

Present Effort

1. City Planning Department

- a. Urban renewal. Meetings have been held between the Planning Department and neighborhood groups which reside in proposed urban renewal areas. The meetings have been held on request from residents of the target areas, EOA Staff, and as a result of solicitation of resident opinions by the Planning Department.
- b. Zoning and code enforcement. Public hearings are required by law to be held before any land may be officially rezoned. There has been good attendance from the people of the Model Neighborhood Area at these hearings.
- c. Aldermanic meetings and committee meetings. These meetings are open to the public. The Planning Department has tried to inform some of the residents and EOA Staff from the Model Neighborhood Area when issues arise that concern its residents. There has been public attendance at these meetings which has mainly confined itself to EOA Staff and residents working through its agency.
- d. Speaking engagements. Members of the Planning Department Staff have spoken about physical, social, and economic problems and possible solutions at neighborhood meetings in the Model Neighborhood Area. Graphic and slide presentations were made at the meetings.
- e. Radio and television programs and interviews. Physical, social and economic problems and solutions of the Model Neighborhood Area were discussed during the year on radio and television programs. City of Atlanta Staff participated.

- f. Model neighborhood public meetings. Three mass meetings were planned by the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office and held in the Model Neighborhood Area during the first week of February. The Model Neighborhood Program was explained by the Mayor and Planning Department Staff to groups of 300 to 500 people at each meeting. A brief questionnaire was circulated in an effort to discover the areas of greatest need as viewed by the residents themselves. A discussion of the Model Neighborhood Program was held after the questionnaire was collected. The questionnaire will be used to help establish priorities for the Model Neighborhood Program.
- g. Citizen involvement in planning the structure of the Citizen Participation portion of the Model Neighborhood Application. Three meetings were held to develop a structure for citizen participation in the Model Neighborhood Area.

First Meeting. Planning Department, EOA and Council of Neighborhood Associations and residents of area. Held in January at initial stage of planning for citizen participation.

Second Meeting. Planning Department, Community Council and Community Development Coordinator. Held later in January to further develop initial ideas.

Third Meeting. Planning Department, Urban League, Police Department, Crime Preventive Bureau, EOA, CCAA, CNAC, and residents of area. Structure as included in application discussed and informally decided upon.

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2. Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. (EOA), The Community Action Agency operates three Neighborhood Service Centers in the Model Neighborhood Area:
  - a. Price, Pittsburg, and Summerville-Mechanicsville (Sum-Mec).

Organized block clubs held elections for official representatives on three Citizens Neighborhood Advisory Councils (CNACs). These neighborhood groups meet monthly, discuss community problems, work with component Area Block groups, and become exposed to total city resources and problems.
  - b. The CNAC acts as a sounding board for problems from individual Area Blocks and a vehicle for the EOA center staff in communicating with the community. CNACs have representation on a Citizens Central Advisory Council.
  - c. EOA works with neighborhood, social and church groups at their request who have specific interests or group needs.
  - d. A Technical Neighborhood Advisory Council in each area, composed of leaders and professionals living or working therein, are resource people to help the less fortunate people of the center area. The CNAC for each neighborhood center discusses physical, economic and social problems and possible solutions.
  - e. Selected and trained residents of the center areas serve as salaried neighborhood aides for each phase of EOA activity.
  - f. Citizen participation activities in center programs include: Price Area recreational council, Price business improvement classes, Pittsburg community center project, Sum-Mec Development Enterprises, Inc., Good Neighbors Club (Sum-Mec), and Sum-Mec Pilot Project in citizenship training.

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- g. Specific activities concerning Model Neighborhood Program in center programs are: beginning in February, 1966, EOA, Summec and Price leaders held meetings of staff, CNAC and heads of organizations of southeast Atlanta to acquaint themselves with Demonstration Cities bill and determine a plan of action. They requested the city to make application for Demonstration Cities funds, asked to be the first area to receive assistance under Demonstration Cities Act of 1966 and finally resolved themselves into a temporary Summec-Price-Pittsburg "Demonstration Cities" group. About the time it became known that this area was to be included in the city's first Model Neighborhood Application, Area Block elections for CNAC representatives in the Model Neighborhood Area were being held.

The Summec-Price-Pittsburg group held a Model Neighborhood Community Group Workshop on February 15, 1967 to discuss the program and divided into committees according to the Program's major activities such as housing, health and recreation.

### 3. Atlanta Housing Authority

The Rawson-Washington Urban Renewal Project was the only area within the Model Neighborhood Area with which the Atlanta Housing Authority has had contact. Within this area, the Authority has set up an on-site project office for the purpose of providing information to citizens living in the project area.

Through the Atlanta Housing Authority's Public Information Office, informational brochures on various aspects of the program are made available to citizens in the project areas. Slide presentations to civic, church, school and club groups are presented, allowing for discussion afterward. For special activities, radio and TV programs are arranged.

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Citizen participation in Public Housing Projects occurs through the following activities: Child care centers, playground activities, organization of Boy and Girl Scout troops, securing teachers for sewing, cooking and hygiene classes, stimulation of church groups to include residents in religious and community services, work with other agency programs such as BOA, Health, Education & Welfare, Senior Citizens Services. Public Housing managers encourage residents to engage themselves in the activities of the Tenants Association program, and encourage outside community organizations to involve public housing residents in overall neighborhood activities.

4. Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal

This committee has been appointed by the Mayor to promote citizen participation throughout the life of the urban renewal project. The committee appoints other citizen advisory committees within the urban renewal project areas to serve as a sounding board on the different aspects of urban renewal activity and promote citizen participation.

5. Community Development Demonstration Program

This project is funded by the Stern Family Fund and will be carried on for one year. A Community Development Director was employed January 9, 1967 to implement the program. He is attached to the Mayor's Office. The purpose of the project will be to coordinate city services in selected neighborhoods and develop maximum communication and participation among residents.

The Community Development Director has been involved in the Model Cities Program. He has aided in the planning of the program and is directly

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responsible for the scheduling and publicity for the three neighborhood mass meetings. Communications were sent to all civic groups, schools, churches and agencies in the area. Announcements were made in local newspapers, and on many radio stations. The greater percentage of the people in the Model Neighborhood Area knew about the meetings far enough in advance to make plans to attend. Attendance was quite good, due in great part to the excellent publicity program.

6. Community Council

- a. Recruited and trained residents to make a survey on social problems in Summerhill, Mechanicsville, Peoples Town, Pittsburgh, and Grant Park.
- b. Organized meetings of residents of the model citizen target area for the purpose of obtaining information for the CIP Report and the Atlanta Commission on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Report.
- c. Organized citizens to participate in the development of the Legal Aid Program and activities to curb absenteeism from school.
- d. Gave technical assistance for registration and get-out-to-vote campaigns and informed residents where and how to obtain services.
- e. Developed a directory of neighborhood organizations, purposes and programs.

7. Atlanta Public Schools

PEA has strong organization. They carry on active membership drives for new members yearly.

8. Organized Neighborhood Groups

Possess organizational strength and numbers but tend to concentrate on