

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Minutes of Commission Meeting, October, 27, 1967

Members present: Butler, Hallinan, Sells, Alexander, Baker, Maxwell
Patterson, Stephens, Attridge, Lee, Ezzard, Ryan,
Pilcher, Paschall and Kaler.

Mr. Irving K. Kaler, Chairman presided. He presented Mr. Reginald Carter, Community Relations Assistant, and Mr. Jim Lindskoog, SIMS Intern, to the Commission and commended them on the job they are doing.

Mr. Kaler then introduced a delegation of Teacher Corps trainees from the University of Georgia under the leadership of Dr. Harry B. Williams. Archbishop Hallinan introduced his visitor, Father Joe Connolly, a member of the agency for Baltimore, Maryland, similar to the CRC. Mr. Bob Hughes, Atlanta representative for the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department of Justice, gave a brief explanation of his job.

Mr. John Evans, chairman of the Kirkwood Chapter of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, commended the Commission on its efforts to date, said the Commission is needed and hopes as years go by, it will become more forceful.

Mr. Edward Moody, Mechanicsville Civic League: "Concur wholeheartedly in part with what has been said. CRC will probably get criticism from Aldermanic Board, but if they're going to condone evil but give you power to fight it - makes no sense. Discriminatory practices basis of all problems. If you're (CRC) going to be the organization to bring problems to, we are going to expect you to do something about it." Mr. Alexander said he agreed, that when CRC started out, "Said not going to be a popularity contest, must be trouble-shooting. At every meeting there might be controversy, should have somebody from the staff or from the Commission there to see what happens." He moved that any time there is controversy or controversy expected, some member of staff or Commission be there to observe.

Discussion of this: Mr. Attridge stressed ---"Not participate, observe", Mrs. Patterson said she was asked not to come to Vine City; Mr. Butler said he "wouldn't want to go out and arbitrarily represent" the Commission. Rabbi Rothschild referred to the "Ad Hoc Committee that already exists". Mr. Kaler asked that the motion be deferred until a later meeting when job descriptions for the staff would be considered, in light of the first year's experience. He said staff participation should not be rigid, matter of judgement; no disparity between points of view expressed. Mr. Alexander agreed to table the motion. Archbishop Hallinan expressed need for clarification of role of staff and Commission and his concern for the Commission to act preventively in the interest of justice.

Mr. Kaler introduced Mr. Tom Oxnard, editor of the Weekly Star, and praised his courageous fight against the "flight of citizenry". Mr. Oxnard said he had been asked to serve on a temporary sub-committee to try to get education about neighborhood stabilization through the mass media, would like to say they have the support of the Commission and not "just Tom Oxnard and Jim Costen sticking our necks out".

Mr. Kaler asked that the question be delayed until next month. Mrs. Paschall explained that at the monthly informal meetings of persons working in the field of housing, it had been agreed that a great need is for education of the total community about the problems of neighborhood stabilization and Mr. Oxnard had agreed to serve as chairman of a temporary committee to suggest plans for that.

Mrs. Xerona Clayton gave a brief explanation of SWAP for the benefit of the Teachers Corps group.

Mr. Maxwell reported on progress in the establishment of advisory committees with persons from the business community, "We've 30 who have agreed to serve, trying to arrange a meeting with the Mayor; plan to form 3 committees - housing, education, and employment. There would be at least 1 member of the Commission on each committee".

Mr. Moody reported that in the Model Neighborhood area, houses are being torn down and before the federal programs get funded, the land will be bare. "What can the Commission do to help"? Mr. Ezzard confirmed these reports.

The Reverend Clyde Williams, Chairman of the Grass Roots Council, made remarks as follows: "He came to the meeting out of real concern, to get the Commission to look at some of the problems:

1. Whole matter of police-community relations, not saying police brutality but relationship between police and the citizens.
2. Housing - places both fire traps and health hazards, even though some property tied up in injunctions, could they be approached from fire and health standpoints?
3. What are the contractors doing business with the city? Need to know the companies so can determine if there is discrimination."

Senator Sells said, "The contractors doing business with the city are a matter of public record." Mr. Wyant said, "This is a function of the City Attorney, Commission not enforcing or investigation body." Rev. Williams said, "If it is a matter of concern to the Commission, then Commission should be concerned". Mr. Alexander said lots of things on the books not being implemented. This group (Grass Roots Council) is entitled to the list and if they have complaints which are not satisfied by appealing to the City Attorney, then they should come to the Commission.

Rabbi Rothschild asked whose concern it is to implement the ordinance. Mr. Pilcher said no means for implementation, it is anticipated that the aggrieved person will bring charges; only thing contractor required to do is to sign affidavit. Mr. Wyant said not the business of this body to check. Rabbi Rothschild said it is the business of the Commission to resolve problems before they become problems. Mr. Attridge said we don't want to assume discrimination. Rev. Williams said, "We've had a history of discrimination". Rabbi Rothschild moved that a resolution be sent to the Aldermen commending them for passing the ordinance but urging provision for it's implementation. Passed Mr. Kaler urged Rev. Williams to come back to the Commission if he had trouble with the City Attorney.

Rev. Williams commended the Commission as a good sounding board and said, "We need the Commission, the Commission needs us".

Mr. Kaler asked what he meant about police-community relations. Rev. Williams said, "There is a breakdown in communication between citizens and police". Mr. Attridge referred to the program of the Atlanta Bar Association. Rev. Williams said he was familiar with that and has attended their meetings.

Mr. Alexander asked that the Executive Director check on situation regarding civil defense employment. Mr. Kaler said that is being explored.

Mr. Ezzard said he wanted to report an incident in which a courteous police officer, at the Greyhound Bus Station, averted trouble. He called attention to the fact that about a year ago a meeting was called by the Chairman of the Grass Roots Council, Mr. Benny T. Smith, and the idea of this Commission was formed. Grass Roots organization should be given report of year's activity. Mr. Kaler said the November meeting will be an anniversary meeting and the Grass Roots Council will be recognized.

Mr. Ezzard raised a question about the Wren's Nest, but was asked to to withdraw it in the absence of Miss Helen Bullard, Chairman of that committee, until Miss Bullard's report.

Mr. Kaler reported several requests for public meeting on the school issues. He said that in the absence of Rev. Samuel Williams, who had been so active in those matters, would delay discussion, but that he wanted it "clearly understood that the policy position of the Chamber of Commerce is the position of the Chamber of Commerce, that the position of the Commission will be delineated after a meeting about schools".

Mr. Kaler announced appointments to three year terms to the Commission those who had been appointed last November for 1 year terms, namely, Mrs. Sara Baker, Miss Helen Bullard, Mr. R. J. Butler, Mr. Robert Dobbs, Mr. C. G. Ezzard and Mr. Joseph A. Wyant.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Meeting was held with Legislators on October 11; November meeting of the Commission will be changed to November 17th due to Thanksgiving.
2. The OEO Multi-purpose Training Center at Atlanta University, headed by Dr. Tilman Cothran, has contacted the Commission office with a proposal that a graduate sociology student be placed in our office as an intern later this year. Approved.
3. Mrs. Minnie Thomas has resigned to accept a secretarial position at Morris Brown College. The Director was authorized to write her a letter of thanks on behalf of the Commission. The Personnel Department is helping with personnel changes.
4. The new Information Desk in the lobby of City Hall is under Mr. Monroe, the Superintendent. The Commission has provided information and will continue to work cooperatively with this.
5. Mr. James Parham of EOA and General Sutherland, City Personnel Director, have expressed willingness to meet with the Commission and plans are being arranged with them.
6. The Commission was asked last summer by the Mayor's office to assist 2 families trying to find space in trailer parks, a family of a veteran and the other of a service man. Both families are Negro; neither has been able to find space; both feel they are being discriminated against on the grounds of race. The Commission staff has visited all trailer park managers association, suggested need for an additional park, which would be built "integrated".
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7. In the area of housing/we have continued the monthly meetings of persons working with housing. Mrs. Mary Stephens, Commission member who works with housing at Pittsburgh EOA Center, said she had found the meetings most helpful; (2) Continued calls for emergency housing beyond limited facilities of Salvation Army; (3) Continued problems of evictions from private property code enforcement in Model Neighborhood area has resulted in demolishing homes, still uncertainty over plans, difficult to get loans to rehabilitate homes.
8. Schools - Total increase in enrollment in high schools in October School Board report - 186; 377 decrease in total enrollment at Archer, Price, West Fulton, Turner; Protests have been made against portables being built at these schools, some demonstrations against efforts to build them at Turner.

9. Vine City - Mr. Carter went to "riots" at request of Mr. Alexander Chairman of the Team for that area. (Written report attached).

10. Employment meeting, October 26th, had very good response. Persons working in programs of employment were invited, about 100 attended morning session and 50 in afternoon. Director requested report from Mr. R. J. Butler, who presided at the meeting.

Mr. Butler reported that those attending included the EOA Administrator the Atlanta Director of the Georgia State Employment, the President of Clark College, Staff members from EEOA Regional office. He said he felt the meeting was helpful, that the interest was so great the meeting continued until 5, instead of adjourning at 4. Mrs. Paschall said a detailed report of the meeting will be sent to Commission members and that the findings of the meeting will be used in making recommendations about a Commission program in employment.

Office Space - Mr. R. Earl Landers, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, has said space is available in the old City Auditorium, at no expense to the Commission. Some remodeling would be done, and it would provide ample quarters for the proposed program for next year. It is suggested that the Youth Council and the Commission might share the space to advantage of both. Mrs. Paschall recommended that this be done. Mr. Kaler said he was to see the Mayor and would talk with him again about space in the City Hall before any final decision.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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Staff Report on Vine City, October 22 - 23, 1967

[Reginald Carter]

It was reported by Atlanta's news media and by "Word of mouth" that on Sunday, October 22, 1967, several residents of the Vine City community had been arrested. One was "beaten" prior to his arrest.

I met and talked with residents of the community and interested persons, and learned from Mrs. Betty Holland [a resident of 675 Magnolia Street, SW., Ja5-2383] that the incident came as a result of some men gambling in the area of Magnolia and Sunset, were asked to move on by the police. The men responded to the police order, but they did not move out of the area when asked to "move on". Officer Phillips began to beat Mr. Partridge, and subsequently knocked him out. Later other officers [who were white] joined Officer Phillips in the beating. Mrs. Holland felt as though the beatings were unnecessary since Mr. Partridge was hand-cuffed. Several other men were arrested on this day, giving rise to tensions. There were no further incidences on this evening.

On October 23, I received word that a meeting was going to be held at the corner of Magnolia and Sunset that evening at 8:00 P.M. I visited the area that evening to find no formal meeting in process, but that what seemed like hundreds of people gathered in the street, not to riot but to protest for the blight and maltreatment by the police in their community. People burned trash in the street, broke in and looted several neighborhood grocery stores. They sneered at policemen and tried their patience. However the police, despite the acts of protest, basically had the situations under control. After the second store had been broken into and looted, Senator Leroy Johnson, Alderman Q.V. Williamson, attempted to "restore order".

The crowd had assembled on the corner of Magnolia and Maple at the request of the above mentioned persons. Order was being restored and an appeal was being made to disperse. It was at this time that Captain Little of the Atlanta Police Department came into the area with armed policemen carrying riot guns, etc., and ordered the people off the street. He threatened to arrest them if they did not obey. The people ran in all directions screaming from fear of what may have developed into a shooting melee. One man who was on crutches was moving too slowly for the policemen and was nearly arrested. Tempers were heightened, and screams and shouts were heard such as: "They are always coming in making people get off the street"....."We can't even hold a peaceful meeting"....and "Look, they always give the white policemen the shot guns to kill us".

The policemen forced people off the streets, out of their yards, off of their porches and into their homes by threatening to arrest them. They stayed and patrolled the area until early the next morning without further incidence.

I talked with Mr. Augustus McWhorter, [Butterball] and Mr. Elvester McGruder. Both these men were arrested on the first Sunday. Mr. McWhorter said he was washing clothes at the Laundromat shortly before he and the others were arrested on October 22nd. After hearing that trouble was nearby. He went to assess the situation and arrived in time to see police Officer Phillips beat Mr. Partridge while handcuffed. He said he went to the police department to swear out a complaint. He returned to the Vine City area to complete his washing. As he was about to leave the Laundromat to take his clothes home, he was ordered by a policeman to move on. Attempting to explain that he was on his way home, Mr. McWhorter said he was placed under arrest for "failure to move on". Mr. McGruder also said he was on his way home when he was stopped by some policemen who questioned his destination. After he explained he was on his way home the policemen sent him in an opposite direction. He was subsequently arrested by other policemen for "drunkenness" and "failure to move on". Mr. McGruder said he had not had anything at all to drink.

On 11-7-67 the trial for Messers Augustus McWhorter [Butterball], and Elvester McGruder, Mann Jordan, Henry Tucker, Milton Harold, and Mr. Partridge was held in Police Court. The arresting officers were: Rucker, Flagg, Phillips, Carlton and Weber. They charged that Mr. Partridge resisted arrest, used vile language, failed to move on, assaulted and officer and violated the noise ordinance.

Augustus McWhorter and Elvester McGruder have had their cases held over until November 21st. The other men were found guilty on all counts and are now in the process of appealing their cases.

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November 22, 1967

Mr. Edgar T. Van Buren
230 Hammond Drive
Norcross, Georgia 30071

Dear Mr. Van Buren:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter on behalf of the Community Relations Commission. I certainly appreciate receiving your support of our efforts in this area.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

230 Hammond Drive
Norcross, Ga. 30071

November 21, 1967

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am the assistant minister to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Atlanta. I urge your continued support for the Community Relations Commission. Mrs. Eliza Paschall is, in my view, a vital worker in the touchy race and poverty problems that confront us. She has a rare ability to relate to many different socio-economic groups in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edgar T. Van Buren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edgar T. Van Buren

TRAILER PARKS

Through an inquiry by the Mayor, the Commission was asked to investigate the situation regarding the difficulty of Negroes attempting to rent space in Atlanta trailer parks. Two Negro families, Mr. and Mrs. Frame and Mr. and Mrs. Wheat, have attempted to rent places to park their trailers and have been unable to find any trailer park in Atlanta that will rent to them. Mr. Frame, an Army veteran, is presently employed with a local paper company, and Mr. Wheat is now on active duty with the U. S. Army. Both families believe that they are being denied access to the trailer parks because they are Negro. They related several instances in which they had called parks, been told that there was a vacancy, and upon arriving at the park been told that the vacancy had just been filled. Several parks had allowed the families to fill out application forms but, from all indications, these applications were never given any serious consideration.

