

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

VINE CITY-LIGHTNING AREAS MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1967, 8-10 P. M.
COSMOPOLITAN A.M.E. CHURCH, 170 VINE STREET, N. W.

Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr., Team Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Commission Members present:

Mrs. Fred W. Patterson
Archbishop Paul Hallinan
(Mr Jack Sells, Team Member, was out of town)
Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director

Commission Member, Mr. C. G. Ezzard and Alderman Q. V. Williamson were also in attendance. Visiting students from Agnes Scott College were there to observe.

Mr. Alexander explained the purposes of the Commission, he said, "We didn't come here to give direction, we came for you to tell us what has to be done. We all know this would not be a popularity committee."

1. Mrs. Dorothy Bolden Thompson, 643 Delbridge St., N. W., 688-2422
Mrs. Thompson served on the Ad Hoc Committee which helped to establish the Commission, asked about the idea of Advisory Committees from the various neighborhoods for the Commission. Mrs. Paschall said that these would be appointed following the neighborhood hearings, that the Commission had in mind trying to use the existing organizations and groups, rather than forming a new and additional organization in the community.

Mrs. Thompson: "Education, labor and housing are all important but the most important is education."
2. Mr. Ron Stirrup, c/o 141 Walnut St., N. W.: "People making \$40.00 a week, not a legal minimum wage, need adequate wages for hours worked. Will you speak for us? Don't tell us 'to do better'."
3. Mr. Otis Cochran, 227 Walnut St., N. W., 525-1792: "Group accross the country least represented on various community groups, boards, etc., is the 18-25 year range; the Atlanta Youth Council, for example, has no "youth" on the board; knows of no policy making board in the City with membership from the 18-25 year range; urges Commission to provide for participation for this group; necessary to stop working 'for' and start working 'with'; need to get rid of paternalistic point of view; everybody is 'somebody' -- whether they're working or not; the problem is not being heard when you come honestly and humbly."
4. Mr. George Sims, 161 Bankhead St., N. W.,: "Interested mainly in education."
5. Mr. Eddie Murphey, 141 Walnut St., N. W., 523-5136,: "Wasn't going to speak, but would say this for the boys from the Recreation Center present, that they need a larger building to have a recreation program; there is a vacant building in the area (Magnolia & Maple Sts.) a Baptist Center that would do well for a recreation center; present Center is 3 rooms about 7 x 7. or 8 x 8 ft."

6. Mr. Alonzo Caldwell, 263 Mangum St., N.W., 523-3815: "From Lightning, 100 families with about 1000 children playing in the streets; need to fix up houses, need hot and cold running water."

Mr. Alexander: "If addresses of those without water were given to the Better Housing Commission at the City Hall, owners would be required to fix them."

Mr. Caldwell: "Some of the area is zoned for business, but they want to keep it to live in; some people on welfare, getting \$45.00 a month, can't pay to have repairs required by code enforcement, made; can't get into Public Housing because of long waiting lists."

Mr. Alexander: "Some people in public housing need to move out so others can move in."

Mr. Cochran: "Some restricting policies, such as those about illegitimate children, keep some out; people in most need, can't get into public housing."

7. Mr. Clarence Ezzard, Commission Member: "Keep hearing that public housing is all filled up but don't think that is true. Could Commission ask for an inventory?"

8. : "Lightning has 1 playlot (with 1 basketball goal) closes at 7:00 p. m., children are not going to bed then, will play in the streets; need a shelter where they can dance, etc., and need to have it open past 7:00 p. m.

9. Brother Charlie Shepard, 400 Mayers St., N.W., Foundation Club, Lightning: "Many small children playing in the streets, trucks coming through Mangum Street."

10. Mrs. Sylvia Cochran, EOA, C. O. Aide: "They have talked to people who own businesses, and they have agreed for trucks not to use Mangum and Foundry Signs (No trucks allowed: Slow, Children) would help."

11. Mr. Gerry Chew, Vista Worker: "Largest problems are obvious ones; Wasn't Commission established just to ease the conscience of the City; What makes the Commission think they will be effective?"

Mr. Alexander: "In appointing Commission, the Mayor is trying to get at the bottom of problems."

12. Archbishop Hallinan, Commission Member: "This was in the back of everybody's minds - but at first sign that things are being 'swept under the rug', I would resign and know others who would."

Mr. Stirrup: "It's no accident we have a Vine City; We need new machinery; if Landlords won't fix plumbing, etc., the City should take the house and do it."

13. Alderman Q. V. Williamson: "Parks Committee is asking for a $\frac{1}{2}$ mill or more tax for recreation; Finance Comm ttee is waiting to see what the Board of Education will ask for before setting it; The Administration has said that the City has to replace the EOA money spent on recreation last year." Mr. Williamson on Parks Committee last summer and insisted that Vine City get some of the program, he was raised in Vine City and in that Church.

Mrs. Patterson, Committee Member: "We have no illusion that we can solve all the problems; We are experimenting with liasion between the City and the people."

Mr. Williamson, City Alderman: "Authority to pave the streets comes from the Legislature; Policy has been that 51% of property owners had to sign for paving, etc.,; In some places in Vine City one person owned more than 51%, they could control. New law permits the City to advertise and if 51% don't object, street can be

paved; Once paving is done, the City can re-surface, etc."

Mr. Ezzard, Commission Member: "How does the City reconcile re-surfacing streets which are not paved?"

Mrs. Thompson: "Nobody pounds on the word Education. Ware School is in double session; board of education is a tight little group; Need to strengthen school attendance."

Mr. Alexander: "Commission members divide themselves up; Reverend Williams stays with board of education."

14. Mr. John Robinson, 645 Beckwith St., S. W., Atlanta University: "Need to work on education; I took a boy back to Washington Highschool, said he couldn't come back in day school." "If out 6 months, policy not to re-admit them."

15. Mr. Fowlkes, Director Nash-Washington EOA Center: "Glad to see the Commission in our neighborhood. Can any influence be used to update the plans for changes; At Atlanta Social Workers Club, heard that present schedule will mean Urban Renewal in Vine City in 10 to 11 years; no plans to improve Lightning because it is zoned for Commercial uses; Need to update plans so people can expect abolition of slums more quickly."

Mr. Williamson: "Unless some method is found for more City revenue, can't do that; City has to match Urban Renewal funds by 1/3 and only place to get it is bond issues."

Mr. Fowlkes: "City should include Vine City and Lightning in Model City funds."

Mr. Chew: "Should make education more relevant; Textbooks are outmoded; All are 'white' and Negro students can't identify with persons in them."

Archbishop Hallinan: Asked about election of School Board Members.

16. Mr. Otis White, Principal of Ware School and President of Gate City Teachers: "His organization concerned about textbooks, if children are to identify with the good in the U. S., they must be represented in the textbooks. Ware School has purchased some new 'intergrated' textbooks with Ford Foundation money; Negro teachers are concerned with somethings white teachers aren't concerned with; difference between intergration and assimilation of teacher's groups." Mr. White has been Principal 11 years in Vine City; Father and Son programs at Boys Club encouraged.

17. Mr. Charlie Lowe, 1894 Penelope Rd., N.W. 30314, EOA: Commended Commission for hearings, should all work together, "Need your help in getting to the people; can't make Truant Officers out of EOA workers."

Mr. Cochran: Reported on conversation with Dr. Boozer of School Staff that reports of truancy depend on Principal; "Have compulsory school attendance law, but it is up to Principal to excuse and report." There are 11 Social Workers and 35 Visiting teachers in the whole system.

Mr. Williamson: "Ware School has Social Worker through Ford Foundation Program; How many other schools have that?"

Mrs. Thompson: "Dropouts come because they have problems; there is a reason for everything; something wrong and the child is unhappy; children can be unhappy too; nobody knows what is wrong."

18. : Said he once dropped out, but went back in school; Not Principal's fault, not parents fault; it's the Community's fault; the way people are living; if had better places to stay, would stay in school.
19. Mr. Charles Hawk, Councelor, Wera School: "Dropouts goes back to finences; Need jobs with decent salaries; Should recruit for jobs and for NYC, etc., on streets in Vine City; Waive formal education requirements."

Mr. Murphey: "EOA recruits for NYC and Job Corps; Can do some through Recreation Center."

20. Mr. Charles Black, EOA Extension Manager: "In summer 'Impact' program Employers may not take people from Vine City Area because of education and distance from the jobs; Need to have localized training."

21. : Said that they asked neighbor who had returned from Juvenile Home if he was glad to get home; He replied "No - not glad to get home; at Juvenile Home had a clean bed, 3 good meals, clean clothes, better than at home."

Mr. Williamson: Recommended a Public Hearing on conditions in Public Housing; Had visited Eagan Homes; bad health conditions; Housing Authority forbids telephone extensions put in a 2-story apartment; no rodent control; Housing Projects should meet standards like private housing; Eagan Homes - no lights at front door; tenants forbidden to put lights; several robberies and rapes.

It was suggested that the Commission invite the Board of Housing Authority to join in a Public Hearing on Atlanta Public Housing.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
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NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. 1

Name of Neighborhood: SUMMERHILL

Description of Neighborhood:

Geographic Boundaries E. Hill St., W. Central Ave., S. Memorial Dr. N. Atlanta Ave.

Developmental Programs: Model Cities

Zoning Classifications: Portion zoned Private residential, large portion zoned Apartments or Commercial

Conditions of Streets: Fair, most are narrow, many 'One Way'

Condition of Housing: Housing varied, most sub-standard, according to code.

Racial Patterns: Some White, Some Negro, Many transitional areas.

Political Representation:

City Ward	<u>1st</u>	County	<u>Fulton</u>
Aldermen	<u>Gridgs, Dennis</u>	Commissioner	<u>Aldridge, Mitchell, Brown</u>
State Senate District	<u>36</u>	State Legislative District	<u>124, 127</u>
Senator	<u>Jack Stephens</u>	Representative	<u>John Hood, Cox Dr.</u>
U. S. Congressional District	<u>4th</u>	Congressman	<u>Ben Blackburn</u>

Educational Services:

Atlanta Public School 5 Superintendent Mrs. Ed. S. Cook, Dr. G. Y. Smith

Public Schools in Area No High Schools in area, residents divided among E. P. Johnson Elementary, Ed Cook Elementary, and Capitol Avenue Elementary

Vocational Schools in Area Hoke-Smith (Admission restricted) Most courses 10th - 12th grade. Some fees.

Nurseries None

Private Schools in Area None

Libraries in Area Southside Branch, Atlanta Public Library

<u>553 Bass St.</u>	<u>Mr. J. H. Thompson</u>	<u>Technical League</u>

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Recreational Services:

Parks in Area _____
Recreational Centers in Area _____
*Parks Serving Area Grady Park
*Recreational Centers Serving Area Wesley House, Frazier Court
Y. M. C. A.

Social Welfare Services in Area:

EOA (Summerhill - Mechanicsville Service Center)

Health Services in Area:

None

Business Enterprises in Area:

Mostly small groceries, drug and clothing stores.

EOA has organized cooperative - Summerhill-Mechanicsville Development enterprises.

Public Services:

Police Services Patrol, Detective, Juvenile & Crime Cars 24 hrs. daily
Fire Protection Services Same as all residential areas
Schedule for Sanitary Collections Twice weekly--schedule varies in different parts of area.
Housing Inspection Schedule _____
Public Transportation Frequent bus service through most of area to down town.

Civic, Political and Religious Organizations:

Name of Organization	Chairman:	Address
<u>Mechanicsville Civic League</u>	<u>Mrs. L. M. Thompson</u>	<u>223 Bass St., SW</u>
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*Facilities not located in geographic area.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. II

Name of Neighborhood: Vine City

Description of Neighborhood:

Geographic Boundaries N - Simpson St. W - Sunset Ave.
E - Northside Dr. S - Hunter St.

Developmental Programs - None

Zoning Classifications - Residential, apartments, some commercial.

Conditions of Streets - Fair to poor

Condition of Housing - Dilapidated

Racial Patterns - Negro area

Political Representation:

City Ward - 3rd

Alderman - Williamson, Knight

State Senate District - 39

Senator - Horace Ward

U.S. Congressional Dist. - 5th

Congressman - Fletcher Thompson

County - Fulton

Commissioner(s) Aldredge, Brown,

Mitchell

State Legislative District - 136, 137

Representative Julian Bond, Grace

Hamilton

Bd. of Education - Dr. Rufus Clement

Educational Services:

Atlanta Public School Area - 1 Supt. - Dr. H. A. Bowen

Public Schools in Area - M.M. Bethune /*E. A. Ware - one block out of
area (no high school in area - most students
attend B.T. Washington & Central Jr. High.

*Ware School is one of Ed. Improvement Project
(Ford Foundation)

Vocational Schools in Area - None / Bethune Community School

Nurseries - Lundy's Day Nursery

Private Schools in Area - None

Libraries in Area - None

Recreational Services:

Parks in Area - None (2 play lots)

Recreational Centers in Area - Vine City Recreation Center, Carver Boys'

Club

Parks Serving Area - Washington Park

Recreational Centers Serving Area - None

Social Welfare Services in Area:

NASH - Washington Neighborhood Service Center - Vine City Extension

Health Services in Area:

Neighborhood Union Health Center (Fulton County Dept. of Health)

Business Enterprises in Area:

Small grocery stores, wine stores, barber shops, and cafes

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. 11

Public Services:

Police Services - Routine patrol and stationary patrol at Vine and Magnolia Sts.

No fire station - nearest one at Simpson & Troy Sts.

Schedule for Sanitary Collections - Twice weekly

Housing Inspection Schedule - left blank

Public transportation - One bus line down Magnolia St.

Civic, Political and Religious Organizations:

Vine City Council Mrs. Helen Howard, Chairman 587 Rock St. Tel. 525-3111

Vine City Improvement Assn. Mrs. Ozella Smith, Chairman Vine St. Tel. ---

Democratic Organization - 3K Otis Cochran, Chmn. 230 Walnut St. 525-1792

The Uplift Club Mrs. Alberta Fletcher Delbridge St.

Churches and Religious Organizations.

Mt. Gilead Bpt. Rev. Hall, Minister

Cosmopolitan

Vine City Bpt.

2nd Mt. Olive Bpt.

Resource Persons in Area:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
Mrs. Sylvia Cochran	227 Walnut St.	525-1792
Mrs. Helen Howard	587 Rock St.	525-3111
Miss Pauline Kindell	141 Walnut St.	
Mr. David Burney	580 Magnolia St.	No phone
Mr. Otis Cochran	230 Walnut St.	525-1792
Mr. Joe L. Brown	587 Magnolia St.	No phone
Mr. Eddie Murphy	141 Walnut St.	
Mrs. Ruby Lundy	560 Foundry St.	
Mr. Hector Black	Magnolia St.	
Mrs. Dorothy Bolden Thompson	643 Delbridge St. N.W.	MU 8-2422

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NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. III

Name of Neighborhood: Kirkwood

Description of Neighborhood: N - Memorial Dr. W. - Wyman St. S.E.
Geographic Boundaries E - Rocky Ford Rd. S - Railroad (to Decatur)
Developmental Programs - None
Zoning Classifications - Residential 4F, commercial
Conditions of Streets - Fair to good
Condition of Housing - Fair to good, some deteriorating
Racial Patterns - Negro Areas, transitional areas (from white to Negro within past 2 years)

Political Representation:

City Ward - 2 County - DeKalb
Alderman - Gilliam, Flanigen Commissioner - B. Manning, Chmn.
State Senate District - 43 State Legislative District 119
Frank G. Miller Representative - Westlake
U.S. Congressional Dist. - 4th Bd. of Education - Ward 3 - Mrs.
Congressman - Blackburn Leroy Woodward

Educational Services:

