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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Eddie McLeMore, Recreation Supervisor  
Mr. Joe Gentry, Parks Engineering Division

**FROM:** Jack C. Delius, General Manager of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT:** Development of temporary recreation facility,  
472 Ira Street, S. W. (Eden Company)

Mr. Earl Landers, of the Mayor's Office, has expressed keen interest in this department taking over the former Eden Rag Company at 472 Ira Street, S. W. and converting the facility into some type of temporary recreation facility. There is a possibility the building could be renovated to some limited extent and, as you may know, the land adjacent to the structure has been cleared in previous months for a playground. Mr. Landers has asked Mr. Johnny Robinson, Community Services Coordinator, to coordinate this project.

We have been advised by Mr. Howard Openshaw, the Director of Re-development for the Atlanta Housing Authority that the Eden Rag Company has been acquired by the Housing Authority and that the former owner will shortly be moving. Furthermore, Atlanta Housing Authority will be in a position to lease for summer recreation activities, etc. this property.

It is our good fortune to have been approached by Mr. William T. Huntley, III, President of the Optimist Club of Executive Park, as well as Messrs. Wolfe and Barron, members of the Optimist Club, who have expressed a strong interest in assisting with this project. I spoke to the Optimist Club at their 7:30 A.M. breakfast on Monday, April 7th.

I would very much like for the two of you to immediately survey the physical properties of this location and make a list of those items which should be corrected. Also, work very closely with Deacon Peters who usually can be contacted at either Model Cities or the E. O. A. Sum-Mec Center at 65 Georgia Avenue (telephone 577-1351). Also, Deacon Peters gives the name of a Reverend Butler, telephone number 524-2140, who is interested in this project.

Both this department and the Optimist Club is interested in having total neighborhood involvement as to decisions on what will be built here, etc. Please follow this through as rapidly as possible and

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check with me frequently as to progress being made.

Thank you very much.

JCD:jw

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