The staff of the Community Relations Commission has been able to gain the following information in regards to this issue:

1. The District Attorney's office has informed us that trailer parks are not covered under the Civil Rights Act of 1964. At present, certain agencies have written to Washington in an attempt to find out if trailer parks within a 3½ mile radius of Ft. McPherson are included in Secretary McNamara's recent Federal Order concerning military housing.
2. A number of organizations in Atlanta have worked with the Frames and the Wheats in attempting to get them located in a trailer park. These include the Red Cross, The NAACP, and certain military personnel at Ft. McPherson. The Reverend Amos Holmes of the NAACP stated that he had personally contacted 24 different trailer parks for Mr. and Mrs. Wheat, but was unable to find one that would accept a Negro family. Only 2 of the 24 were willing to let the Wheats fill out an application. None of the trailer parks contacted, including those in predominately Negro neighborhoods, had any Negroes in residence.
3. Most of the trailer park owners claim that they are filled to capacity and thus unable to provide accommodations for any new applicants, either Negro or white. A survey of some of the trailer parks on Stewart

Avenue showed that there were some vacant spaces in these parks.

One owner stated that the vacant spaces in his park "were reserved for people who bought trailers from him".

4. A small group of trailer park owners have expressed their willingness to meet with the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, or the Zoning Commission to discuss the problem of zoning in regards to the building of new trailer parks. They claim that present zoning restrictions have made it almost impossible to construct any new trailer parks in Atlanta. They also said that if zoning regulations could be changed, they would be willing to build a new trailer park which would uphold a policy of open occupancy.

In conclusion, we can simply say that presently, there is no Negro living in any trailer park in Atlanta. Mr. and Mrs. Frame have spent two years looking for rental space in any Atlanta trailer park and have been unsuccessful in all of their attempts. Both the Frames and the Wheats feel that the trailer parks are discriminating against them on racial grounds and both are looking for any sort of solution in the near future that will remedy their housing problem.

November 6, 1967

Mrs. Thomas H. Gibson
1646 Mt. Paran Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Dear Mrs. Gibson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter on
behalf of the Community Relations Commission. ✓

I am most grateful for your support and your
generous comments.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NOVEMBER, 1966
1203 CITY HALL, ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303 TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 433

MR. IRVING K. KALER, *Chairman*
THE HONORABLE SAM MASSELL, JR., *Ex-Officio*
President, Board of Aldermen

November 1, 1967

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THE REVEREND SAMUEL WILLIAMS

MRS. ELIZA K. PASCHALL,
Executive Director

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

At the October 27th meeting of the Community Relations Commission, the following resolution was passed:

That the Community Relations Commission commends the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for the Ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment on the part of city contractors, and that the Commission urges that additional provisions be made for affirmative action to implement the Ordinance, in addition to the present enforcement provisions.

Sincerely,

Eliza K. Paschall
(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Special Meeting of the Community Relations Commission, September 14, 1967,
City Hall.

Members Present: Mr. Irving K. Kaler, Chairman
Rev. Samuel Williams, 1st Vice-Chairman
Miss Helen Bullard, 2nd Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Fred W. Patterson, Secretary
Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall, Executive Director

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan
Mr. Robert Dobbs
Mr. Jack Sells
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothchild
Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr.
Dr. Robert E. Lee
Mr. R. Byron Attridge
Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.
Mrs. Sara Baker
Mr. M. O. Ryan

Mr. James Pilcher, Associate City Attorney
Mrs. Ann Moses, Executive Secretary to the Mayor
Alderman John M. Flanigen
Alderman G. Everett Millican were present.

Mr. Kaler opened the meeting with a statement that the Commission had called the meeting acting under the Ordinance which authorizes the Commission to "act as conciliator"; that the Commission had "intervened prior to the crisis" and at this time was calling upon responsible persons and those "whose testimony is pertinent".

He announced that members of the Board of Education had been requested to attend, and recognized Mr. Tom McWhirter, Assistant School Board Attorney, Mr. McWhirter said that the School Board was in session at the time, at a special meeting called previously for a special personnel matter, that they regretted the breakdown in communication.

Rev. Williams asked about 1962 and 1965 bond issues and promises to Vine City. Archbishop Hallinan said that the talk about "double session sounds like double talk".

Senator Sells announced that he was requesting the legislative counsel to draw a bill calling for the election of the Atlanta school superintendent.

The following persons spoke:

Rev. Elroy Embry: "Yesterday we went to Dr. Letson's office, asked for a meeting with the Board, were told only two methods for calling a meeting - by President Cook or majority of the Board. We asked him to contact members of the Board, he said, he didn't know if he could contact them...Board, Dr. Letson need to know they are working for us".

Mr. Robert E. Baldwin: "Took eight days to get appointment with Board, knew ten years ago schools overcrowded. When child gets off at 12, that's a half day. If I work till 12, get paid for ½ day. Unless Board acts, this is going to hurt white children too. Uneducated people lead to poverty. It has helped to have this meeting, Turner High has been two weeks without books.

Rev. Amos Holmes: "We elicit your support for our requests; during 1959-60 asked Board to face problems, urged against token assignments; this has been taking place since 1960; patience has a right to be exhausted; we want to be reasonable, but the Board demonstrates that rising radicalism might be justified. If Atlanta faces riot, could happen on this issue. Never seen anything that has unified people so. Simplest thing Board can do is to meet".

Miss Helen Bullard: "Is that the priority, failure of Board to meet"?

Rev. Amos Holmes: "Not just meet but that is most crucial".

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan: "In complete agreement, this is no time for delay. If we can assure you of a meeting tonight, is there enough confidence to withhold action"?

Rev. Amos Holmes: "If we had been given assurance the other night, would have waited".

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan: "Have asked for a meeting, asked citizens to withhold taking action until Commission has exhausted all means".

Rev. Amos Holmes: "Not here to put Commission between us and the Board; to see if Commission will act with us. Board should be willing to commit themselves to a certain case.

Rev. Samuel Williams: "What do you really expect"?

Rev. Amos Holmes: "Every request could be met in 24 hours".

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan: "Commission has much at stake".

Rev. Amos Holmes: "After Dixie Hills, you reported fairly".

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild: "What would you accept as a compromise"?

Rev. Amos Holmes: "In a conference with leaders, we would respond".

Mr. Robert Dobbs: "Want to speak about priorities, for mother of eight children, who goes to Buckhead and leaves here children at home to get themselves to school. Dr. Tate asked to correct this. Board knows the problem of bonding, should be leading fight to get this changed, have Board members who never visit schools".

Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.: "Consequential damage can disrupt the whole town. When children are involved, parents are not patient; this can disrupt the community, consequences must rest on their shoulders".

Rev. Joe Boone: "Here representing my daughter, 79 in class, 2 teachers; have worked with Breadbasket, got Regency and others to open jobs, can't find qualified people, people have to "limp your way in"; got to tell Letson, Allen people not satisfied; tired of policies; no white pupils at Agnes Jones, whites at Harris Homes go to another school; Whites at Harris Homes go to Brown, Negroes to Washington. You all wouldn't have had this meeting without what happened at the Board meeting".

Rev. Samuel Williams: "Commission did meet with Letson".

Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.: "Commission was meeting Monday night, very time of your meeting with Board, voted to meet with Board".

Mrs. Dorothy Bolden: "Have three girls at Washington High, have to leave home in the dark, not going to put my girls out in street at that hour".

Rev. Howard Creecy, asked Rev. Williams to read the demands: copy attached

Rev. Creecy: "We have been psychologically barred; want to balance the schools; we did not force our way into Letson's office".

Mr. Robert Baymes and Rev. Ward also spoke, emphasizing the point that if "we must have burdens, we (Negroes & Whites) should bear them equally".

Mr. Kaler asked Mr. Attridge to go to the meeting of the School Board and ask if any member of the Board or the staff would come to the meeting, and to request a meeting with the Board within 48 hours. Mr. Attridge returned to say that he had conveyed the request; answer was that "last evening the Board promised the Summit-Leadership Conference an answer in two weeks; will go into Executive Session to consider points and will contact their leadership; their attorney will contact the chairman; need time to consider the points".

Mr. Alexander said, "we asked not to meet to hear them restate their position, but to discuss matters with them".

Archbishop Hallinan moved following resolution, which was passed:

"The Community Relations Commission, appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Atlanta and representative of the community of Atlanta is convinced that the Board of Education fails to grasp the urgency of this education situation, and again the Commission urgently requests that a meeting be held between the Commission, the Board of Education and the Superintendent, within 48 hours (5:30 p.m. Saturday, September 16)". (Message was telegraphed to President of the Board Ed S. Cook immediately following the meeting, with copies sent to members of the Board and to Dr. Letson)".

REQUESTS HANDED TO ATLANTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BY ATLANTA SUMMIT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ET AL ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1967

1. "A list of the entire faculty--full and part time--of the Area Technical School, with courses taught, salaries paid, and the number who are Negroes".
2. "A listing of the courses currently taught at the Technical School, the number enrolled, the estimated per pupil cost, and the cost of specific items of equipment; for example, computers, etc".
3. "That textbooks be supplied all classes, in all schools, for all courses which require textbooks".
4. "Pupil's schedules be ready on opening day, and textbooks be issued that first day, and no later than the third day of school".
5. "That a complete re-study of all textbooks presently used be made to the end of removing any and all that do not present the proper perspective on race. We ask that they be replaced with integrated textbooks".
6. "If any school is 60 percent or more of a given race, the Principal of said school shall be of that race. When an Associate Principal, who is white, is assigned to a Negro school, we shall expect a Negro Associate Principal to be assigned to a white school".
7. "That local Negro banking institutions be used along with other banks as depositories of school funds. We should like a list of banks now receiving deposits of Board money".
8. "The Atlanta Public Schools have never had a Negro Superintendent - it is about time we had one. With approximately 60 percent of the school population Negro we see no reason why the Chief Administrative should not be Negro. We are asking that by January 1, 1968, you will make a Negro first Associate Superintendent of Schools. If you are wondering where such a man can be found, we suggest that you look first among your own staff".
9. "We note that of all the major departments in the System not one is directed by a Negro. In a system 60 percent this is unpardonable. We are asking, therefore, that by January 1, 1968, you name three, but no less than two, Negroes to head departments. In departments having associates, we ask that a Negro be named at once to three of these positions".
10. "The parents of the Negro children on double session are dissatisfied. They cannot accept the rationale of the "extended day" when they know their children are being systematically denied equal educational opportunity. We ask that you, therefore, take immediate action to eliminate double sessions".

Requests Handed To Atlanta Board of Education by Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, Et Al on September 11, 1967 (continued)

- 11. "We are asking that the rule passed last year which in effect denies freedom of speech and information to citizens desiring to appear before the Board be rescinded. We do not object to notification of a desire to appear being required of a citizen, but the denial of the right to be interrogated by Board members and to ask questions of the Board-with the Board responding - all of this we reject and see as denial of freedom of speech and information".

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*Free Community Relations
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October 23, 1967

Mr. LeRoy A. Woodward
834 Oakdale Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Dear LeRoy:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 19th
which I have read very carefully.

The next time you are at City Hall, drop by, as I
would be pleased to discuss it with you.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

834 Oakdale Rd. N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30307
19 October 1967

Hon. Ivan Allen Jr. Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

As you know, while I cannot be called a disinterested bystander, I have only the official position of citizen. I hope you will be willing, therefore, to consider some comments on recent events in the city.

The School Board has been subjected to some unwarranted attacks recently. Unwarranted primarily because they were not constructive in helping the educational system. As these attacks have continued, there is a pattern of development that seems to offer clues as to how it all came about. These are the clues as I see them.

As you know there are two members of the Board, Mitchell and Tate who have spent a great deal of time playing for one particular section of the votes. However, neither of them can even read a report and understand it, so by themselves, I don't think they could have started this. However, for a number of years Mitchell has been carrying all matters about the Board to Pascal. She, being fairly sharp, picks them over in a very one-sided manner and then Mitchell brings these back to the next meeting. Since Tate has been on, he has been in this too. Most of the so-called issues that have been raised are further distortions of these.

Now whose idea it was to present this package to the so-called Coalition I do not know, but I suspect Pascal. Whether it was presented to Johnson as a way to further his campaign for mayor or whether he thought this up is not immediately apparent.

In addition to this internal information, there is another matter. The Summit group asked to meet with the E.O.A. Neighborhood Council to enlist their support. Pascal was also there and from the minutes of the meeting that I saw, her remarks were anything from constructive or conciliatory. Now as I understand the function of the Human Rights Commission it is to help coordinate and explain the actions of government to the people effected and to help explain to government the needs and desires of the people. It seems to me that the Executive Secretary is not doing this at all but is attempting to organize a bloc to change the governing bodies. During this to-do all sorts of people have been coming out of the woodwork, like Gerald Reed, and I'm convinced the plan includes an almost entirely new School Board already selected by Pascal. How far she has gotten on the Aldermanic Board and other offices I do not know, but Massel has tried to get into the act, again quite unconstructively.