Atlanta Public School Area - 5 Supt. - Dr. G. Y. Smith
Public Schools in Area - Kirkwood Elementary, Murphy High School
East Lake Elementary, Burgess Elementary,
new elementary under construction
Vocational Schools in Area - None
Nurseries - No public nurseries
Private Schools in Area - None
Libraries in Area - None

Recreational Services:

Parks in Area - Bessie Branham (Kirkwood Park)
Parks Serving Area - Candler Park
Recreational Centers in Area - left blank
Recreational Centers serving Area - left blank

Social Welfare Services in Area:

Edgewood Service Center, EOA
Kirkwood Christian Center

Health Services in Area:

None

Business Enterprise in Area:

Retail, chicken hatchery, lumber company, Southern Iron & Manufacturing Co.

Public Services:

Police Services - Routine patrol
Fire protection service: - Left blank
Schedule for Sanitary Collections - twice weekly
Housing Inspection Schedule - Left blank
Public transportation - Satisfactory. Sunday transportation is poor.

Civic, Political and Religious Organizations:

Name:	Chairman	Address	Phone
Confederation of DeKalb			
Kirkwood Council on Human Relations			
Block Clubs, EOA			

Churches and Religious Organizations:

Name: Israel Baptist
Turner Monumental A.M.E.

Resource Persons:

Mrs. Eliza Brown
Miss Rosetta Williams
Mr. James Dean 17 East Lake Drive
Mr. James Crowley 50 Mason Ave. N.W.
Mr. Henry W. Brooks 1312 Dupont Ave. S.E.
Mrs. Georgia Ashe 2170 Boulevard Drive
Mr. Joseph Finch 1628 Foote St. #7
Rev. O. E. Myles 1361 Dupont Ave., S.E.
Prof. John Davis Gaither 1560 Foote St. N.E.
Mr. James Cosby 1424 LaFrance St. N.E.
Mrs. Charity Hill 1514 Foote St.
Mr. J. A. McClain 2079 Delano Dr., N.E.
The Rev. Hosea Williams 8 East Lake Dr. N.E.

April, 1967

Community Relations Commission, 1203 City Hall, Atlanta, Ga.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. IV

Name of Neighborhood - Lightning

Description of Neighborhood:

Geographic Boundaries - N - Simpson St. W - Northside Drive
E - Marietta St. S - Hunter St.

Developmental Programs - None (Projected - part of Vine City proposed urban renewal)

Zoning Classifications - Residential, commercial (factories)

Conditions of streets - Poor

Condition of Housing - Poor - dilapidated

Racial patterns - Negro area

Political Representation:

City Ward - 3rd

County - Fulton

Aldermen - Williamson, Knight

Commissioners - Aldredge, Mitchell,
Brown

State Senate District - 39

State Legislative District - 137

Senator - Horace Ward

Representative - Grace Hamilton

U. S. Congressional District - 5th

Congressman - Fletcher Thompson

Bd. of Education - Dr. Rufus Clement

Educational Services:

Atlanta Public School Area - 1 Supt. - Dr. Hilliard Bowen

Public Schools in Area - None (one block from area is Craddock & Bethune Elementary). No high school in area - students attend several - mostly West Fulton, Washington, and Central Jr. High

Vocational Schools in Area - None

Nurseries - None

Private schools in area - None

Libraries in area - None

Recreational Services:

Parks in Area - None (2 play lots)

Recreational Centers in Area - None

Parks Serving Area (not located in geographic area) - Washington Park (not in walking distance)

Recreational Centers Serving Area (not located in geographic area) -
Carver Boy's Club

Social Welfare Services in Area:

None (Vine City Ext. - NASH - WASHINGTON Neighborhood Service Center serves area)

Health Services in Area:

None

Business Enterprises in Area:

3 grocery stores, casket-making company, city incinerator

Public Services:

Police Services - Routine patrol

Fire Protections Services - No station in area - served by Simpson St. facility

Schedule for Sanitary Collections - Twice weekly

Public Services cont'd:

Housing Inspection Schedule - Left blank

Public Transportation - 2 bus lines - down Magnolia St. and down Simpson St.

