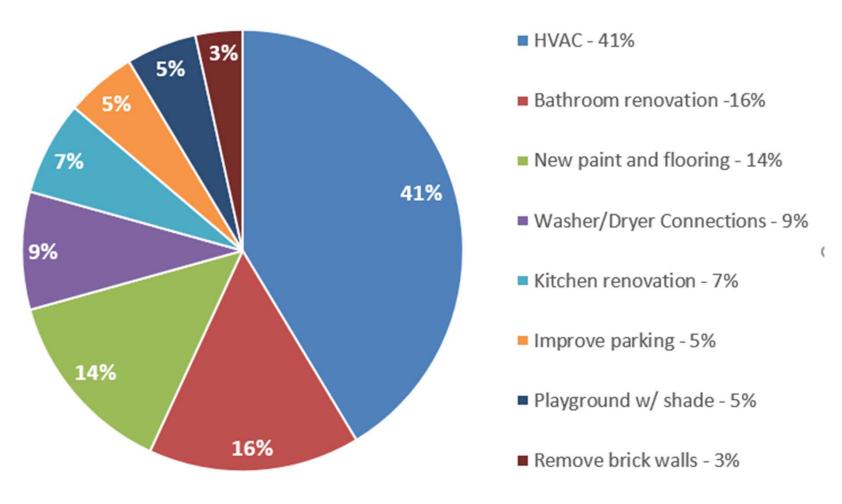




SANTA RITA SITEMAP - CURRENT STATE



HACA conducted a survey with residents for their priorities for desired improvements to the property. Here are their responses:





2023

- Planning and Design

2024

- Apply for funding

2025

- Construction



All dates subject to change and funding

SANTA RITA REDEVELOPMENT

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support redevelopment effort
- Provide feedback on design
- Share info with constituents
- Send comments to:
 AdelanteSantaRita@hacanet.org

Santa Rita Development

Meeting with Holly Neighborhood Association July 27th, 2023 @ Santa Rita Courts Community Room

Attendees

HACA Sandana PR Holly Neighborhood
- Sylvia Blanco - Paul Saldana - David Kinsey
- Tiffany Middleton - Marco Mancillas - Sandi Boone
- Angie Towne - Alyson Vargas - Vincent Moreno
- Ann Gass - Liam Donovan

Sylvia Blanco and Ann Gass presented the power point presentation and answered questions.

In summary, this is 84-year-old property has 97 units with antiquated/deteriorating building systems, no central AC, out of date amenities. HACA wants to inform the public of plans to redevelop Santa Rita and hear their concerns and what they would like to see at the new property. It is assured that there is a right to return policy for current residents in good standing, with the same subsidy applied.

Questions

Who is HACA? Are they part of the City of Austin?

How long do HACA projects usually take?

How was this site selected?

Where in the property will density go up?

What units are going to be demolished or kept?

How many units will be provided at market level?

What are examples of past engagement styles done specifically to identify design elements?

What are examples of design elements that exist at other HACA development sites?

How is HACA communicating with residents to express the way this project is empowering families?

Has HACA conducted follow-up surveys on past projects? If so, what were the questions and how have residents responded?

Will the courts remain?

- Expanded upon the history of Santa Rita Courts
- East Austin Barrio Landmarks: Santa Rita Courts

What is the timeline for the phases of the project?

- 2023 Planning and Design
- 2024 Apply for Funding
- 2025 Construction + Relocation

Who is the developer?

• Carleton Companies. Nelsen Partners is the architect.