It is an interesting situation and as one of your staunch supporters, I think you should know that if it continues and is even partially successful, it can result in a very strange School Board. Most of the present members are completely disgusted with the situation and if it continues may not even run. The amount of time consumed has been enormous and, as you know, business people are already short of time. I think with those two exceptions, the Board is as good as a city can hope for and it the job becomes less attractive because of these completely unconstructive attacks, what will happen to our schools? The newspapers were particularly unhelpful in this sequence of events but, apparently even they are realizing that it is time to shut it off. Notice the Letters-to-the-Editor they are now printing. Since they only print those letters that agree with their position, I feel this is significant.

If you have gotten to read this I hope it has been a more efficient expenditure of your time than if I asked to come down and see you as I have in the past. However, as always, if I can be of any help in anything at all, please call on me.

Sincerely,

LeRoy A. Woodward
LeRoy A. Woodward

October 17, 1967

Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
12th Floor, City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Atlanta at its meeting held on October 16, 1967 confirmed the appointments of the following people to serve three year terms on the Community Relations Commission; said terms to expire as indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Sara Baker	11/21/70
Helen Bullard	11/21/70
R. J. Butler	12/21/70
Robert Dobbs	11/21/70
E. G. Ezzard	11/21/70
Joseph A. Wyant	11/21/70

Yours very truly,

City Clerk

JJL:mw
cc: Betty Robinson



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NOVEMBER, 1966

1203 CITY HALL, ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303

TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 453

October 17, 1967

The Honorable Milton G. Farris
Chairman, Finance Committee
Board of Aldermen
Box 7245, Station C
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Farris:

At the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission on September 22, the Commission voted to recommend to the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen that priority be given to the needs for increased appropriations by the City for recreation and further, to express to the Finance Committee its opinion that Mr. Delius, Miss Carmichael and their associates have done a remarkably good job within the limits of their resources.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
The Honorable Charles Leftwich, Chairman, Parks Committee
Mr. Irving K. Kaler
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mr. Jack Delius

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5 October 1967

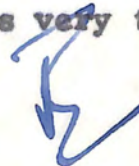
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Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
1203 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Paschall,

Mr. Bing has referred to me your letter of the third. Mr. Bing has been in touch with Mrs. King, Mr. Kennedy and Mayor Allen, and we are all working toward a solution of the ticket situation.

Mr. Bing asked me to thank you for your interest and to convey his best wishes.

Yours very truly,



Francis Robinson

FR/cf
cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Mr. Alfred Kennedy



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1203 CITY HALL, ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303 TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 433

October 3, 1967

Mr. Rudolph Bing
Metropolitan Opera House
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Bing:

I know that you have received communications recently from Mrs. King and other Atlanta citizens concerned over the plans for the 1968 Opera season in Atlanta.

I very much appreciated Mr. Robinson's reply to my letter of June 5, forwarding a report of a meeting which was held with Mr. Kennedy, officials of the Atlanta Junior League and members of the Atlanta Committee for Cultural Opportunities.

We appreciate the difficulty which those in charge have in making tickets available to new persons, but we are also aware of the growing feeling of many Atlanta residents that these opportunities must be extended to new groups. I recall that Mr. Kennedy explained that several years ago, rearrangements were made about season tickets so that the number of performances included in a season ticket was reduced and thereby additional tickets were made available for many persons. Perhaps rearrangement of tickets could be made for next year.

We look forward to working with all of those who have done so much to provide this opportunity for Atlanta.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

CC: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Mr. Alfred Kennedy

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FULTON NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

TELEPHONE
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525-6886

October 2, 1967

Mr. Milton G. Farris
Chairman, Finance Committee
Board of Aldermen, City of Atlanta
c/o Gulf Oil Corporation
Box 7245, Station C
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Farris:

We have presented to Mr. Davis our
budgetary request for the calendar year 1968.

We would very much appreciate an op-
portunity to meet with the Finance Committee to
outline in greater detail the needs of the Com-
munity Relations Commission for the calendar year
1968.

I express appreciation in advance for
your consideration of this request.

Yours very sincerely,

Irving K. Kaler

Irving K. Kaler, Chairman
Community Relations Commission

IKK:rjg

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mr. Sam Massell, Jr., President, Board of Aldermen
Comptroller Charles Lamar Davis

September 15, 1967

✓
Mr. Irvin K. Kailer, Chairman
Atlanta Community Relations Commission
1830 Fulton National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kailer:

This comes to acknowledge your message requesting the Superintendent of Schools and the Atlanta Board of Education to meet with the Atlanta Community Relations Commission within the next 48 hours. I was happy to hear from you.

I shall be happy to meet with you and other members of the Atlanta Community Relations Commission anytime after 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 1967. I will be able to remain in session until a thorough discussion of the problems facing schools and the Atlanta community are discussed and resolved. I am, therefore, cancelling all of my appointments after 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night up to Wednesday of the following week in an effort to meet with the Board of Education, the Atlanta Community Relations Commission and any other group that wants to discuss and aid in resolving the problems confronting the Atlanta School System. I find it very inconvenient to cancel engagements of long standing that are scheduled for today and tomorrow through 8:30 p.m., however, as foretated, I will be happy to meet at 9:00 p.m. tomorrow night and as long as necessary thereafter.

It is not my opinion that the Board of Education refused to accept the invitation to meet with the Atlanta Community Relations Commission on yesterday. The board had a meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and would have found it very disrupting if cancelled.

The meeting which began at 2:00 p.m., lasted until approximately 5:10 p.m. At that time, the board began a preliminary discussion on the matters presented to it by the Summit Leadership Group and the NAACP leaders last Monday evening.

I wish to congratulate you and the members of the Atlanta Community Relations Commission for the splendid work that you are doing and would like to pledge my support to your commission in its continued effort to bring about better harmony and better conditions for all of Atlanta's citizens. Again I wish to reemphasize the fact that I will be happy to meet with you and the commission anytime after 9:00 p.m. this Saturday.

With kindest personal and professional regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. E. Tate
Member of Atlanta Board of Education

HET:dt

CC: Mr. Ed S. Cook
Dr. John Letson
Mayor Ivan Allen
Mrs. Eliza Paschal

September 18, 1967

Handwritten signature/initials

Miss Gay Fullerton, President
Data Decisions
1212 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

Dear Miss Fullerton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
September 15th containing your proposal concerning
the prevention of riots.

I am forwarding this information to the Community
Relations Commission for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

Mrs.
CC: ~~Miss~~ Eliza Paschall

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICE OF EACH SCHOOL (HIGH)
ON SEPTEMBER 11, AND SEPTEMBER 14.

DAILY SCHEDULES

The question was asked, "when does the first regular school class begin and when does the last regular school class end"?

		<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
ARCHER	"Extended day"	10th 11th and 12th 7:30 a.m. 8th and 9th 12:30 p.m.	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
BASS	"Regular day"	8:10 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
BROWN	"Regular day"	8:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
CARVER	"Regular day"	8:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
CENTRAL JR.	"Regular day"	9:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
COAN (8th)	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
DYKES	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
EAST ATLANTA	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
FULTON	"Regular day"	8:29 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
GEORGE	"Regular day"	8:35 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
GRADY	"Regular day"	8:10 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
HARPER	"Extended day"	10th 11th and 12th 7:30 a.m. 8th and 9th 12:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
HOWARD	"Regular day"	9:00 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
MURPHY	"Assigned Regular day"	7:15 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
NORTH FULTON	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
NORTHSIDE	"Regular day"	8:39 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
O'KEEFE	"Regular day"	8:29 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
PARKS JR	"Regular day"	8:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
PRICE	"Regular day"	7:35 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
ROOSEVELT	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
SOUTHWEST	"Regular day"	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
SYLVAN HILLS	"Regular day"	8:25 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
THERRELL	"Extended day" R. O. T. C.	7:15 a.m. 7:15 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
TURNER	"Double Session"	10th 11th and 12th 7:30 a.m. 8th and 9th 12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
WASHINGTON	"Extended day"	10th 11th and 12th 7:30 a.m. 8th and 9th 1:45 p.m.	1:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
WEST FULTON	"Extended day"	10th 11th and 12th 7:30 p.m. 8th and 9th 12:30 p.m. staggered schedules depending on courses taken. 5-6 periods.	12:30 or 1:45 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION 1203 CITY HALL ATLANTA, GEORGIA
September 14, 1967

Information on Atlanta Public High Schools

- 1966 a = Records provided by School Department to Community Relations Commission July, 1967.
- 1966 b = Enrollment as of 5th day of school, 1966 as reported in Board Agenda September 11, 1967
- 1967 a = Records provided by school Department to members of the Board of Education on September 11, 1967, or compiled from school department records.
- 1967 b = Enrollment as of 5th day of school, 1967 as reported in Board Agenda September 11, 1967

		Pupils			Staff			No Pupils per classroom	No Pupils per teacher
		White	Negro	Total	White	Negro	Total		
ARCHER	1966a	0	1649	1649					
	(1966b)			1594)					
	1967a	0	1598	1598	1	88	89	29	17.2
	(1967b)			1534)					
BASS	1966a	657	197	854					
	(1966b)			849)					
	1967a	594	311	905	50	2	52	18 ⁺	17.5
	(1967b)			889)					
Brown	1966a	1158	70	1228					
	(1966b)			1214)					
	1967a	1122	138	1260	63	3	66	22 ⁺	18.7
	(1967b)			1238)					
CARVER	1966a	0	1118	1118					
	(1966b)			1092)					
	1967a	0	1239	1239	4	55	59	26 ⁺	22.2
	(1967b)			1192)					
CENTRAL	1966a	0	873	873					
	(1966b)			849)					
	1967a	0	1040	1040	0	55	55	19 ⁺	18.6
	(1967b)			1023)					
DYKES	1966a	1311	0	1311					
	1967	1289	1	1290	67	2	69	26	18.6
		"	"	"					
E. ATL.	1966a	759	0	759					
	(1966b)			760)					
	1967a	699	0	699	42	0	42	19	16.5
				694)					
FULTON	1966a	1017	115	1132					
	1967	1063	138	1101	55	1	56	32 ⁺	21.7
	1967b			(1183)					
GEORGE	1966a	1205	54	1259					
	1966b			1254)					
	1967a	1225	123	1248	60	1	61	35	21.8
	1967b			(1335)					
GRADY	1966a	1196	77	1273					
	1966b			1264)					
	1967a	1093	145	1238	74	2	76	19	16.2
HARPER	1966a	0	1755	1755					
	1967a	0	1874	1874	4	87	92	42	19.7
	1967b			(1801)					
				(1753)					
HOWARD	1966a	0	2300	2300					
	(1966b)			2273)					
	1967a	0	2040	2040	1	111	112	25	17.4
	(1967b)			1950)					

	Pupils			Staff			No. Pupils per class- room	No. Pupils per teacher
	White	Negro	Total	White	Negro	Total		
MURPHY 1966a	5	1231	1236					
1966b			1217					
1967a	3	1201	1204	44	31	75	27	15.5
(1967b)			1168)					
NORTH FULTON								
1966a	1303	3	1306					
1967a	1305	11	1316	65	0	65	23	20.2
(1302)					
NORTH SIDE								
1966a	1230	35	1265					
(1966b			1257)					
1967a	1231	59	1290	61	2	63	28	18.8
(1967b			1285)					
O'KEEFE								
1966a	1307	41	1348					
(1966b			1347					
1967a	1302	67	1369	75	1	76	22	17.8
(1352)					
PARKS JR.								
1966	0	757	757					
1967a	0	715	715	0	44	44	23 +	15.8
(1967b			698)					
PRICE 1966a	0	2234	2234					
1966b			2194					
1967a	0	2255	2255	0	132	132	35	19.3
1967b			2207					
ROOSEVELT								
1966a	1388	50	1438					
1966b			1414					
1967a	1360	95	1455	77	1	78	24	18.6
(1430)					
SOUTHWEST								
1966a	1038	234	1272					
1966b			1259					
1967a	675	422	1097	58	3	61	29	17.8
1967b			1087					
SYLVAN HILLS								
1966a	1009	9	1018					
1966b			1017					
1967a	1046	21	1067	52	1	53	26	20
(1967b			1061)					
THERRELL								
1966a	1513	65	1578					
1966b			1561					
1967a	1670	113	1683	83	4	87	48	20.3
(1967b			1772)					
TURNER 1966a	0	2137	2137					
1966b			2111					
1967a	0	2066	2066	0	77	77	45	26.4
1967b			2039					
WASHINGTON								
1966a	0	2465	2465					
1966b			2454					
1967a	0	2553	2553	3	126	129	33	19.5
(1967b			2524)					
WEST FULTON								
1966a	24	1677	1701					
1966b			1672					
1967a	8	1740	1748	41	57	98	35	17.1
1967b			1680					
COAN 1967a	0	421	421	15	28	43	?	9 +
TOTALS 1966a	16,120	19,146	35,266					
1966b			34,879					
1967a	15,685	20,359	36,044	1065	927	1992		
1967b			35,318					

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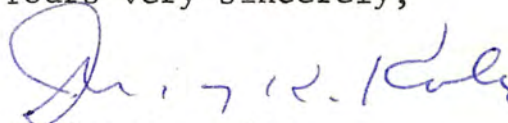
September 1, 1967

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I thought you would like to see
the encircled article published in the latest
edition of THE SOUTHERN ISRAELITE.

Yours very sincerely,



Irving K. Kaler

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Enclosure

Comm. Relations

August 24, 1967

Mrs. Velma McEwen Strode
Local Government Liaison Officer
U. S. Department of Justice
Community Relations Service
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mrs. Strode:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 22nd regarding your recent visit to Atlanta.

I am sorry I was not in the city and missed the opportunity of meeting you. I am most grateful for the generous comments you made about Atlanta's Community Relations Commission and its staff.

I certainly appreciate your offer of assistance and wish to assure you that we are most grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Eliza Paschall

Mr. Irving Kaler



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

August 22, 1967

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to meet you while visiting with the staff and members of the Community Relations Commission.

It was my good fortune to spend some time with Mrs. Elize Paschall. You are to be commended for the appointment of one of the most committed, concerned, and prepared Executive Directors I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Regardless of the cramped and uncomfortable quarters she is using, people with problems are constantly calling the commission office or visiting the commission office seeking help. The Director spends most of her time on the job trying to provide an avenue of understanding so that people may live and work together in racial harmony throughout the city.