Civic, Political and Religious Organizations:

Name: Chairman: Address: Phone:

Foundation Club Mrs. Dorothy Marshall

Churches and Religious Organizations:

Mt. Gilead Bpt. Rev. Gilbert, Minister located on Mayes St.

Resource Persons in Area

Name: Address: Phone:

Mrs. Dorothy Marshall

Mrs. Mary Nelson

April, 1967

Educational Services:

Atlanta Public School Area - 1 Subd. - Dr. Hilliard Bowen
Public Schools in Area - None (one block from area is Craddock & Bathman
Elementary). No high school in area - students
attend several - mostly West Fulton, Washington,
and Central Jr. High

Vocational Schools in Area - None

Nurseries - None

Private schools in area - None

Libraries in area - None

Recreational Services:

Parks in Area - None (2 play lots)

Recreational Centers in Area - None

Parks Serving Area (not located in geographic area) - Washington Park (not
in walking distance)

Recreational Centers Serving Area (not located in geographic area) -
Carver Boy's Club

Social Welfare Services in Area:

None (Vine City Ext. - NASH - WASHINGTON Neighborhood Service Center serves
area)

Health Services in Area:

None

Business Enterprises in Area:

3 grocery stores, basket-making company, city incinerator

Public Services:

Police Services - Routine patrol

Fire Protections Services - No station in area - served by Simpson St.

Sanitary facility

Schedule for Sanitary Collections - Twice weekly

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE NO. V

Name of Neighborhood: Edgewood

Geographic Boundaries: W.-Whiteford Ave S.-Blvd. Dr.

E.-Woodbine N.-DeKalb

Developmental Programs - None (proposed urban renewal)

Zoning Classifications - Residential, commercial

Conditions of Streets - Fair

Condition of Housing - Fair

Racial Patterns - Negro areas, white areas, few transitional areas

Political Representation:

City Ward - 2nd

County - DeKalb

Aldermen - Gilliam, Flanigen

Commissioner(s), B.Manning, Chmn.

State Senate District - 43

State Legislative District 119

Senator - Frank G. Miller

Representative - Westlake

U. S. Congressional District - 4th

Congressman - Blackburn

Bd. of Education - Mrs. Leroy

Woodward

Educational Services

Atlanta Public School Area - 5 Supt. - Dr. G. Y. Smith

Public Schools in Area - Wesley Ave., Whiteford; in process of building new Jr. high; no high school in community - most students attend one of the seven traditionally Negro high schools in the city

Vocational schools in area - None

Business

Nurseries - Little Mores Chapel Day Care Center

Private Schools in Area - None

Libraries in Area - None

Recreational Services:

Parks in Area - Wesley Park

Recreational Centers in Area - 1612 Woodbine St.

Social Welfare Services in Area - Edgewood Neighborhood Service Center

Health Services in Area - DeKalb Health Center (on fringe)

Business Enterprises in Area - Cleaners, Florists, Atlanta Gas Light maintenance station, shoe company, B. F. Goodrich, lumber company, Atlanta Public School warehouse

Public Services - No comments on police, fireprotection, sanitary collections, or housing inspection. Comment on public transportation reads - constantly confusing schedule changes - no service from east to west into DeKalb

Civic, political and religious organizations - Blocks Clubs (EOA 2nd Ward Civic League

Churches and religious organizations: Greater Travelers Rest, Beulah Baptist, Kings Memorial Methodist, Little Mores Chapel, St. Paul AME, Antioch East

Resource persons in area:

Name	Address
Mr. Charles Turner	1567 Paxton St.
Mr. Ralph Long	Principal, Wesley Ave. School
Mr. A. Watson	187 Wesley Ave.
Mr. Delmark Yoder	1800 Memorial Dr.
Mrs. Louise White	220 Hutchins St.
Mrs. Ruth Flemister	29 Daniel St. S.E.

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 U. S. Congressional District - 4th
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Ed. of Education - Mrs. Leroy Woodward

Educational Services
 Atlanta Public School Area - 5
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 Business
 Nurseries - Little More Chapel Day Care Center
 Private Schools in Area - None
 Libraries in Area - None

Recreational Services:
 Parks in Area - Wesley Park
 Recreational Centers in Area - 1812 Woodbine St.

