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OHA demolishes old church to pave way for expansion

Part of Orange's past made room for its future as demolition commenced on Wednesday, July 15, on the former Jerusalem Baptist Church.

The land was cleared to become home to the expansion of Walter G. Alexander Redevelopment, Phase IV.

Orange Mayor Dwayne Warren and Dr. Walter D. McNeil Jr., executive director of the Orange Housing Authority, were at the construction site to mark the demolition — the lat-

est chapter in an aggressive effort to revitalize the East Ward, once ridden with violence and crime.

Orange Housing Authority, with the support of the city, will be constructing affordable housing financed in part by tax credits.

Phase IV will comprise 44 units on 26 parcels. There will be a total of four two- and three-bedroom units on the site of the church, as well as four parking spaces.



From left, Project Engineer Maurice Brown, Orange Housing Authority Executive Director Walter McNeil and Orange Mayor Dwayne Warren observe the aftermath of the demolition of the former Jerusalem Baptist Church. At left are other photos of the church being torn down.