I hope that you will look favorably at the need for additional staff to help Mrs. Paschall expand the service of the Commission. It is not often that I have observed a Director who does so much with so little.

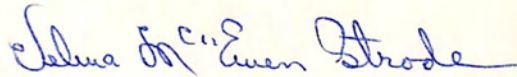
It was my pleasure to spend some time with members of the Commission, and I am sure the kind of dedication each one has will provide Atlanta with the best and the most effective Community Relations Commission in the nation.

I hope that if I have an opportunity to return to your fair city, it will be my pleasure to meet with you. Again, my visit to Atlanta has been one of the high points in my 2½ years working as the Local Liaison Officer of the Community Relations Service.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia
August 22, 1967

If at any time the Community Relations Service can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Velma McEwen Strode". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "S".

(Mrs.) Velma McEwen Strode
Local Government Liaison Officer

cc: Mr. Ivan Kaler, Chairman
Community Relations Commission



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MR. IRVING K. KALER, *Chairman*
THE HONORABLE SAM MASSELL, JR., *Ex-Officio*
President, Board of Aldermen

August 18, 1967

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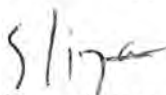
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I was delighted to read in the Atlanta Daily World that you are a member of the Urban Coalition Steering Committee, and to read of plans for the August 24 meeting. The newspaper story referred to the coalition's statement of purpose but this was not reprinted. We would be interested in having a reprint of it for our files.

You, of course, have received copies of all the various minutes and reports of the hearings and meetings which the Commission has held, however, if we could be of any assistance in providing any additional information or in reassembling any of this, please let me know.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: Mr. Irving K. Kaler



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August 18, 1967

Mrs. Elzora Hall
562 Jetal Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hall:

We are concerned about the conditions to which you referred in your letter to Mayor Allen of August 10 and would like to have from you some more details. I would appreciate your telephoning our office at 522-4463, Ext. 433 or 434, and giving additional information to Mrs. Thomas.

We will be grateful to you for giving us these specific details which will enable us to correct some of these conditions. You will be helping not only your own children, but others who have had similar experiences. It is only through the help of public minded citizens like yourself that we can make progress in these areas.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.



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August 18, 1967

Mr. Mark Katz
158 Peachtree Circle, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you for your letter of August 11 to Mayor Allen, in which you made certain suggestions about community relations of Atlanta. We certainly agree with you that there is need for greater involvement on the part of citizens in programs which will contribute towards solutions of our pressing urban problems.

There are other other groups which have expressed an interest in the kind of program which you propose, and I shall try to get you all together very soon.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen

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TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 433

August 18, 1967

Mr. John Teeple
Manager, Research and Planning Center
TRAINING CORPORATION OF AMERICA, INC.
6521 Arlington Boulevard
Fall Church, Virginia 22042

Dear Mr. Teeple:

Mayor Allen forwarded to this office your letter of August 10, and accompanying material.

We are fortunate in having in Atlanta many regional and national headquarters of public and private professional agencies to help in such programs as you described. We are happy to receive your material, however, and will certainly contact you if the need should arise.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

August 14, 1967

Mr. Mark Katz
158 Peachtree Circle, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Katz:

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Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Eliza Paschall

August 14, 1967

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, President
American Institute of Religion
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030

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562 Jetal Place
Atlanta, Georgia

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August 4, 1967

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Mrs. Homer B. Garrett
3498 Santa Fe Trail
Doraville, Georgia 30040

Dear Mrs. Garrett:

May I acknowledge receipt of your letter containing some very fine suggestions on community action.

I am forwarding this information to the Community Relations Commission as it will be most grateful to receive the suggestions and give them consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Eliza Paschall

July 25, 1967

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall, 68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of July 20, 1967, which will be brought to the attention of the Nash-Bans Coordinating Committee at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday July 27, 1967.

I am sure the committee will authorize an additional reply.

Respectfully yours,

E. M. Laws
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*cc to John Robinson
Collins Bladen
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
HEARING IN THE DIXIE HILLS AREA

June 19, 1967

Hearing on Dixie Hills, Wednesday, June 19, 1967, EOA Center, 2193 Verbena St.

The Executive Committee of the Commission met at the request of the Mayor.

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Mr. Howard Watson, the Youth Corps Co-chairman, was the first speaker. He expressed his complaints, and what he thought precipitated the rioting was (1) inadequate play lots for the immediate area, (2) better treatments in the stores, (3) apartments, (4) police brutality, and (5) unpaved streets, with holes in them.

The apartments are owned by private owners, and the owners should be made to repair the apartments, and rents are too high for the way they are unkept by the owners. Streets need paving, some large holes are in the middle of them. The sewage is very bad, when it rains, water floods up in the streets. He felt that the stores in the Center, should treat the children, as well as others with respect. The brutality is another factor for unrest - when the official was arresting the girl they used brutality with her, and the people didn't want their women treated that way. The policemen seem to feel that the people in the low-income bracket, can be treated anyway, and talked to anyway. The rioting did not just stem from the trying to get recreation facilities, but mostly "police brutality".

DOROTHY SHAW: She stated that her grievances, or complaints were (1) playlots for the children, (2) E.O.A, should have field trips for the smaller children (3) the selling of beer and wine to our children in the store should be stopped (this complaint had not been formally reported to the authorities.

BULLARD: (Question) Do you think that Mr. Carmichael's presence precipitated this rioting? Do you think this would come about anyway?

SHAW: The disturbance would come about sooner or later, mainly because our kids are on the streets.

MARION WARD: the man who was shot, treated, and released, stated that he waited in the streets in order to help the fellow who was shot (later he died). After waiting on the police, he went to get his superior officer (the police), he never came back to help the other man. He told the Commission that he heard four shots, that the officer pump the gun four times. That the man who threw the fire bomb (Molotov Cocktail) was not near them. The Molotov Cocktail went just a few feet in front of the officer who shot these people. He saw the police start to shoot, the police was under a street light. He stated that he could identify him if he saw him again. The other man (who died) was just lying in the streets "face down", and the boy was not bleeding, unless he was bleeding on the inside, both unattended. He stated that he was treated and released at Grady's Hospital. The ambulance took about two hours to come. He said he had started to bleed again, that it was about 30 minutes after he got to the hospital before he received any service. He was asked to make a statement to detectives before he began to get service.

There are no playlots for our children, the rent is too high, and nothing is offered for them. ("I pay \$65.00 per month; no utilities are included") He has three children himself, and that the apartments are infested with roaches, rats, and other insects: that the owners should get rid of.

WILLIAM H. FURLOW: Feels that previous problems cause this thing to come to a point. After the rioting he came back to this area to see what was happening, he feels that this situation came about because of the brutality of the police arresting of the girl (Georgia). This community this large do not need a Jew Store, with prices skyhigh, and little quality. A community this size needs a store like A & P or one similar. The city should make the owners repair the apartments. There are holes in the wall, where children get into them to play. This is dangerous. Also play lots are needed for our children.

WILKIE JORDAN: Get property owners to fix up the property, keep places clean. Felt that if the policemen were to parole the area, it should be in such a large quantity, and not harass the people. As long as the people are treated like people, there will be peace. If the officials are mean to them, they will continue to gather in crowds as such. There should be an effort if the policemen are needed they should be able to reach the area in 5 to 8 minutes. The people feel that the thing which caused the rioting was: (1) when the police used brut in arresting the woman. A meeting was called on Sunday to find out the people's grievance, and to stop the past troubles of the community with the security guards, playlots for our small children. He thought that this thing would come

about eventually, even if Mr. Carmichael did not come into the area.

MRS. ALBERT FORD stated that these problems were here before this thing happen. She felt that the City transit gave good bus service in the area. A bus comes in here every five minutes, and during the Xmas holidays, one came about every minute. The police brutality is not wanted in the area. The community decided that they will not shop at the store (Dixie Hill Store). She stated that, "We are not violent people", if some of the police is taken from the area, the people could go back to their normal way of living. She says that she realize that a lot of people do not have respect for the law, but this comes from the brutality from the policemen.

MIKIE JORDAN said that the people held a meeting that night, (Monday) We called this meeting to hear from the people their complaints. A community preacher made arrangements as to where this meeting was to be held. Their complaints were as follows: (1) work, (2) the stores in the Center, (3) EOA, they are not helping the people with their problems, (4) Poor Sewage, (5) Play lots, and recreation are not doing what could be done with the apartment. We would like someone from the City to guard this area as a regular beat, someone who knows everyone. And they should take a human-relations course, similar to the one given in colleges. Then they would know how to handle these people. Also EOA do not show to much interest to the people in the area, and are not really giving assistance to them. The counselors do not take interest.

MRS. ALBERT FORD: Police brutality is drawing attention from the people.

JERRY CARLTON: The police are not protecting the people, and they should be gotten out. He stated further that he saw the little boy who was shot, in the hospital, and that the kid wants to kill every cop that comes into his sight -- that this is the reaction a small child has from such brutality --- and that he is too young to think like that --- but the police are teaching him this way because of the way they treat people. The security guards are given a gun and a badge and that is their license to kill, or harass anyone they want.

Q. V. WILLIAMSON: "The only thing the police are there for is to protect life and property. If they are taken out now what will happen"?

JOHNNY BILLINGSLEY: "This community once had a fellow who was real nice, but the city took him away, and gave us another person here who tried to bully everyone. He was removed after he shot a man here. Then the store and the grill hired a Security Guard . The man who everyone liked was Mr. Collier".

CHAIRMAN: "Could this man be brought back to help us with the people, and their problems"?

BILLINGSLEY: "The only thing we want here is 'peace'".

CHARLES WEBSTER, AFSC: "Chairman, I agree with Mr. Billingsley, and Mr. Carlton. This community needs someone who the people know, and trust."

C. W. SMITH: "We have a number of complaints". He works with EOA as Area Block Chairman of their lighting committee. He states that they had a number of complaints, in addition to the other complaints, is proper lighting in the area. This complaint has been brought up before the proper authorities, but nothing has yet been done about it.

VIRGINIA JACKSON: Works with Anderson School's PTA, and talk to the boys in the area. The people here feel that the people with the EOA are better than them, the way they are treated. Since most of these people are not high-school graduates, they (EOA) in counselling them should tell these kids, not to expect to make a lot of money on the jobs that they are sent out on. Some of them have gotten into the training program, but this makes them frustrated, because if they have families, the salary they are given are not enough. The counselors should let them know what is to be expected.

HELEN BULLARD: "Some people will not respect the policemen if the children are told that the policemen go about and beat up the people. What could be done about this"?

VIRGINIA JACKSON: "My suggestion is, as I tell my children, (and I have five) that whenever a policeman orders you to do something, do it. If you are arrested go with them peacefully, wheter you are wrong or right. Then this is when you exercise your rights by hiring a lawyer".

CHAIRMAN: "If the City removes the policemen from the area, will it make this area less disturbed"?

VIRGINIA JACKSON: "We don't need anyone here, who cannot get order. The policemen are causing disorder."

WILLIE GLAZE: "Some of the people in the area feel that the people who the cops shot are either their friend or relative".

CHARLES B. HART: Asked what would their reactions be if Mr. Carmichael came back into the area, once the policemen are removed. Would they be able to guarantee anyone that they would not be motivated by his speeches and riot again? He also stated that he is a volunteer worker with EOA, as an area representative, and that about three months ago they expressed a desire for a "good Guy" to patrol this area. We have not had full cooperation with the community working with EOA. We had also tried to get the City to cuild two playlots for our children. Mr. Hart is to submit a written report to the committee on these efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P. M., in order to meet with the Mayor at City Hall.

July 24, 1967

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Mr. Patrick Taylor, Secretary
Community Relations Commission
Center Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Mayor has asked me to answer your letter of July 19, 1967 concerning the Summer Youth Opportunity Campaign in the Metropolitan Atlanta Area.

Rather than to go through a long explanation about our program, I am taking the liberty of enclosing for your information copies of some of the material which we are using in our Campaign.

I believe this will give you a good indication of the comprehensiveness of the Atlanta effort and the kind of broad community participation and cooperation which we have been able to obtain.

Much of the success of this Campaign was due to the amount of active support and participation which we were able to obtain from the Office of the Mayor and the Mayor himself who serves as chairman of the Youth Opportunity Campaign. We maintained a close working relationship between community action agency (E.O.A.), the private and public welfare agencies, the recreation and educational agencies and the businesses in this community. We also attribute our success to the early groundwork done by the Atlanta Youth Council.

The reaction to our program has been most favorable at both the local and federal levels.

In spite of the success of our Campaign, we do hope we can do an even better job next summer in the employment area.

The Mayor has also asked me to convey his congratulations to your City for the formation of its Community Relations Commission and wish you success in this undertaking.

Thank you very much for your letter and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Cox
Executive Director

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Enclosure



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NOVEMBER, 1966
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July 25, 1967

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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
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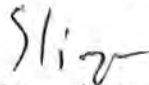
I am sorry not to have reported earlier on the letter from Mr. H. O. Hambrick, 386 Patterson Avenue, S. E.. It took a little while to get in touch with him, but Mr. Norman Lillegard who is a student Interracial Ministerial Intern working in the Commission office this summer, did call Mr. Hambrick and discussed his situation with him.

We tried to reassure Mr. Hambrick that if Negroes do move into a neighborhood, that the city will not permit any deterioration in services.

We pointed out the fact that there are no legal restrictions on where anyone may live or buy property, that Mr. Hambrick and his neighbors by their own concern about their own property will determine the condition of their neighborhood.

We asked Mr. Hambrick to stay in touch with us and to let us know if we can be of any help to him or his neighbors.

Sincerely,


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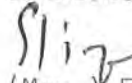
In response to your letter requesting that we assist Mr. Charles Frame in his efforts to find a place to locate his trailer home, Mr. Norman Lillegard contacted Mr. Frame and made the following attempts to help him.

