

PSU dedicates Crimson Village

Pittsburg State University and Pittsburg City officials today officially dedicated Crimson Village, a housing development for PSU students - especially those with families - who meet federal low- and moderate-income guidelines.

Speakers for both the university and the city praised the partnership between the two entities for taking a facility that had declined and turning it into a clean, safe and well-maintained complex that enhances the neighborhood around it.

Crimson Village, on east Ford Street just south of the Kansas Technology Center, is the former Bonita Terrace apartments. The apartments were constructed by a private developer in 1980 to serve persons meeting federal low- and moderate-income guidelines.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development foreclosed on the property in 2003 and transferred the title to the City of Pittsburg with the understanding that the property must continue to serve low- and moderate-income tenants. In 2003, the City of Pittsburg sold the property to PSU for \$10, which planned to use the property for PSU students – especially families – who meet federal low- and moderate-income guidelines.

After acquiring the property, PSU embarked on a \$1.2 million renovation of the apartments. Most of the work in the 40 two- and three-bedroom apartments was done by

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History

- Bonita Terrace constructed in 1980 by a private developer
- Served through 2003 as housing for persons meeting federal low- and moderate-income guidelines
- HUD foreclosed on the property in 2003
- June 2003 - City of Pittsburg purchased the property from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Purchase price: \$10. Simultaneously, the city entered into agreement with PSU to purchase the property, renovate it and operate it pursuant to HUD guidelines .
- 2003 - City of Pittsburg transfers title to Pittsburg State University.

Project scope

- Complete renovation of the property
- Work done by PSU personnel
- Completed in 2005

Project cost

- \$1.2 million
- Paid for by bonds

Use of the property

- Housing for PSU students, especially those with families, who meet federal low- and moderate-income guidelines

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PSU Physical Plant employees. In addition to cosmetic improvements, the apartments received new insulation, lighting, plumbing, HVAC, and appliances. Brightly colored playground equipment has been added and new landscaping has been installed.

The first occupants of Crimson Village began moving into the apartments in time for the fall 2005 semester and today, nearly one-half are occupied. For more information, please contact Connie Malle, director of University Housing, at 620-235-4793.

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