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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders

FROM: Jack C. Delius, General Manager of Parks and Recreation *J*

In response to your request of March 19, 1968 we wish to supply the following information.

I have carefully read Chapter 10, "The Community Response," contained in the Report of The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and have compared the contents with your recommended 1968 City Services Program. I believe that the Administrative Organization, responsibilities, and recommended direct action, carefully reflects what the City of Atlanta should do in responding to the suggestions and conclusions on Civil Disorders. I certainly hope that we can obtain this summer City Services Coordinators. Last year I urged they be reconsidered for 1968 and they served a real purpose by taking a load off the operating departments in regards to screening certain complaints, some of which were unfounded, and passing on with proper emphasis those complaints which were fully justified. I am quite impressed with the staffing suggested for the Neighborhood Task Force. I am concerned and somewhat in a quandary about recommendations for the City-Wide Resources Task Force. On Page 3, Paragraph f., it is stated that each City department will make themselves available to each of the six Neighborhood Task Forces on a "as needed" basis. However, the second and following paragraph states that each representative will be serving full time, etc. I don't believe the Parks Department has enough administrative people to loan out and staff six Neighborhood Task Forces. We might use our six Recreation Supervisors, but one of them has been loaned to Model City, and each of the other five is responsible for a Recreation District as well as supervision of this summer's School/Park Recreation Program.

Last summer it was a pleasure working with the City Services Coordinator in that many unfounded complaints never reached our office but were analyzed and handled at the City Services Coordinator level. Those complaints that did get to this office were legitimate in nature and we attempted to handle them expeditiously. If the City Services

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Coordinator is not familiar with City Government he could in fact put an undue strain on the operating departments by agreeing with the neighbors to make certain requests and see that they were in fact complied with when, in truth, the department would be unable to comply.

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