Mr. Frame was interested in a location in the south or southwest section of the city, and so Mr. Lillegard visited two parks on Bankhead Highway and two on Steward Avenue. According to Mr. Frame, he had been told several times during the past year that he could get a place at one of the parks, but had never heard from them. The other one on BankHead Avenue had told him that they did not serve Negroes. Mr. Lillegard was told that there were no vacancies at either of these places when he called without identifying himself.

Mr. Lillegard and Mr. Frame visited several parks on Steward Avenue and attempted to make an application at two which had vacancies. At one of these, Mr. Lillegard was told that they did have vacancies, but when it became apparent that it was Mr. Frame that wanted the place, they were told that it was not ready for occupancy. Both of these parks on Steward Avenue took applications but both pointed out that they did not accept unmarried persons, and Mr. Frame because of this would be ineligible.

Mr. Lillegard is keeping in touch with Mr. Frame and we will let you know of any future developments.

Sincerely,


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NOTE: "The City of Atlanta Police Department is investigating all of the incidents which took place in the Dixie Hills area June 17th thru June 20th."

July 12, 1967

REPORT ON DIXIE HILLS EPISODE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A memo in the files of the Community Relations Commission, dated April 5, 1967 states "Mr. Charles Hart suggests that the Commission hold a hearing in the Northwest area immediately - including, Troy Street area, Dixie Hills, Almond Park, etc. He pointed out several problems in the area.

On April 19th a meeting was held at Allen A. M. E. Church, at which time 24 persons spoke, and some 15 more submitted written statements about needs. (On May 4th, a meeting was held at Wilkes Chapel, in Perry Homes area) The complaints included sewers; street paving; street signs; police protection, "In Dixie Hills Plaza"; recreation; double session schools; charges in public housing projects; rats; maintenance of apartments.

The individual complaints were referred to the appropriate departments and the Commission was informed that an encouraging number had been handled.

The major ones, of inadequate resources for young people would require major resources and programs through the City Parks and Recreation Department or through the Board of Education.

On May 9th, the Center Hill - Grove Park Civic Association and the CNAC for the West Central EOA center submitted requests to the Parks Committee for 8 specific programs in the general area. On May 10th same groups submitted to the Police Committee requests for development of a Police Athletic League.

The Dixie Hills Shopping Center is in area of about one block by one-half block. It is surrounded by apartment houses with little open space --- a parking area for about 20 cars.

On the evening of Saturday, June 17th, a customer left the Flamingo Grill at about 9:15 P. M. and was standing on a corner in the plaza. [He was drinking beer.] According to him, Eddie Wilkins, who was the one arrested: "I was standing on the corner, had a can of beer and I'm old enough, I'm over 21; then three security policemen from the Flamingo Grill, came up and told me to move on. He's got a grudge against me; the security guards said 'You can't stand here on the corner' I said 'Why?' Then he pushed me. (The security guard) Then we started to fight. And then the city police came."

Eddie Wilkins' sister, Georgia Wilkins, was arrested later. Her version was: "Detective J. W. Bailey pulled me over and tried to handcuff me. He slapped me and I started to fight back. My Daddy told me to let the police take me on in and he would get me out. They put a boy in the car and took out brass knuckles, beat the boy and then started beating me in the stomach and back. I asked why they were arresting and hitting me. The Negro officer told me to shut up! He said he had arrested me for bad language. I said they should arrest everybody then. I kept quiet so they wouldn't beat me."

During this period, a crowd gathered and some protested the arrests. Another man was also arrested. A police officer said Miss Wilkins was hitting at them with her pocketbook and cursing. She was arrested on charges of an assault on an officer, using obscene and vulgar language. Her brother was arrested on a miscellaneous mischief charge. The third person, Joseph Kendrick of Proctor Street, was charged with interfering with an officer. They claim to have been beaten by the police in the car.

The crowd gathered. The police officer denied the charges against him, saying that they were fighting and protesting.

There were no disturbances on Saturday night and no police cars in the area. The incidents in the Dixie Hills area were sparked off as a result of the fight with the security guards on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon Stokley Carmichael and his SNCC companions were in the neighborhood. After a swimming trip at Mozley Park, they were arrested for loitering. It was reported by Howard Watson, a resident of the Dixie Hills area, there were about 4 police cars patrolling. He held a meeting at St. Joseph's Church on Verbena Street, N. W., with some residents of the community to decide whether they should picket the shopping plaza. The meeting was held at 3:00 P. M. , shortly after Stokley Carmichael's arrest. There were no incidents Sunday night.

Monday afternoon, a young man was shot by a police officer. The incident was described by an eyewitness as follows: "Somebody threw a brick in the shopping center and hit the window to a store, the burglar alarm went off. A boy (the one who was shot) picked up a stick and started beating on the alarm to try to make it stop, as they had seen policemen do. The police drove up, one man got out of the car and came over to the boy and told him to stop. The boy didn't stop. When the boy continued beating, the policeman demanded again that he stop. When the boy continued beating, the policeman pushed him. The boy's friend suggested that he defend himself. Then the boy retaliated by pushing the policeman back. They started to scuffle. The boy pushed the policeman against his car and backed away from him. The policeman pulled out his pistol and shot the boy."

Marion Ward, 31 Shirley Place, gave this account of what happened Tues. night. He said: "The Police Department got nasty with us last night after people got shot. We tried to get police officers to help us out, he told us to wait, we should have been in the house, to wait, they would get to us when they could ----- Fellow was dead, little boy would have died --- told me to pick fellow up and bring him to him --- fellow was already dead --- the fellow I went to was the person who did the shooting. Police were scared to death, had shotguns. Fellow who threw firebomb was no where near us. Lady said 'We better go in the house' when firebomb was thrown, tried to get in the same door. I would know police officer who shot --- got a good look at him in light of bomb".

The observations of Reginald Carter after Dixie Hills Rioting .
(Community Relations Staff)

I arrived into the area about 9:15 A. M., Tuesday, June 20th at Verbena Street at the EOA West Central Neighborhood Service Center. I saw the bulldozers and tractors of the City of Atlanta grading ground to be used for a play lot. The street cleaners were clearing the streets. The sewers were being cleaned out and many of the city officials were in the area giving directions and making plans about what is to be done next about play lots. The area was without incident. Later on in the evening, 10:15 P. M., when I arrived back into the area, policemen were fully armed. I had heard that four (4) people were shot, one fatally. The area was high in tension and several shots were fired periodically.

I went to Grady Hospital in an effort to get an official report of the incident and possibly to talk to some of the injured. I was only able to get a story of what happened from a news reporter. She reported: "A Mr. Timothy Ross was fatally shot while sitting on a step at his home; Marion Ward was shot between the eyes, his injury was not serious; Catherine Duncan was shot in the hand while in her apartment. The shooting resulted from a kid who threw a fire bomb at a policeman. The policeman got excited and started shooting". Reginald Rivers, age nine (9) was shot in the side.

I returned to the area of Dixie Hills and heard that the Mayor had been there for a short while. I listened while Reverend Boone, Rush Congregational Church, Reverend J. C. Ward, Hunter Hill Baptist Church, Ben Perry, WADK, and Douglas Jackson who was shot by the police on the evening before, was interviewed about the shooting of the afternoon.

I left the area about 12:15 A. M., there were no further incidents.

Wednesday morning: Mayor Allen rendered a 9 P. M. - 7 A. M. curfew under powers granted to him on Monday, and requested the Community Relations Commission's Executive Committee to hold a meeting to hear from residents of the area --- notes attached:

Upon recommendation of the local leaders and the Community Relations Commission the Mayor extended the curfew to midnight.

Washington and Anderson Parks are progressing. Meetings of residents with apartment managers and store managers in the riot area have resulted in agreements for better maintenance service in the apartments and better quality goods in the stores. The Reverends Boone and J. C. Ward were very interested in this.

At its meeting on Friday, June 23, 1967 the Community Relations Commission adopted resolutions:

1. Urging the Retail Food Dealers Association to adopt membership qualifications and to discipline its members.
2. Requesting an immediate survey of Recreation resources

3. Asking the Community Council to convene a city-wide meeting for long-term plans for recreation, and
4. A resolution addressed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the text of which is attached.

Minutes of the Hearing held by the Commission on Wednesday afternoon, are attached and copy of requests from Citizens Groups to Parks and Recreation Committee on May 9th and Police Committee on May 10th.

Disposition of Cases. as of July 21, 1967:

Miss Georgia Wilkins: In Municipal Court, fined \$17 for resisting arrest; \$15 for profane language; bound over to County Court on charge of assault and battery.

Mr. Eddie Wilkins: In Municipal Court, charge of vulgar language, dismissed; bound over to County Court on charges of assault and battery and malicious mischief.

Mr. Joseph Hendricks: In Municipal Court, for interfering with arrest, fined \$25, or \$15 and time, suspended; charge of profane language dismissed; bound over on charge of assault and battery.

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	Mr. William H. Furlow 2166 Vesta Ave., #8	Mr. Johnny Billingsley 2225 Verbena St. #5	Willie Glaze 155 Wadley St.

Mr. Howard Watson, the Youth Corps Co-chairman, was the first speaker. He expressed his complaints, and what he thought precipitated the rioting was (1) inadequate play lots for the immediate area, (2) better treatments in the stores, (3) apartments, (4) police brutality, and (5) unpaved streets, with holes in them.

The apartments are owned by private owners, and the owners should be made to repair the apartments, and rents are too high for the way they are unkept by the owners. Streets need paving, some large holes are in the middle of them. The sewage is very bad, when it rains, water floods up in the streets. He felt that the stores in the Center, should treat the children, as well as others with respect. The brutality is another factor for unrest - when the official was arresting the girl they used brutality with her, and the people didn't want their women treated that way. The policemen seem to feel that the people in the low-income bracket, can be treated anyway, and talked to anyway. The rioting did not just stem from the trying to get recreation facilities, but mostly "police brutality".

DOROTHY SHAW: She stated that her grievances, or complaints were (1) playlots for the children, (2) E.O.A. should have field trips for the smaller children (3) the selling of beer and wine to our children in the store should be stopped (this complaint had not been formally reported to the authorities.

BULLARD: (Question) Do you think that Mr. Carmichael's presence precipitated this rioting? Do you think this would come about anyway?

SHAW: The disturbance would come about sooner or later, mainly because our kids are on the streets.

MARION WARD: the man who was shot, treated, and released, stated that he waited in the streets in order to help the fellow who was shot (later he died). After waiting on the police, he went to get his superior officer (the police), he never came back to help the other man. He told the Commission that he heard four shots, that the officer pump the gun four times. That the man who threw the fire bomb (Molotov Cocktail) was not near them. The Molotov Cocktail went just a few feet in front of the officer who shot these people. He saw the police start to shoot, the police was under a street light. He stated that he could identify him if he saw him again. The other man (who died) was just lying in the streets "face down", and the boy was not bleeding, unless he was bleeding on the inside, both unattended. He stated that he was treated and released at Grady's Hospital. The ambulance took about two hours to come. He said he had started to bleed again, that it was about 30 minutes after he got to the hospital before he received any service. He was asked to make a statement to detectives before he began to get service.

There are no playlots for our children, the rent is too high, and nothing is offered for them. ("I pay \$65.00 per month; no utilities are included") He has three children himself, and that the apartments are infested with roaches, rats, and other insects: that the owners should get rid of.

WILLIAM H. FURLOW: Feels that previous problems cause this thing to come to a point. After the rioting he came back to this area to see what was happening, he feels that this situation came about because of the brutality of the police arresting of the girl (Georgia). This community this large do not need a Jew Store, with prices skyhigh, and little quality. A community this size needs a store like A & P or one similar. The city should make the owners repair the apartments. There are holes in the wall, where children get into them to play. This is dangerous. Also play lots are needed for our children.

WILKIE JORDAN: Get property owners to fix up the property, keep places clean. Felt that if the policemen were to parole the area, it should be in such a large quantity, and not harass the people. As long as the people are treated like people, there will be peace. If the officials are mean to them, they will continue to gather in crowds as such. There should be an effort if the policemen are needed they should be able to reach the area in 5 to 8 minutes. The people feel that the thing which caused the rioting was: (1) when the police used brut in arresting the woman. A meeting was called on Sunday to find out the people grievance, and to stop the past troubles of the community with the security guards, play lots for our small children. He thought that this thing would come

about eventually, even if Mr. Carmichael did not come into the area.

MRS. ALBERT FORD stated that these problems were here before this thing happen. She felt that the City transit gave good bus service in the area. A bus comes in here every five minutes, and during the Xmas holidays, one came about every minute. The police brutality is not wanted in the area. The community decided that they will not shop at the store (Dixie Hill Store). She stated that, "We are not violent people", if some of the police is taken from the area, the people could go back to their normal way of living. She says that she realize that a lot of people do not have respect for the law, but this comes from the brutality from the policemen.

MIKIE JORDAN said that the people held a meeting that night, (Monday) We called this meeting to hear from the people their complaints. A community preacher made arrangements as to where this meeting was to be held. Their complaints were as follows: (1) work, (2) the stores in the Center, (3) EOA, they are not helping the people with their problems, (4) Poor Sewage, (5) Play lots, and recreation are not doing what could be done with the apartment. We would like someone from the City to guard this area as a regular beat, someone who knows everyone. And they should take a human-relations course, similar to the one given in colleges. Then they would know how to handle these people. Also EOA do not show to much interest to the people in the area, and are not really giving assistance to them. The counselors do not take interest.

MRS. ALBERT FORD: Police brutality is drawing attention from the people.

JERRY CARLTON: The police are not protecting the people, and they should be gotten out. He stated further that he saw the little boy who was shot, in the hospital, and that the kid wants to kill every cop that comes into his sight -- that this is the reaction a small child has from such brutality --- and that he is too young to think like that --- but the police are teaching him this way because of the way they treat people. The security guards are given a gun and a badge and that is their license to kill, or harass anyone they want.

