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Information About Datatel Building Demolition

August 23, 2002

The City of Alexandria has purchased the Datatel building at 3600 Mount Vernon Avenue, adjacent to St. Rita's church and school, for future economic development. Over the next few weeks, the building will be razed and the site will be cleared, making way for on-site parking for the community.

City of Alexandria staff have met, and will continue to meet, with the pastor and principal from St. Rita's to discuss plans for the building's removal and future uses for the site. The meetings have been very valuable in addressing concerns raised by St. Rita's, such as work hours, site access, noise and dust. Representatives from St. Rita's have provided very helpful input regarding the project.

Asbestos Abatement

As you may have observed, the City's contractor covered the doors and windows of the upper floor of the Datatel building on Friday, August 23. Beginning on Monday, August 26, workmen will remove a small amount of asbestos, seal it carefully in plastic, air-tight bags, which will be taken away from the site for proper disposal. The majority of the asbestos in the building was removed in 1996. The amount of asbestos to be removed is very small (about the size of 3-4 garbage bags) and steps are being taken to ensure the continued health and safety of the community. All asbestos abatement work will be performed by professionally-trained crews. The asbestos abatement is scheduled to be completed on Friday, August 30. Final air quality and complete decontamination will be validated by an independent environmental engineering firm. A copy of the certificate will be given to St. Rita's school principal.

Work Hours

The hours of work on the site have been scheduled to address concerns raised by St. Rita's and the City's desire to raze the building as quickly and safely as possible. City Code permits work to be conducted between 7 am and 6 pm, Monday through Friday and between 9 am to 6 pm on Saturday. The City has advised the contractor of the church's weekend programs. No work will be done on Sundays.

Demolition Will Begin in September

Utilities will be capped and a fence erected around the property beginning on Wednesday, August 28. Demolition is scheduled to begin September 6 with a wrecking ball. After the building is demolished, all debris should be removed and the site cleaned by September 27.

Access and Traffic Control

Access to and from Mount Vernon Avenue will be unavailable from St. Rita's during the demolition. The City is working with St. Rita's representatives to expedite student drop off and pick up. Due to safety concerns, a parking area currently used by St. Rita's adjacent to Datatel will be fenced in and used temporarily for the staging of construction materials. A tarp will be placed on the fence separating the school and job site to assist in keeping noise and dust to a minimum.

Information Exchange

The City will continue meeting with St. Rita's representatives regularly. Questions and concerns should be

addressed to George Delimba, Alexandria Office of General Services, 703.519.6500 ext 240.