

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 1966

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, September 22, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present: Chairman Sam'l Inman Cooper, Vice-Chairman Joseph S. Perrin, Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary; Messrs. Paul Muldawer, Harry J. Baldwin, Julian Harris, James H. Dodd, John C. Gould, and Mrs. Edith Henderson. Guests were: Messrs. Edgar E. Schukraft and Eric Harkness.

Minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved.

Chairman Cooper read to the Commission correspondence between Mr. Frank G. Ethridge and Mayor Ivan Allen regarding a commemorative in Atlanta to the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State. Mayor Allen referred this matter to ACDC with the request that it render a decision as to a proper location for the proposed commemorative.

The Chairman read a letter from the Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal regarding its third quarterly meeting, and gave a brief summary of the meeting of the Urban Beautification Program which he attended on September 15.

Mr. John Gould, ACDC's official contact with the Planning Department on the Urban Beautification Program related his meeting with Mr. Eric Harkness for a progress report of the Beautification Program. With the concurrence of the Commission, Mr. Gould stated he will invite Mr. Ellsworth Doresky, Community Planner with the Housing and Urban Development, to meet with the Commission.

A report was given by Mr. Muldawer, chairman of the committee handling the development of the "old city" area under Alabama Street and hereafter referred to as the "Terminus Committee." He stated that Mr. Eric Harkness had found no problems that would effect the underground development as far as the City is concerned. Mr. Muldawer further stated that after discussing this proposed development with Mr. Reese Cleghorn of the Atlanta Journal, the latter had written an editorial on the "underground city", which was published in the Journal on September 21. This article was passed around to members present for their review. Mr. Muldawer stated that he had on this date received several telephone calls in favor of the idea. Mr. Perrin stated that he would like to see this developed by private enterprise, if possible, and feels that Mr. Jim Townsend should be pursued for sketches to arouse public interest. Messrs. Muldawer and Perrin will arrange to meet with Messrs. Townsend and Daniel of the Atlanta Magazine for said sketches.

In pursuance with the Mayor's request, the Commission discussed possible locations for the Dean Rusk commemorative. It was brought out that since Mr. Rusk had attended the Lee Street Elementary School and Boys High, these sites might tie in for a possible location. Dedicating the "Ugly Triangle" to Mr. Rusk was also suggested. The Chairman was requested to write the Mayor on behalf of ACDC favorably to the commemorative, but without committing itself to a location at the present time.

The Chairman introduced to the Commission Mr. Edgar E. Schukraft, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Committee for the West End Project. Mr. Schukraft and the Commission reviewed the developments in the West End Renewal Project, which was started in 1956, and a publication dealing with it was distributed. Upon Mr. Schukraft's request for the Commission's opinions, it was suggested that the development of a design criteria would be a good idea for West End. ACDC feels that there could be improvements made generally that would have a total effect over the area, rather than block after block of rehabilitation.

In regard to the Rusk commemorative, Mr. Schukraft stated that the Lee Street Elementary School is being moved to a new location, and a shopping center will be erected on the old school site. He urged the Commission to consider the shopping center mall for the location of the memorial. On behalf of ACDC, the Chairman thanked Mr. Schukraft for his appearance before the Commission.

Mr. Eric Harkness was welcomed to the meeting.

At this point, the Commission discussed the lack of submissions of architectural plans for review, as requested in the Commission's letter of last June. Mr. Baldwin made the motion for the Chairman to write the City department heads and urge their cooperation in submitting plans in their preliminary stages. The motion was unanimously carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary