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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor, City of Atlanta

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

SUBJECT: Transfer of summer recreation program to School System.

The Recreation and Park Survey which started October 2, 1967 will be concluded we hope by December 29, 1967. The group is giving special consideration to your suggestion and request that the feasibility of turning over to the School Department special recreation programs in the disadvantaged areas of 1968.

On several occasions you have expressed concern that the Parks Department is constructing a facility some $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from the existing Daniel Stanton Elementary School. The Daniel Stanton Park Site, like all the other purchased under the 1963 Bond Issue, was initially selected after careful consideration by the Planning Department based on population, availability of space, etc. The philosophy of the 1963 Park Acquisition Plan was that park land would be purchased immediately adjacent or near existing or programmed elementary schools so as not to duplicate facilities. In the case of Daniel Stanton School, there presently is an enrollment of 914 pupils. Initially, the School facility had only two acres of property and have recently added four for a total of six acres. The State minimum requirements for the current school population at this location would be 14.1 acres; thus, the Daniel Stanton School lacks 8.1 acres according to State standards. Since there is hardly enough acreage for minimum school functions, we feel that we are correct in proceeding with the development of the Daniel Stanton Park Site. The fact that we are constructing a building on the park site this close to a school (in view of the fact that possibly some of the school could be used for inside recreation) is unique in that we were able to remodel an existing Georgia Power Company sub-station building into a

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useable and adequate gymnasium. We are quite deficient in gyms all over the City of Atlanta.

I have again checked to see if we are correct in attempting to buy property in the Northwest area of the City of Atlanta and specifically adjacent to the Bowen Homes Housing Project on James Jackson Boulevard. This location has been declared the most urgent in need of additional park acreage in a recent study by the Planning Department. The Williams Elementary School serving Bowen Homes has a present enrollment of 1129 pupils. It sets on a 5-acre site and again according to State standards should have a minimum of 16.3 acres. Thus, the school itself is deficient 11.3 acres. We are in the process of condemning nearby property amounting to 11.019 acres of land.



CC: All members of Park Committee
Mr. Dan Sweat