

REPORT OF EDGEWOOD-KIRKWOOD TEAM

The first neighborhood meeting of the Edgewood team was held on February 14th-- there were approximately 150 people present. Panel members present were Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Mr. "Buzz" Ryan, Mrs. Sara Baker and Mrs. Mary Stephens--also in attendance was Commission member, Mr. C. G. Ezzard. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Douglas.

Approximately 16 persons spoke of the problems in their communities. Names, address' and specific problems were recorded by Mrs. Thomas, secretary and are on record in the Commission office.

The problems related include the need for recreation facilities, better street-lighting and resurfacing, police protection, rubbish collection, code enforcement and low cost housing. Several persons spoke of the problems encountered by their area being in the City of Atlanta, yet in Dekalb County.

Mr. Douglas, on behalf of the Commission promised our help in referring these complaints to the proper city department.

Mrs. Baker suggested that the team take a guided tour of the area. Several of the civic leaders present offered to work up an itinerary. Plans for this tour will be worked out later, whenever we can determine a mutually convenient time.

Mr. Ezzard spoke to the group assembled on trying to establish good relationships with the white residents remaining in the community to encourage them to remain. He told of the work that had been done in his own community in this line.

This meeting showed that most of these problems are the result of lack of comprehension on what is and is not city responsibility and lack of know-how as to what city department to contact when-ever the need for city services arises. We see here a need for our services in better informing and clearing up this confusion.

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