Q. V. WILLIAMSON: "The only thing the police are there for is to protect life and property. If they are taken out now what will happen"?

JOHNNY BILLINGSLAY: "This community once had a fellow who was real nice, but the city took him away, and gave us another person here who tried to bully everyone. He was removed after he shot a man here. Then the store and the grill hired a Security Guard . The man who everyone liked was Mr. Collier".

CHAIRMAN: "Could this man be brought back to help us with the people, and their problems"?

BILLINGSLAY: "The only thing we want here is 'peace'".

CHARLES WEBSTER, AFSC: "Chairman, I agree with Mr. Billingslay, and Mr. Carlton. This community needs someone who the people love, and trust."

C. W. SMITH: "We have a number of complaints". He works with EOA as Area Block Chairman of their lighting committee. He states that they had a number of complaints, in addition to the other complaints, is proper lighting in the area. This complaint has been brought up before the proper authorities, but nothing has yet been done about it.

VIRGINIA JACKSON: Works with Anderson School's PTA, and talk to the boys in the area. The people here feel that the people with the EOA are better than them, the way they are treated. Since most of these people are not high-school graduates, they (EOA) in counselling them should tell these kids, not to expect to make a lot of money on the jobs that they are sent out on. Some of them have gotten into the training program, but this makes them frustrated, because if they have families, the salary they are given are not enough. The counselors should let them know what is to be expected.

HELEN BULLARD: "Some people will not respect the policemen if the children are told that the policemen go about and beat up the people. What could be done about this"?

VIRGINIA JACKSON: "My suggestion is, as I tell my children, (and I have five) that whenever a policeman orders you to do something, do it. If you are arrested go with them peacefully, wheter you are wrong or right. Then this is when you exercise your rights by hiring a lawyer".

CHAIRMAN: "If the City removes the policemen from the area, will it make this area less disturbed"?

VIRGINIA JACKSON: "We don't need anyone here, who cannot get order. The policemen are causing disorder."

WILLIE GLAZE: "Some of the people in the area feel that the people who the cops shot are either their friend or relative".

CHARLES B. HART: Asked what would their reactions be if Mr. Carmichael came back into the area, once the policemen are removed. Would they be able to guarantee anyone that they would not be motivated by his speeches and riot again? He also stated that he is a volunteer worker with EOA, as an area representative, and that about three months ago they expressed a desire for a "good Guy" to patrol this area. We have not had full cooperation with the community working with EOA. We had also tried to get the City to cuild two playlots for our children. Mr. Hart is to submit a written report to the committee on these efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P. M., in order to meet with the Mayor at City Hall.

July 18, 1967

Reverend C. E. Maddox
251 Tye Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reverend Maddox:

Mr. Irving Kaler, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, advised me that you were responsible for arranging the meeting for the Commission and the citizens in your area on Monday evening, July 10th.

On behalf of the Community Relations Commission, we would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Irving Kaler



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Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall
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Community Relations Commission
1203 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Dear Eliza:

Please note the attached correspondence from the Mayor's Office. It is quite clear that he wants us to send the letter of appreciation.

I concur that this should be done promptly and, therefore, would appreciate your sending a letter of appreciation over my signature as Chairman to Reverend C. E. Maddox.

Yours very sincerely,

Irving K. Kaler
Chairman

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Enclosures

CITY OF ATLANTA



July 19, 1967

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat *DS*

Subject: Eliza Paschall

Attached is correspondence between Mrs. Eliza Paschall of the Community Relations Commission and Duane Beck of the Community Council.

I hesitate to register a complaint about Mrs. Paschall's action as recognized in the attached correspondence for fear that I might be getting the reputation of being anti Community Relations Commission or that I have some adverse personal feelings against Mrs. Paschall, but here again is an example which raises a basic issue concerning the role of the Community Relations Commission and its relationship to the established local government authority which I feel must be resolved for the good of everyone in the City of Atlanta.

As you know, this office has been involved since its creation in assisting in the development of recreation programs and facilities for the City of Atlanta. This summer's program is the most comprehensive ever carried out in the City of Atlanta and is a result of very close cooperation and coordination by the City through the Atlanta Youth Council with various public and private agencies.

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I mentioned to you a few days ago that we were now in a position to be able to develop a year-round program with emphasis on summer recreation and that many groups have pledged their cooperation. We have taken steps in that direction.

Now, I find that Mrs. Paschall has entered this area without any communication with this office and is attempting to assume the responsibilities of the Atlanta Youth Council and Parks and Recreation Department in this area.

I think Mr. Beck's answer to Mrs. Paschall indicates that the Community Council is aware of the role of the Mayor's Office, the City Recreation Department, the Community Chest, EOA, and the schools, as well as the Atlanta Youth Council, which is the agency we have agreed would spearhead development of youth and juvenile delinquency programs.

The main point I would like to make is that the Community Relations Commission, which has an office in City Hall, should find out what the City is doing before initiating action which tends to cause confusion, overlapping and duplication.

I wish that an explicit definition of the role of the Community Relations Commission could be drawn which would let all of us know exactly what the responsibilities of that organization are. I think this is a must if we are to expect harmonious relationships between the Commission, the City Government, and other public and private groups.

DS:fy

cc: Mr. Earl Landers

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July 17, 1967

Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
1203 City Hall
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Dear Eliza:

I have talked with several people about your letter dated July 5, 1967, addressed to the Community Council from your organization. They all agree that the city of Atlanta needs a comprehensive year-round recreation plan and Mr. Allison from EOA, Mr. Cox from the Atlanta Youth Council, and Mr. Delius from the City Recreation Department have agreed that we should get together to discuss how such a plan could be developed.

We are in agreement that the primary agencies which would have responsibility for planning and implementing the plan should come together first. Therefore, we are not in agreement with your recommendation that we convene a meeting of representatives of all recreation facilities at the present time. We feel that the smaller group should figure out how a plan could be developed and how it might be financed before we bring together the groups who provide many of the direct services in recreation.

Mr. Cox and I are very much interested in convening a meeting of the primary groups in which we would discuss how such a planning process could proceed for the city. Both of our organizations have information at the present time which is pertinent to proceeding with a planning process. The Economic Opportunity of Atlanta also has information and I think the time is ripe for us to proceed.

We have not set a date for such a meeting but will within the next few days after I have a chance to confer with Mr. Furniss, the Chairman of our Board of Directors. We would propose at that time to invite a representative of your organization, the City Recreation Department, the Community Chest, EOA, the Mayor's Office and the community school program.

Please let me know your thoughts on the matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

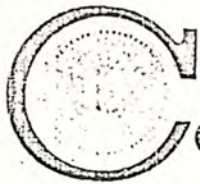


Duane W. Beck
Executive Director

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Mr. James P. Furniss
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Mr. Duane Beck
Executive Director
The Community Council of the Atlanta Area, Inc.
Glenn Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Beck:

Early last week I had some conversation with Mrs. Tillison on the subject of the Community Council convening a meeting of youth-serving agencies of The Permanent Conference. Our original interest was specifically the Boulevard area, but by the time we got around to expressing it, the need for services throughout the city had become more apparent than ever.

She suggested that such a request be made to the Youth Council, in view of their coordination of summer programs.

At the meeting of the Commission, however, on June 23, upon motion of Mr. Joseph Haas, the Commission voted to request the Community Council jointly with the Community Relations Commission to convene "a convocation of representatives of all recreational facilities, public and private", (including representatives of individual church groups, et al) to explore a comprehensive year-round recreation program and to insure the resources adequate for such a permanent program.

The Recreation Department of the city and the Youth Council would of course be included in any such meeting and I should think also in the initial discussion and planning.

We shall appreciate a response from the Community Council as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eliza K. Paschall/mj
(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Irving K. Kaler
Mr. Joseph Haas
Mr. James P. Furniss, President, Community Council



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July 13, 1967

The original copies of the attached reports were sent to Mr. Richard Freeman, Chairman of the Police Committee of the Board of Aldermen, last month along with reports on various statements about police actions in Dixie Hills. We are in the process now of arranging with the ACLU and some other community agencies which have expressed concerns about reported police activities, an informal meeting in order to co-ordinate our concerns and any recommendations we might have to make, rather than having each individual group deal separately with the police committee. We hope this arrangement will save us all time and energy, and will result in some more constructive activity than simply meeting to review reports with which we are already familiar.

We did want you to know, however, that reports such as these did come to us and that we are proceeding along these lines so that if questions should arise about this before we arrange a meeting, all members of the police committee, and Chief Jenkins, and Mayor Allen and Vice-Mayor Massell will be fully informed.

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Vice-Mayor Sam Massell, Jr.
Police Chief Herbert Jenkins
Mr. Charles Leftwich, Police Committee
Mr. Q. V. Williamson, Police Committee
Mr. Jack Summers, Police Committee

Sincerely,

Eliza K. Paschall

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

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Enclosures

May 15, 1967

Mr. Baynes telephoned the office of the Community Relations Commission, Monday afternoon from the jail to ask for assistance. He was released Monday night and came to the office and gave this statement.

CASE OF ROBERT LEE BAYNES, 53 HOUGUE STREET, N. E.

Sunday, May 14th, I went to Church with my mother about 11:00 a.m. to the Israel Baptist Church... Became ill, soon after I got there and left. I went back home by Taxi and got home about 11:50 a.m. Sat on the porch for about ten or fifteen minutes trying to recuperate and finally, I felt better and went across the street to a friend's house on Auburn Ave., Amie Ross to visit her and some of her relatives who were here to attend a funeral that was held the previous day. I arrived at the Ross home about 12:15 p.m. and stayed until about 1:30; went home and rested until about 4 or 5 o'clock p.m.. Got up and prepared supper for myself. I had visitors about 8:00 p.m.. They stayed until about 12:30 or 1:00 a.m. As they left, I went out to the car to see them off. As I was returning to my house, two men came pass and asked for a cigarette. I gave them a cigarette. In the meantime, the police ran into the corner and almost ran over us. They turned the corner, they jumped out the car with guns and demanded that I put my hands up. I asked them why---the police man said, "because I said so dammit..." Then he, the policeman said, "I got them, both of them..." He said you came from down the street, I said no I didn't, he said you are a damn lie, you did. One of the two men that asked me for a cigarette was standing across the street, the other was against the car with me with his hands up, under cover by the policeman's gun. The man that was standing across the street came over and told the police that I was not with them and had not come up the street. A cab driver drove up about that time and told the police that he had the wrong man. I told the police, you see you are about to get somebody killed. The police said Hell, anybody can make a mistake. He said further, you can go now... I walked back across the street to my house. A lot of police had gathered in the area--a few residents, as well. I was standing on the perch, this same cab driver came back up and said that this is the one, referring to me. Someone yelled from the crowd that gathered--he must be crazy..he just said that wasn't the one..The police that had held me against the car, yelled see I told you we had him, you let the other get away--he said that remark to the other policeman. They all drew their guns and then they snatched me off of my porch. One person said the cab driver said the suspect had on red, I had no red. I was not trying to resist... They shoved me into the car and so I asked them if I could close

my door, since I lived alone. One of the police said, damn the door, get into the car. I yelled out for someone to please close my door. One of the officers moved onto my porch, I guess he closed the door. All of the police were white. They drove down Auburn Ave., and Randolph Street. Additional police and the cab driver were already there. The cab driver said he was robbed at Auburn and Irwin. They took me out of the patrol car and then transferred me to two Negro detective's car. The Negro detective questioned me further..... I asked again if I could go and turn off my lights, fan, TV and close my door. They said No I could not do that and that it was time for them to get off and that they could see about that tomorrow. In the meantime, a call came on the police radio that the people that did the robbery were going out Dekalb Avenue in a red car.. So the police took off and started chasing down Dekalb Ave. with me in the car.. the Cab Driver joined the chase in his car. He was in Checker Cab, No. 97. They drove out Dekalb pass Mason Avenue, near Decatur City line and pulled into a filling station and called for Car No 87 to follow them back up to Decatur Street. When they got to Butler and Decatur Street they pointed to the Cab Driver to go up to the parking lot. They pulled into the Detectives parking area. They then carried me into the jail and had me to sit on the bench for a while. Then they ordered me into a room. In the room, I was asked about my place of birth and education and height and weight. I was then fingerprinted. After I was fingerprinted I was taken into a reception room to wait to be put in jail. I told the people in there (three white men and a white women) that I was a diabetic and that I had to eat every four hours and they started laughing and jeering me along about now, I told them I need to have a glass of milk. They started to laugh, I told them it wasn't funny. They ordered a wagon and said they would send me to Grady. They told me not to try to run or they would shot me. I told them I had nothing to run for and they said nothing more. The Policewagon came and took me to Grady. They handcuffed me behind my back..The doctors told them to bring me back at 8:00 a.m. They took me back to my cell and then they told me I could make one call and that that call must be to my lawyer, I called Charles Longstreet Weltner and told him what had happened. The jail attendant was standing there all the time with a gun pointed on me. Then they put me in a cell.. At 8:30 a.m. I told the jail attendant that I was supposed to go to the hospital at 8:00 a.m. The attendant told me he could not do anything about that. I kept begging for assistance,..

I could not stand up, unless I held onto the bars. Finally at 10:37 a.m. they came and took me to the doctor. It was another 20 minutes before the doctors saw me because they kept me at the police room in the hospital. They put me in a heavily air conditioned room and I went into a chill. Later the nurse came and put blankets on me. The Doctor came in and told them to put me into a bed. They gave me intravenous glucose until 3:00 p.m. The nurse brought me some orange juice. The doctor told me to go back to jail and to eat right away, but not eat anything that I was not supposed to eat. They brought me to the wrong floor at the jail, so I was able to use a telephone that was located on that floor and I phoned the Community Relations Commission and spoke to Mrs. Paschall.

