

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, September 14, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room 4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Paul Muldawer, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secty.
W. L. Calloway
Samuel I. Cooper

Franklin M. Garrett
Julian Harris
Mrs. Edith Henderson

Guest present:

Mr. Lyman Roberts - Housing Assistants Administration

Minutes of the August 24 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Muldawer, assuming the duties of the chair in the absence of Mr. Perrin, reported on the following correspondence:

1. Letter of September 1 from Mr. Howard Openshaw, Atlanta Housing Authority, re the proposed redevelopment of the business district in the West End Urban Redevelopment Project Area, as reviewed by the Commission at its last meeting. The "Housing & Urban Renewal Review Committee" of the ACDC has forwarded its report to the AHA.
2. Letter of September 7 to Mr. Erman Williams, Director of Housing Development Division, Housing Assistants Administration, inviting a representative of the HAA to meet with the Commission on September 14 re proposed "turnkey" housing projects. Mr. Lyman Roberts will appear later in the meeting in this regard.
3. Letter referred to the ACDC from Mr. Jake H. Wilensky, with attached correspondence from Dayton, Ohio, concerning the appearance of vacant lots. Mr. Muldawer suggested that this matter be handled by the appropriate committee.
4. Letter of September 7 to Mr. Ray A. Nixon, Director of Public Works, re amendment to the ACDC's report on the proposed bridge ordinance.

The vice-chairman initiated a discussion of the proposed underground development, and stated his concern that the area be tastefully and properly restored and developed. He suggested that the property owners of this area be invited to meet with the Commission to discuss the potential of the area, and to see if they are interested in leasing the property.

Mr. Harris made the following motion, which passed:
"That the owners of the property involved in the "Underground Atlanta" area be invited to a meeting of the Civic Design Commission and sound it out as to their interest in and willingness to lease their property to a bona fide developer."

It was requested by the members that the letters be forwarded to the property owners one month in advance. Mr. Muldawer stated the names of the property owners are available.

ROBERTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Lyman Roberts of the Housing Development Division of the Housing Assistants Administration, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Muldawer explained that at its last meeting, the Civic Design Commission had reviewed a proposed "turnkey" project, at which time there were several comments made about some aspects of the project which could be improved. He added that the Commission is concerned with quality, especially in one of the first turnkey projects, as it can set a precedent for others, and that a representative of the HAA was invited here to begin a dialogue to see how the Commission can be of help.

Mr. Roberts explained the review procedure of the local HAA office, and passed around for review of the members the Outline of the Turnkey Method. Mr. Muldawer stated that at the request of the ACDC, Mayor Allen had written a memo to the Atlanta Housing Authority requesting that all turnkey projects come before the Commission for review. Mr. Roberts was asked if he felt it would be beneficial if the ACDC reviewed the project and forwarded its comments to the HAA prior to the review by that office. Mr. Roberts stated he feels this is an excellent suggestion, which would help and give re-enforcement to the HAA review.

Mr. Muldawer added that several months ago he and Eric Harkness of the City Planning Department started working on Design Criteria for the Mayor's Housing Program, and if this criteria can be developed, would the local HAA support the criteria and work with the Commission in encouraging better design. Mr. Roberts replied that he feels his organization would support this, and welcomes what the Commission is doing. He added that he will forward to the members of the ACDC the HAA Design Criteria, which is being published.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Ferst stated that she hopes a joint committee meeting with Committee #6 (Communication) and Committee #10 (Planning) can be held before the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary