

M I N U T E S

MODEL CITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 16, 1969
10:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Model Cities Executive Board was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall. The following members were present:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Representative John Hood
Mr. Clarence Coleman
Alderman E. Gregory Griggs
Alderman G. Everett Millican
Mr. J. D. Newberry
Dr. C. Miles Smith
Mr. Joe Whitley

Absent:

Mrs. Mattie Ansley
Commissioner Sam Caldwell
Deacon Lewis Peters
Mr. Bill Wainwright
Mrs. Martha Weems
Commissioner Walter Mitchell

Other City officials, representatives from neighborhood organizations, the general public and the press were also present.

The Chairman, Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., called the meeting to order. He then entertained a motion for the adoption of the November 18 Minutes. It was so moved and unanimously approved without correction.

REPORT OF THE MASS CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

There was no report of the Mass Convention Steering Committee due to the absence of Deacon Peters.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. C. Miles Smith reported that a group consisting of Mrs. Nixon of the Better Health Corporation; Dr. Swerdloff, Model Cities Health Planner and himself went to Charlotte, North Carolina to view their Health Program. He stated that their program was well under way and listed the three major projects they are trying to implement.

After hearing the report, Mr. Hood moved that the Board not accept the report because the other members of the Committee were not involved. Mr. Newberry seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson then explained to the Board that the function of the Special Committee on Health was formed to review the Health proposals received for the program and that Dr. Smith went to Charlotte on an information and fact-finding tour. He stated that Davey Gibson would report further on the status of the present Health programs. Mr. Hood then requested that his motion be held in abeyance until Mr. Gibson's report is heard.

Mr. Gibson read and distributed copies of the position of the Model Cities staff on the Health component. The report contained considerations and recommendations of the staff in dealing with the present Health proposals.

After hearing Mr. Gibson's report, Mr. Hood withdrew his motion with hopes that the Health Committee will work and act as a committee in the future.

Dr. William Dowda, president-elect of the Fulton County Medical Society made comments relative to the report read by Mr. Gibson and requested that the two medical societies of Atlanta, the Health Committee, and the health planners get together as soon as possible so that the Health programs can get underway.

Mr. Coleman moved that the report of the Committee be accepted as information and referred to the Health Committee for further consideration. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Southern Railway Up-Date

Mr. Johnson brought the Board up-to-date on the problem with Southern Railway. He pointed out on a map the land involved and outlined the alternatives that the City departments, the Model Cities staff and the community residents think could be a workable solution.

The following items were presented for the Board's approval:

Atlanta Girls' Club

This project involved the capital improvement of the Atlanta Girls' Club on South Boulevard and was being held for further consideration by the Review Committee since the agency was considered a semi-private agency. Mr. Millican stated the the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Girls' Club had agreed to deed the property involved to the City and in turn the City construct a facility and lease the property back to the Girls' Club for \$1.00 a year. Mr. Millican moved that the Board approve this proposal in concept and refer it

to the City Attorney for preparation of a deed and lease agreement between the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Girls' Club. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Atlanta Youth Council

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to approve a proposal by the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council in the amount of \$68,920. The Youth Council has re-structured its original proposal that was deleted from the program by the Review Committee. Mr. Lewis Dinkins, Acting Director of the Youth Council stated that they had deleted some of their projects and paired others and they feel that they can adequately carry out their projects on a budget of \$68,920. It was then moved and seconded that the Youth Council's proposal be approved. The motion was approved by the Board.

Management and Operation of Model Cities Complex

Mr. David Caldwell requested authorization to transfer \$21,686 to the Administrative Budget to facilitate the increase in money needed for operation and maintenance of the Model Cities Complex. He also asked for authority to amend the existing contract with Strength Cleaning Company by \$1,354.00 per month for 7 months for additional maintenance service. Mr. Caldwell distributed copies of the breakdown of the request. Mr. Coleman moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Lease with Atlanta Housing Authority

Mr. Johnson asked the Board's approval for authority to enter into contract with the Atlanta Housing Authority to lease the land that the Model Cities Complex is now located on. It was moved and seconded that authorization be given. The motion was seconded and approved.

Urban Design Framework

Mr. James Wright requested that the Model Cities Program be allowed to solicit the services of several prominent architects to develop an urban design framework to coordinate all architectural construction in the Model Neighborhood Area. The total cost of the project is \$5,120 for expenses of the consultants invited to participate in the sessions. Mr. Coleman stated that in addition to the six consultants invited to the sessions, that local black architects should be contacted to participate also. Mr. Wright said that this would be done. Mr. Coleman then moved for approval of the request but to add some black architects to the list of consultants. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Carpenter's Residential Training Program

Mr. O. D. Fulp requested approval for the Georgia State Employment Service to subcontract with the Residential Carpenter's Union in the amount of \$5,871 to train area residents in the carpentry skills. Mr. Hood moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moody spoke to the Board as a representative from the Mechanicsville Civic League. He distributed a list of grievances and complaints that his group wanted brought to the Board's attention. The Chairman thanked Mr. Moody for his comments and stated that the requests would be referred to the administrative staff for a report at the next meeting.

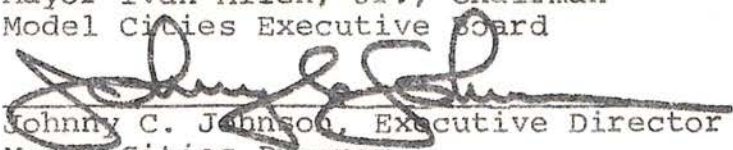
At this point, Mr. Millican stated that this would be his last time meeting with the Board and that he had enjoyed working with the program. The Chairman asked that the appropriate resolution be prepared to commend Mr. Millican for his service and dedication to the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Coleman made comments about the progress of the program and commended Mayor Allen for the outstanding leadership he has given to the program. He moved that the Board unanimously endorse his leadership. His motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Model Cities Executive Board



Johnny C. Johnson, Executive Director
Model Cities Program