

RESOLUTION NO. 2904-050

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) FOR THE USE OF THE 52HECTARE PROPERTY IN BARANGAY SAN PEDRO CUTUD, A PORTION OF WHICH CONTAINING A FIVE-HECTARE WILL BE UTILIZED AND DEVELOPED FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELOCATION OF FAMILIES AFFECTED BYTHE WIDENING OF RIVERS, CREEKS, AND "ESTEROS" IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

WHEREAS, the incumbent. administration has included the restoration of the San Fernando River and its transformation into a Venice-like tourist attraction as one of its eight point agenda which is also supportive of the 10-point agenda of the national government for the protection and preservation of the environment;

WHEREAS, problems on how to reclaim the riverbanks have been the main issue since most of the illegal structures identified are houses belonging to our less privileged constituents who have no other place to call home although their possession of the area is illegal, hence, can not be tolerated;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (a) of R.A 7279 provides that it is the declared policy of the state to uplift the conditions of the underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban areas and resettlement areas by making available to them decent housing affordable cost, basic services and employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, committed to the promotion of the general welfare of the Fernandinos, the Sangguniang Panhngsod deemed fit to immediately address this problem of reclaiming the riverbanks being used by illegal settlers to give way to the restoration of the San Fernando River and subsequently relocate those who shall be affected thereby;

WHEREAS, city officials headed by the City Mayor and City Vice-Mayor have held initial dialogues to identify an area for the relocation of the would-be displaced families and the National Housing Authority (NHA);

WHEREAS, to date, there exists a 52-hectare NI-IA property, the five-hectare of which could be very well used for the relocation of the families that are to be affected by the Restoration and or rehabilitation of the San Fernando River;

WHEREAS, upon motion of the Honorable Jaime T. Lazatin. duly. seconded by all Sangguniang Panlungsod members present;

NOW THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga in session assembled,

RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved to authorize the City mayor to negotiate with the National Housing Authority (NHA) for the use of the 52-hectare property in barangay San Pedro Cutud, a portion of which. containing five-hectare will be utilized and developed for the immediate relocation of families affected by the widening of river, creeks and "esteros" in the City of San Fernando Pampanga.

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be furnished Mr. Federico A. Laxa, NHA General Manager at his office address at Quezon Memorial Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY this 27th day of October 2004.