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GENERAL MANAGER



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Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: EOA's Recreation Funds

Dear Charles:

As you know by now, Economic Opportunity Atlanta has had slashed from their budget appropriation all funds pertaining to Recreation and therefore cancelled as of December 31, 1966 the three separate and distinct contracts under which this department of City Government carried out specialized recreation programs. These programs were namely the Neighborhood Playlot Program, Summer Recreation and Job Opportunity for Youth (Operation Champ), and recreation for senior high rise apartment dwellers. It is the opinion of the undersigned and Miss Carmichael that the neighborhood playlot program takes priority over the two other projects. This opinion is one shared in by Mayor Allen.

The number of playlots continues to grow as we attempt to meet the needs and demands of citizens in deprived areas. It is anticipated that we will shortly have a total of twenty-one neighborhood playlots, two of which involve the renting of dwellings for a year-round type operation. Since the cancellation of EOA funds, we have continued operating a few of these playlots on a part-time basis, good weather permitting. The basic expense involved is one of salaries and the rather substantial expense of renting outdoor toilets. Salaries are being charged to account 780C, Extra Help, Umpires, etc. and the renting of the portable johns is being charged to 771C. Account 780C does not contain sufficient appropriations to carry on a full time summer program at these twenty-one locations.

For your information, the following playlots either exist or are under construction or in the negotiating stage:

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1. Rhodes St. Between Sunset & Vine (Vine City)
2. Magnolia and Maple (Vine City)
3. 373 Thurmond St., N.W. (Lightning)
4. Merritts & Bedford (Buttermilk Bottoms)
5. Gilham Park on Wade Ave. (Blue Heaven)*
6. Wylie & Tye (Cabbage Town)
7. Connally St. near Richardson (Summer Hill)*
8. McDaniel at Georgia Ave. (Mechanicsville)
9. Haygood & Crew (Summer Hill)
10. 255 Dodd Ave. Recreation Center (Mechanicsville)**
11. Windsor St. near Richardson (Mechanicsville)
12. Park Ave. & Lansing St., S.E. - no lease
13. Haynes and Foundry Sts., N.W. (Lightning) - proposed
14. Perry Blvd. and Lively St., N.W. (Perry Homes) - proposed
15. Hardee St. at Arberdeen (Blue Heaven) - proposed
16. Huff Rd. area in northwest Atlanta - proposed
17. Arlington Cir., N.W.*
18. 533-539 Central Ave. S.W.
19. Plunkett Town - to be located
20. Bender St. S.W. - to be located
21. 81 Little St., S.E. Recreation Center (Summer Hill)

* These are park properties owned by the Parks Department.

** Houses and lots are leased for \$100 per month. All other playlots are leased for \$1. per year.

We wish to advise you of all the expense that we can think of that will be encountered in the operation of these twenty-one locations. Therefore, the following is our basic and minimum requirements for the successful operation of the neighborhood playlots for the summer of 1967.

Playlots, 1967
Summer only

Salaries

We anticipate operating full time, six days a week, from 9 a.m. - 12 and 1 - 7 p.m., from Thursday, June 1 thru Monday, Labor Day, September 4. This is a ninety-six calendar day or eighty-two work day program. We will staff each playlot with at least one Community Recreation Leader making Range 34, \$15.70 per eight hour day, \$1.96 per hour. All Recreation Leaders will be under the direction of a Recreation Supervisor making Range 45, \$24.95 per eight hour day, \$3.12 per hour. The Supervisor will work a total of 54 hours per week.

As the above list indicates, there are approximately twenty-one playlots to operate. Of these, a total of fourteen are existing and seven are under development or the land is in the process of being leased. Each lot will have supervision for a total of nine hours per day, fifty-four hours per week, or eighty-two work days for a total of 738 hours. A total for all lots of 14,760 man hours of Community Recreation Leaders time, amounting to \$38,929.60; plus the Supervisors time amounting to \$2,302.56 for a grand Recreation salary total expense of \$31,232.16. (830C)

