

UIC develops plan to include Shareholder Homesite Development Concepts in Barrow housing plans



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UIC Manager, Ronald Brower, speaking before the NSB Planning Commission, informed the NSB that UIC has developed "Shareholder homesite Development concepts" which would be formally

introduced at the June 14 annual meeting.

Should the plan be adopted, the design and construction of custom homes could begin in the very near future.

This idea has been developing at the request and concerns of shareholders over current housing development in Barrow. The issues raised include the number of look alike housing being built and the desire for more individuality in Barrow's architecture. The multi-unit housing complexes are less desirable because they alter life styles of the out-doors, hunting oriented personality. Numerous

complaints were received about the amount of waste at the projects, and a concern over the

quality and adequacy of the houses to live up to Arctic weather effect.

The homesite development would expand Barrow to the South and the West, primarily, with possible construction at Birnik (shooting station).

This development would leave older homes and property in the city available for rehabilitation, and improve the shareholders equity in the process, since construction would occur through UIC construction, Inc.

UIC management voiced concerns over the general unclean, untidy appearance of Barrow, due to tremendous development under the NSB Capital Improvement Program, and called for more orderly development.