It was late Monday afternoon before my appliances were turned off and they were turned off then because I called my mother and got her to turn them off. In the meantime, I told them that the doctor had told me to eat...the jail attendant said he didn't have any food and he could not help me. I kept asking and he started to cursing me out...I called Grady Hospital and told them I wanted the emergency clinic and I talked with the doctor and he told them about the situation and the Doctor told him (the jail attendant) to get me back to Grady right away. When the attendant finished talking to the doctor, he told me I was pretty damn smart. I went back to Grady and the doctor told them to give me some food right away. They took me back to the jail. At the jail they said that they didn't have any food and sent me back to Grady. The white jail attendant asked me who in the hell I thought I was ---going to Grady so much.. When I got to Grady again the Doctor told me that I would die if I didn't get some food. He gave me a shot...They carried me back to jail. Shortly after I got back, I went into a semi-coma. The attendant came and told me that two men wanted to see me. The two men were the two Negro detectives who had brought me to be arrested at the station. I talked with them. They asked me a series of questions. Then they sent me to the cell. In a few minutes they sent for me. They took me home. Before they took me home they asked me if I wanted to go to trial. I didn't know what trial they meant and I said no, unless I had to go.

When they took me home it was about 10:30 p.m. Monday night, I had had no food from Sunday afternoon until the time I was released

ROBERT LEE BAYNES

Mr. Weltner went to the Police Station during the day, called and sent lawyers, was told Mr. Baynes was not there.

Robert Lee Baynes

At about 2:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, in the ambulance in which I was riding we heard a police car reporting chasing a car out Dekalb Avenue for running a red light; chased the car for about 20 minutes, kept saying the car was running red lights, at one point, said Tried to wreck us. The ambulance followed, because we figured they would be shooting or a wreck; followed the car to Decatur out Memorial Drive; the car wouldn't stop, drove into park on the south side of Decatur, into swampy part of the park; we heard shots and went down the creek with a stretcher.

They had the man in the creek, kicking him; he had been bitten by the police dog and hit over the head with a sawed off shotgun; He was handcuffed. He was kicked by about 10 different people, including the ambulance driver. There were about 30 police there by that time, including lots of Dekalb Police, who had heard the radio.

When we got there, the man was saying, "Don't hit me again!", and I heard someone say about 20 times "Get him, Bill". I tried to pick him up and put him on the stretcher, no one would help me. A policeman shoved him and he fell on the other side of the stretcher and was bitten again by the police dog. I got him on the stretcher, but someone dragged him off, pushed him down in the mud on his face, and then made him walk to the ambulance; more police kicking him and cuffing him across the face. There were some superior officers there and they tried to find a car with 2 officers so one could ride back in the ambulance with us. Finally, they found one off-duty policeman and he rode in the ambulance. He shoved the man face down in the ambulance, and he climbed in and kicked him. The man finally got a bit belligerent and said "I wish I was dead", and the police officer said, "Well, I'll take the hand cuffs off and you run, and I'll just fix that for you".

When we got to Grady, the detention officer roughed him up a bit more. He was treated at the emergency clinic. Usually anybody who comes in like that is taken to X-Ray, but before they got to X-Ray, he was taken off to jail.

Turned out the reason he didn't stop when they saw him running the red light was that he had borrowed his friend's car without permission. They said

it was a stolen car, and there was some talk of charging him with attempting to murder a police officer.

He gave his name to me as "Leroy McFarland", but then he gave it to the attorney as "Lou McMorris" or something like that.

(A person is not allowed to make a phone call from Grady's detention ward. Sometimes it is 18 hours before they get out of Grady, but the police don't let them make a phone call.)

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The account of an encounter with the City of Atlanta Police, Tuesday Night, May 2, 1967, by Huron W. Virden, Jr., 685 Argonne Avenue NE Apt. 10, Atlanta, Ga.

At approximately 9 PM to 9:30 PM, May 2, 1967, I was walking south on the west side of Peachtree between 10th and 11th streets. I had been to the Post Office on 14th and had parked on Peachtree and was going to make a telephone call at the Rexall Drug Store. Near 10th Street I noticed two men in business suits who looked to be in their thirties forcing an old man across to the east side of Peachtree to a late model automobile with no obvious markings. Each of the younger men had the old man (he was white in maybe his early fifties) by his arms and were twisting them slightly forcing him across the street. The old man himself was offering no discernable resistance and looked in good condition. He carried himself well. The old man was forced into the car to the rear seat and the other two got in the front seat and closed the doors.

The first thought that entered my mind was that of citizens in a city who observe violence and do nothing to aid the victim. This situation did not look right. I crossed the street after all three men were in the car and walked behind the car deliberately looking at the license plates which were ordinary Georgia, Fulton County, 1966 plates. I stepped onto the sidewalk and walked toward the front of the car. As I passed the front car door the man sitting next to the curb said:

"He looked at the license plates!"

I reached approximately the front wheel of the car and turned and looked through the front windshield in order to clearly see the faces. At this point the man sitting next to the curb jumped out of the car and said to me, "What do you want, mister?"

I said, "What's going on here?" (This was the first remark that I had spoken which was in response to him and had made no attempt to interfere.)

He said, "We're the police."

I said, "Show me your badge, mister."

We had been standing two or three feet apart. He immediately shoved me causing me to lose my balance. He showed me nothing. I turned and stumbling tried to run. He was right behind me, but I managed to get into the middle of Peachtree before he dragged me down onto the street. The other one piled on and I struggled, not hitting them but trying to throw them off. I began yelling, "Help! I don't know who these two guys are. Somebody help me!" Nobody came over. In the middle of Peachtree a pair of handcuffs was gotten out and finally put on me. I was forced back to the car, but they were unable to force me into the car. During this entire time I continued to yell, "Help, I don't know who these two guys are!" After I was forced back to the car a bystander said, "They're the police. You're in good hands."

Since I did not know the bystander and did not consider handcuffs very good badges of identification, I continued to yell. By this time they had forced me to the trunk of the car with my feet on the ground and pressed by torso across the trunk. Finally a bystander, a Chinese, said, "What are you two doing to him?" and one of them said, "We're the police."

The Chinese said, "Then show him your badge."

At this point one of them for the first and only time pulled out a badge and holding it low, briefly flashed it and then put it back in his pocket. I yelled to the Chinese "Get his name and badge number."

The Chinese then said, "You are in good hands, you go on with them."

I was by no means assured and continued to yell hoping that a uniformed patrolman would show up. Finally a paddy wagon came screaming up and as the driver jumped out I said, "Boy, am I glad to see you." The wagon driver later said that his name was Ray.

I offered no resistance to being placed in the wagon and stopped yelling. Sitting there in the wagon at 10th and Peachtree I became aware of two new faces in plain clothes who began talking to the men who had jumped me, and I began demanding their name and badge numbers. Finally one of them stuck his head in the door of the wagon and said that his name was Metzger (or something roughly like that) and that he was superintendent of detectives. I briefly related to him the circumstances of my observing the old man being forced across the street to an unmarked car and my subsequent involvement with the other two men and told him, "I don't mind an honest cop, but you've got two louses out there."

I later discovered I was charged with using profanity to an officer, and this remark was the extent of my profanity.

Sitting there in the wagon the old man was finally put in with me, and he said that his name was Robert Anderson from Decatur, Ga. I understand that he was later booked for being drunk.

Another remark that I did yell out of the wagon to the detectives and superintendent was that I was going to file charges for false arrest.

We were driven to the station house in the wagon and both of us got out making no fuss. The handcuffs were taken off me and I was told to sit on a bench in the station house while the old man was booked. I was told to come up to the counter which I did with no comment. A patrolman with a plaster of paris mitten took my right hand and started to raise it as if to fingerprint me. I held my hand down and said, "You can't fingerprint me."

He said, "Oh yes we can." and began to twist my right arm while putting a hammerlock around my neck with his left arm.

A woman behind the counter sustained his statement by saying, "Oh yes they can."

Another patrolman began twisting my left arm and I relaxed and said, "Okay." At no time did I offer any other opposition then simply state that they could not fingerprint me, and I held my hand down when they first tried to lift it. I was choked unconscious. When I came to I was led into the elevator by the patrolman with the plaster mitten plus another patrolman. Another prisoner was placed on the elevator who I think was Robert Anderson and he was accompanied by another officer. I think there was also an elevator operator present. In the elevator I was beaten and kicked by the two officers with me and particularly by the officer with the plaster mitten which he used as a very effective weapon. When the elevator stopped I was led out and thrown to the floor and kicked. I was told to get to my feet and directed down the hall, down which I was continually beaten, especially with the plaster mitten. The only remarks that I made during this course of events was, "Stop, please, stop! I can't do anything!"

I was finally thrown into a barren cell and the door shut. After what seemed to be about two hours I asked an officer who came by if I could make a phone call. He said, "No." A little later he came by again and I said, "I want to call my lawyer."

He said, "No."

Finally around five o'clock in the morning (I had my watch) the same officer came by and said, "You can make a telephone call."

At this time I was afforded an opportunity to call an attorney and friend, Gilbert D. Spindel, and my employers L. W. Gray. Mr. Spindel bailed me out at approximately 7:30 AM, Wednesday morning.

My face was bruised and bloody. I stated at the desk as I left that I thought my arm was broken. Before the officers in charge would let me out he wanted to know if I wanted to go to the hospital while still in official care and I said no that I wanted out.

Trial was set for 3:30PM that afternoon, and it was the next day Thursday, before I was able to have the arm examined and x-rayed by Dr. E. Ladd Jones. The end of one bone on my right elbow was broken which did not require a cast.

There were five charges filed against me. Since I was never given copies I can only recall them as best I can according to memory:

1. Assault and battery against an officer
2. Assault and battery against an officer
3. Disorderly conduct
4. Violating the noise ordinance
5. Using profanity to an officer

My attorney for the hearing, Ernest Brookins, consulted with one of the arresting officers, Detective Ferguson, before the trial. The other detective who initiated the fracas did not show up. Detective Ferguson was willing to admit that I probably thought I was aiding a distressed citizen and I simply stated that I did not know the two men were policemen. I do not know what other consultations there might have been but Judge Jones dropped all the charges except disorderly conduct for which he fined me \$15.00 and suspended the fine.

My attorney also conceded that I be fingerprinted after the trial for which I acceded. The same crew who had worked me over the previous evening were there again. After delaying me for approximately an hour while attempts were made to find a previous record, of which there was none, I was let go. However, at the fingerprinting the man doing it made two sets, both with the date May 3, 1967, stamped on them.. There also seemed to be a third card of larger size than the ones made and signed by me. I could not be sure that this third card of fingerprints was associated with me, though it could have been a set of fingerprints I had made at the Atlanta Police Station back in January or February for a pistol permit which I received. Also in photographing me the same man who made the prints changed some of the letters or numbers on the identification plaque when going from the frontal shot to the profile shot. The two sets of fingerprints which I signed and the change in the plaque have yet to be cleared up.

If one is bemused by this account of brutality, there was perhaps one contributing factor heretofore unspoken. I am a construction superintendent on residences and was dressed in kaiki work clothes and work boots which were not altogether clean. I have found that when so attired I am sometimes given the most perfunctory consideration by store clerks, filling station attendants, and now the police.

My present course of action is this. I do not plan to contest the settlement of the charges against me nor do I plan to file charges of false arrest. I do intend that my side of the story be clearly brought to the attention of the appropriate superiors. I want to make it clear also that it was not detective Ferguson who initiated the fracas but his partner whose name I do not know. The situation in the station house is a different matter. I will file formal charges.

For those who must consider this case I say this. The primary responsibility for the brutality inflicted on me lays with the men who did it and their superiors. These now are less than men. I believe that the majority of the Atlanta Police Force are men of basic honesty, integrity, and humanity. To let such unwarranted brutality by their fellows go unchallenged would be a disservice to their values which must be constantly striven for in a vicious world. I know too that the same officers who assaulted me risk their lives every day in the line of duty.

There is another source of evil here only slightly less in magnitude. Men, whether rich or poor must stand accountable for their actions and when they do not, then they are the worst. But here we are also faced with a police department, a city administration, a city power structure, a bar association, newspapers, television stations, a citizenry that expect men to continuously risk their lives in defense of their great property for a minimum of pay.

Until these matters are effectively faced, the people will not be safe from criminals in their homes nor from the police on Peachtree Street.

Thomas E. Avery Jr.
 Mayor Elect of Atlanta
 Comm Exp 12-2-67

Signed:

date

Thomas M. Parker Jr.
 6-7-67
 Fulton County, Georgia

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 13, 1967

Mr. Charles W. Parrish of 1020 Bolton Road, N. W., called the Commission office, Monday, June 12, and gave the following report of a police incident:

Saturday night, June 10, at 12:15 p.m., I was stopped on the Expressway off Lee Street on Highway 20, and charged with speeding, and driving under the influence of alcohol. Five officers were involved, they handcuffed me, then all five beat and kicked me. I have bruises on my body to show this. They carried me to Grady Hospital for treatment, then to the police station. I was held there until 4 o'clock Sunday, June 11, and released.

The trial was set for Monday, June 12, and then postponed until June 17th.



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1203 CITY HALL, ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303

TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 433

July 6, 1967

Mr. Charles E. Frame
1056 Lena Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mr. Frame:

The Community Relations Commission has received your complaint, forwarded to us from the Mayor's office, concerning your difficulties in finding a place in a mobile home park. We will be glad to do what we can for you in this situation.

I have contacted several of the parks and found several vacancies. If you will call me at the Commission's office, we can arrange a time to visit some of these establishments in order to help you secure one of these vacancies.

Very truly yours,

Norman Lillegard

NL:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.



NEWSLETTER

OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

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A CITIZENS' AGENDA

FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORT

Mayor Allen, in installing the members, said:

"As Atlanta's neighborhoods have grown up and spread out, also they have grown apart. Despite the instantaneous speed of modern electronic communications, it has become increasingly difficult to relate the interests of various neighborhoods one with another in the rapidly changing social, cultural and economic fabric of our city. For that is the way I see Atlanta -- as a group of more than 500,000 people with the common interest of making Atlanta always a better place to live in, to do all possible to make it become America's finest city. It is in the spirit of this common interest that this Commission has been created -- As I wish you Godspeed in your activities. I pledge you the enthusiastic cooperation of your City Government."