Presently, four men each are working thirty-two hours per pay period doing clean-up and maintenance work on the existing playlots. This four man crew consists of a Park Foreman II, (2) Labor Foremen II, and (1) Laborer. They are paid straight overtime on the basis of a Park Foreman II, Equipment Operator I, Labor Foreman II, and one Laborer's pay. I would suggest this arrangement be maintained since most personnel declined to work overtime and these individuals are willing to work. Park Foreman II earn \$3.53 per hour; the Equipment Operator I is paid \$1.88 per hour; Labor Foreman II is paid \$2.33 per hour; and the Laborer is paid \$1.59 per hour. These men will be involved in approximately ten pay periods at 32 hours per pay period times \$9.23 per hour for a total of \$1,453.60. (Maintenance is a twelve month item - this figure is just for the summer) Thus, total Recreation and Maintenance salary cost will be \$32,686.00.

We will keep as many Recreation positions vacant as possible during the winter months, thus hoping to accrue approximately \$32,000 to hire additional Community Recreation Leaders as needed, in unnumbered positions, plus limited maintenance expense, during this summer.

Auto Allowance:

The Supervisor will draw \$50 per month car allowance. A total car allowance will be for 96 calendar days times \$1.66 per day for a total of \$159.36.

Transportation:

Last year we spent approximately \$4600 on transportation in the playlot program alone not counting "Operation Champ". This year the Parks Department's thirty passenger (for kids) bus will be used to the maximum. Children will be carried to (1) Cyclorama, Zoo, and special lecture by herpetologist; (2) State Capital, City Hall; (3) Greenhouses, Training Center, lecture on insects by Dr. Buchanan at Piedmont Park. Three trips per lot times 20 lots is 60 trips in the 82 work day program.

Games, Supplies & Rentals: (771C)

\$100 per playlot times 20=	\$ 2,000
Portable toilets at \$40 per mo. times 20 locations times 3 mo. =	<u>2,400</u>
	\$4,400

Maintenance: (813C)

\$100 per playlot x 20 =	\$ 2,000
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Equipment: (570C)

11 lots to be equipped at \$200 each =	\$ 2,200
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Special Project Expense: (771C)

Refreshments, awards day picnic - estimated	\$ 2,000
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Rentals

255 Dodd Ave. is \$100 per mo. x 3 mo. =	\$ 300
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81 Little St., S.E. (Summer Hill) rent to be paid by Citizen's Trust Co. as a donation to the City of Atlanta at \$100 per month.

Utilities: (771C) - lights

Two houses at \$10 per mo. for 3 months =	\$ 60
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Account 714C: (Fuel)

Two houses at \$20 per month for the fall and winter if the program is successful - not figured in this proposal.

We are holding to an average of 12 vacancies in the Recreation Division (Account 830C) and we should come very close to having a \$32,686 surplus for salaries. We ask that you make this money available in unnumbered positions for the individuals involved in the operation of the playlots and we also ask that you authorize expenses for automobile allowance amounting to \$159.36. We will make every possible effort to absorb the additional cost for games and supplies which we will charge to Account 771C; for maintenance to the lots which we will charge to Account 813C; for equipment which we will charge to Account 570C; for special projects expense which we will charge to Account 771C; and, for rentals which we will charge to Account 771C.

We will be as conservative as possible but these are the figures arrived at after careful consideration and we are advising you of the financial aspect at the earliest time possible.

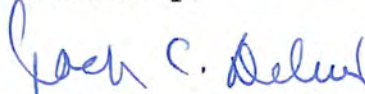
Although Mayor Allen made no commitment as to supporting us in our desire for additional funds for carrying on the neighborhood playlot program I believe I am at liberty as quoting him as saying to "Do your very best to carry out this top priority project and if you get into an impossible situation financially, let me know, and perhaps some emergency appropriations can be made, etc. ..."

The above appears to solve the problem of summer operations but leaves unanswered the long and beautiful fall and spring days - and for that matter some winter days - when the playlots should be operated. In addition, it appears we will have two houses rented which will operate the year-round as Recreation Centers in conjunction with the playlot program. We must arrive at some solution as how to fund the salary, supply and rental - utility expenses involved. I would hope that we would not have to cut back existing and regular services in order to carry out this vital program.

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Again, let me emphasize to you in writing that we are sorry to bother you as busy as you are with these details and we wish to thank you for your usual fine cooperation, and I am

Cordially,



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