

September 15, 1967

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am sure you would be interested in learning of the reactions of the members of the Nash-Bans Coordinating Committee to the progress report made by their selected representatives who met with you in your office on the morning of September 13, 1967, at your invitation.

The extent to which the cooperative relationship being planned between the committee and representatives of the departments of the City Government having responsibility for Urban Development to enhance the welfare of all the people living in the area can be outstanding; if the sentiments expressed become a functional reality.

There were two questions raised however, that the committee could not answer: (1) Why the names of the total membership of the Nash-Bans Committee which the special committee was authorized and instructed to present to you, did not appear in the news release? It would help if you would advise us as to what circumstances could be indicated that the names were presented to and accepted by you.

(2) In the light of the agreement reached which provides that all future developments in the Nash-Bans area would represent a cooperative enterprise in which there would be participation of representatives of the neighborhood, this would suggest that at an early date a conference might be held with Mr. Rodney Cook, of the city department of Urban Renewal, Mr. Collier Gladin, of City Planning and Dr. Edward S. Cook, of the Board of Education. Through such a conference a complete picture of the calculated developments in immediate contemplation may be given. This, of course, would include schools, parks, playgrounds etc. It would also answer the question as to the extent to which the building of a school should take into consideration the overall plan of development for the Nash-Bans Area.

If you find yourself in agreement with what is being suggested it would be appreciated if you would give the persons at the top operative level the benefit of your reaction.

Sincerely yours,

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