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The Community Relations Commission of the City of Atlanta inherited an unfinished agenda from an Ad Hoc Human Relations Committee, which was appointed by the Board of Aldermen in August 1966.

In July 1966 a meeting had been called by "Grass Roots" Community leaders to consider how Atlanta might avoid the disturbances that had erupted in other cities. (It should be noted that this was held before the disturbances in Summerhill and Boulevard, in August).

A resolution was adopted at the meeting, asking the Alderman to appoint a Committee to work towards the establishment of a biracial, human relations committee for the City of Atlanta.

On August 1st, the Board of Aldermen did adopt a resolution calling for the appointment of such a committee, to be composed of the Chairman of the Finance, Parks, Police, Public Works I, Public Works II, Urban Renewal Policy and Zoning Committees of the Board of Aldermen, and a committee "to be selected and designated by the Atlanta Summit Conference," with the Vice-Mayor an ex-officio member.

The Ordinance specified that the Committee should survey "the services and facilities which are furnished in the areas of the City known as Blue Heaven, Vine City, Mechanicsville, Summerhill, Cabbage Town and such as other areas as may be determined by the Committee and to make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the furnishing of necessary services and facilities -- which will standardize these services furnished in the above-mentioned order as with all other areas of the City."

The Ordinance further authorized the Committee to "formulate and present recommendations for the Membership and formation of a Human Relations Commission for the City of Atlanta together with an estimated financial statement."

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Such a Committee was appointed, and was convened by Mayor Ivan Allen to hear reports from heads of major departments about improvements in City Services into substandard areas and to take a bus tour of various substandard and Urban Renewal areas.

At the second meeting of the Committee the advisability of inviting persons from these areas to a Public Meeting was discussed and it was agreed that such a hearing would be held to better advantage if and when there was a permanent Commission with a staff to follow through on the problems brought up. And so the Committee, with the Vice-Mayor serving as chairman, turned its attention to the recommendation of the creation of a permanent biracial Community Relations Commission.

The Ordinance establishing the Commission, which is an amendment to the City Charter was adopted on November 8, 1966. The appointments made by the Mayor, to the 20 Member Commission, were approved by the Board of Aldermen. The Organizational Meeting was held on December 14, 1966 with speeches by Mayor Allen and Mr. John Feild, Director of the Community Relations Service of the U. S. Conference of Mayors.

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The Commission, at its first regular meeting in January elected an Executive Director, (whose appointment was approved at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen on February 7, 1967) and adopted as its first Agenda the unfinished business of the Ad Hoc Human Relations Committee - to hold hearings, both at City Hall and in specified neighborhoods, where Citizens might state their needs.

On February 16th, an overflow crowd appeared in the "Aldermanic Chamber to speak and to listen." Speakers included a member of the State Board of Family & Children's Services, a dean of a school of Social Work, representatives from a Youth Council, individual citizens from different areas. Through April, five meetings have been held to hear from ten to twelve neighborhoods. Three or more members of the Commission have been assigned as a Team for each area. Information Profiles on each neighborhood have been prepared so Commission Members and others can better understand the importance of various requests. These Profiles plus detailed minutes of each meeting provide a unique window for looking into these areas, each with unique problems reflecting its own characteristic -- physical, economic, political -- and yet, all together giving patterns of problems.

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Most of the requests have concerned the most basic public services, with little reference to civil rights or discrimination. Decent housing, safe streets and sidewalks, recreation, adequate sewers and sanitary services, increased police patrolling -- these are among the most frequently mentioned items. In some areas there are complaints from home owners about a strict code enforcement. In others, the complaints are that landlords are not required to meet standards. Throughout there is confusion and anxiety about possibilities of displacement and relocation because of code enforcement, urban renewal, highways, etc. (At the request of the residents a special meeting was scheduled about the various city plans in one of the areas.)

Public Housing is an area unto itself, with many questions about the actual amounts of rents and charges, but most important, questions about the authority of the manager and the lack of feeling of freedom and independence to question and complain. The month to month lease and the authority of the manager to evict (and until the recent Supreme Court ruling, that without written reason) has created a situation where many tenants feel they have no recourse -- particularly in view of the cost of moving and the difficulty of finding other accommodations if one is evicted from public housing. A request to help "stabilize a neighborhood" has opened up the subject of racial patterns of housing. The Commission has collected information and insights and is now attempting to develop realistic recommendations for all the various segments of the community which are involved.

In areas where few residents have cars, public transportation becomes of much more importance, economically and socially. The lack of streets and sidewalks, much less public transportation in many cases accounts for apparent lack of neighborhood spirit. Holes in sidewalks and dimly lit streets also become more important when travel is on foot.

Everywhere there is a plea for recreation - places for children and young people to play, equipment, supervisors - young and old. The scarcity of parents at home makes this need especially acute. There have been many suggestions for areas in the neighborhoods suitable for recreation and play areas. Pleas for coordination of public services to provide maximum use of -- for example, use of school yards for recreation, use of public health facilities for planned parenthood and other clinics; dovetailing of code enforcement and planning programs - has been both implicit and explicit. The inconvenience of the present dearth of information services at City Hall has also been noted and appreciation expressed for the evening hearings to register requests and complaints. Running throughout the comments is a healthy combination of idealism - (citizens expect good public services) - and skepticism - ("We've been talking about this since God made men.") but above all, the feeling this Community Relations Commission represents just about the last chance of Getting Something Done.

And has Something Been Done? Some action, even if it is only an inquiry, has been taken on every request that has been made. Some report has been or will be made to the individual. Street lights have been scheduled. Trash picked up. Some housing problems straightened out -- The various departments of the City and other agencies have been cooperative and where possible, have complied with the requests for service. It is apparent, however, that the inadequacy of services stems not so much from the insensitivity of administrative officials as from the limit of the resources presently available to them.

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The function of a "Complaint Bureau" is a valid one. The function of a communication center is a valid one. These, the Commission will continue to perform.

The next phase, however, in its program is to move from the specific to the general, from the remedial to the preventive, from acting as an agent to acting as an innovator. To do this, the Commission plans first to meet with Heads of Departments and Agencies and to expand its organization in 3 directions. Already 12 individuals in professional positions have been invited to serve as a Technical Advisory Committee to the Director and Chairman.

Advisory Committees to the Commission in 12 areas will be named. These will include individuals already informed and those who want to be informed. They will duplicate the cross section composition of the Commission and will enable the Commission to make more realistic recommendations to the Mayor and the Aldermen. The areas in which Advisory Committees are anticipated are -- Housing, Education, Employment, Police and Law Enforcement, Recreation, Public Accomodations, Registration & Voting, Municipal Services, Welfare and Public Assistance, Social and Health Services, communications within & between Groups and Voluntary Associations.

A week after the first hearing at City Hall, on citizens needs, the Commission held a second Public Hearing and invited civic organizations and agencies to describe their programs and make suggestions to the Commission: 50 were represented and expressed support and offered their cooperation with the Commission.

In each of the neighborhoods visited, the Commission Team will keep in touch with various land resource people, in order to have continuous communication following up on the hearing. With a solid background of 3 months of daily contacts with the needs of citizens and administration, the Commission is now ready to accept these offers of help and to call on interested individuals and groups to join in developing a Citizens' Agenda to carry out the following functions as described in the City Ordinance:

- "To foster mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among all economic, social, religious and ethnic groups in the city."
- "To help make it possible for each citizen, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry, to develop his talents and abilities without limitation."
- "To aid in permitting the City of Atlanta to benefit from the fullest realization of its human resources."
- "To investigate, discourage and seek to prevent discriminatory practices against any individual because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin or ancestry."
- "To attempt to act as conciliator in controversies involving human relations."
- "To cooperate in the development of educational programs dedicated to the improvement of human relations with, and to enlist the support of, civil leaders, civic, religious, veterans, labor, industrial, commercial and eleemosynary groups; and private agencies engaged in the inculcation of ideals of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding."

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(Appointed by Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.,
and approved by the Board of Aldermen)

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TELEPHONE 522-4463 EXT. 433

June 29, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius
Parks Department
City Hall Annex
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Delius:

The Community Relations Commission at its regular meeting on June 23, voted to adopt a resolution of high praise to the Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts to provide for these needs in Atlanta within the limits of their resources and to pledge the cooperation of] the Commission to increase those resources. We also express appreciation for the cordial and friendly cooperation which we have enjoyed with the Parks and Recreation Department since this Commission was established.

We endorse the suggestion that private groups be encouraged to develop their own resources to the fullest.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza K. Paschall
Executive Director

EKP:mt

cc: Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mr. Charles Loftwich
Mr. Douglas L. Fowlkes
Mr. Q. V. Williamson
Mr. G. Everett Millican
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
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President, Board of Aldermen

June 28, 1967

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Executive Director

TO: THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FROM: COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, we the Atlanta Community Relations Commission, have completed the public hearings in the following areas, Summer Hill-Peoplestown, Edgewood-Kirkwood, Vine City-Lightning, Mechanicsville-Pittsburg, Northwest area, Perry Homes-Scotts Crossing, Boulevard area, Capitol Avenue area, Dixie Hills area, and two open meetings city-wide; and

Whereas, these meetings have been at the request of the people who live in the area and/or community people who are concerned with what is happening and could happen to this City; and

WHEREAS, the same thread runs through all of the communities. The complaints have no geographic priorities. In broad areas they can be listed as follows:

1. Apparent unwillingness of the City to move in areas until, as it is phrased, "the City has to".
2. Job opportunities.
3. Inadequate garbage collection.
4. Inadequate recreation facilities, with particular emphasis on recreation facilities for teenagers and young adults.
5. Inadequate police patrol on one hand, and overzealousness of police in emergencies.
6. Bad housing conditions, with the attending problems of high rent, overcrowding, rats, bugs, flies, lack of garbage cans.
7. A feeling that the poor people of Atlanta are somehow set apart from the mainstream of the life of the City and that they are as a group, ignored until they start "making things happen."
8. The policies of the Atlanta Housing Authority, in regard to housing projects.
9. The policies of real estate people in failing to provide minimum conditions relating to health, maintenance, and rent increases; and,

Resolution cont'd

WHEREAS, the City is directly concerned with the first four items:

1. Apparent unwillingness---to move in areas until---"the City has to"-----
2. Job opportunities.
3. Inadequate garbage collection.
4. Inadequate recreation facilities,-----

we urge that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen take whatever emergency measures are necessary to provide additional recreation facilities, adequate garbage collection, and preplanning in terms of next year, and that planning be a city-wide concern; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize that all Departments are limited in terms of finances; and,

WHEREAS, we heartily applaud the efforts of the past, we have an obligation and a concern to stress that the time to start for summer planning for 1968 is now; that citizens in all areas should know what is being proposed; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that the other items listed need further investigation by the Commission; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that we can work in areas involving these problems by conferences and hearings with the people involved; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Atlanta Community Relations Commission goes on record as being unalterably opposed to mob violence; that we pass this Resolution in an effort to alleviate some of the causes, and that we underline the philosophy that in Atlanta we should not allow demonstrations to determine City policies; that we urge private owners and rental agencies to immediately begin fulfilling their obligations; that we support the efforts of the Economic Opportunity Atlanta in neighborhood organizations; that we request the City Attorney to furnish the Commission with the legal obligations of private owners of dwellings and/or apartment houses; and that we applaud the efforts of all groups and individual citizens in their efforts towards making Atlanta maintain its unique potential greatness; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the profound conviction of the Atlanta Community Relations Commission that no city can achieve true greatness without fulfilling its obligation for city services and for community involvement; and be it further

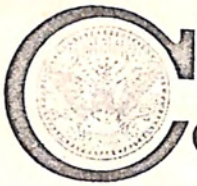
RESOLVED, that we, as private citizens of Atlanta and as members of the Atlanta Community Relations Commission, recognize our own responsibilities and involvement and our own late recognition of these problems and we urge the involvement of every responsible citizen in Atlanta in working towards a continuous effort at the solution of the problem. We recognize the efforts of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.

Resolution cont'd

In a sense of urgency, we call for a greater concentration of essential efforts in tangible planning and performance of city obligations, which will, we sincerely believe, have the support from all citizens of Atlanta; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this is the job for all Atlanta, for all citizens in all sections, not just the elected officials.

The above Resolution was unanimously adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Community Relations Commission, June 23, 1967, Committee Room #2, City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia



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TO: THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FROM: THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

The Commission, by unanimous vote, wishes to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that contracts of the City include an equal employment opportunity clause, and that grants of money from the City include an equal employment opportunity clause, and further, that the proper administrative set-up for implementing it be provided.

Adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Community Relations Commission, June 23, 1967, Committee Room #2, City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia.

June 28, 1967

**Mr. Charles E. Frame
1056 Lena Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314**

Dear Mr. Frame:

**This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
June 26th.**

**We are forwarding your letter to the Community
Relations Commission with the request that they
attempt to see what assistance they can lend you.**

Sincerely yours,

**Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor**

IAJr/br

**CC: Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Director
Community Relations Commission**

June 23, 1967



**Major General George T. Duncan
Commanding General
Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330**

Dear General Duncan:

This will confirm the verbal request of this office to Mr. Glenn Soderstrom, Chief of Community Relations Branch, Third Army Information Office, for the use of two buses to transport seventy-five teenagers to a baseball game at the Atlanta Stadium on Saturday, June 24, 1967.

Most of these teenagers are members of the Atlanta Youth Development Center, a social agency in the Boulevard community. Seven adults will accompany the group.

We are asking that the buses meet the group Saturday, June 24th at 12:15 p.m. at 666 Parkway Drive, N. E. and return the group after the ballgame.

It is my understanding that the United States Government will not be held liable in the event of an accident.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

**Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor**

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Eliza Paschall