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Civic, political and religious organizations - Block Clubs (BOA) 2nd Ward Civic League

Churches and religious organizations: Greater Travelers Rest, Beulah Baptist, Kings Memorial Methodist, Little More Chapel, St. Paul AME, Antioch East

April 27, 1967

MEMORANDUM

To: All Department Heads

From: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

Your presence is requested at a Department Heads' Meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:30 a. m. in Committee Room #2.

Mr. Irving Kaler, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, together with Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director, will be present to brief the department heads on the activities of the Community Relations Commission.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send your first assistant.

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April 27, 1967

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
12th Floor, City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

Mayor Allen has called a meeting of our City Department Heads for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd in Committee Room #2, on the Second Floor of City Hall.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will attend this meeting and brief the City Department Heads on the activities of the Community Relations Commission.

Sincerely yours,

R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant

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Community Relations Commission
12th Floor, City Hall
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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

April 29, 1967

COMMISSION MEMBERS

MR. T. M. ALEXANDER, SR.
MR. R. BYRON ATTRIDGE
MRS. SARA BAKER
MISS HELEN BULLARD
MR. R. J. BUTLER
MR. ROBERT DOBBS
MR. HAMILTON DOUGLAS, JR.
MR. C. G. EZZARD
MOST REVEREND PAUL J. HALLINAN
Archbishop of Atlanta
MR. JOSEPH HAAS
MR. AL KUETTNER
DR. ROBERT E. LEE
MR. ROLLAND MAXWELL
MR. F. W. PATTERSON
RABBI JACOB M. ROTHSCHILD
MR. M. O. "BUZZ" RYAN
MR. JACK SELLS
MRS. MARY STEPHENS
THE REVEREND SAMUEL WILLIAMS
MRS. ELIZA K. PASCHALL,
Executive Director

Mr. R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Landers:

Thank you for your letter of
April 27, 1967.

Mrs. Paschall and I will look
forward to meeting with you, Mayor Allen,
and the City Department Heads on Wednesday,
May 3, at 10:30A.M.

I appreciate this opportunity
to discuss the program of our Community
Relations Commission.

Yours very sincerely,


Irving K. Kaler
Chairman

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cc: Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

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SANFORD R. KARESH
MARTIN H. RUBIN
PAUL M. McLARTY, JR.

CABLE ADDRESS:
"KKATTY" ATLANTA

TELEPHONE:
AREA CODE 404
525-6886

April 17, 1967

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I appreciate your kind reference to me when you spoke at the National Convention of the Council of Jewish Women.

Several ladies who were present told my wife about this, and this pleased her very much.

Yours very sincerely,



Irving K. Kaler

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TO: Messers Collier Gladin, Colonel Malcolm Jones, Mr. Ray Nixon,
Mr. Les Persells, Mr. William Wofford
FROM: Eliza K. Paschall, Executive Director *SKP*
RE: Public Meeting on all phases of Housing in Model Neighborhood Area

At the public hearing which the Commission held in the Summerhill-Peoplestown and the Mechanicsville-Pittsburg areas, we were asked to help plan one meeting for the whole model neighborhood area where all the various questions about housing might be brought up and discussed and answered as they relate to each other.

For example, if there is to be no lessening of code enforcement during the year's planning period, where will people be relocated? Are there relocation resources within the area? Will the scheduling of improvements in streets, etc., be delayed until the year's planning is done, or will that continue without regard to the model planning? Etc., Etc.

It seemed to those present at the meetings that it would be helpful for the residents to have an opportunity to hear these and similar questions put to the heads of the various departments concerned and for everybody to hear everybody else's answers.

The group has scheduled such a meeting for Tuesday, April 25, 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Georgia Avenue & Capitol Avenue.

THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO REQUEST EACH OF YOU TO COME SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE ACCURATE AND AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY YOUR DEPARTMENTS:

Planning and Zoning; Model Neighborhood, Mr. Collier Gladin
Inspection and Code Enforcement, Mr. William Wofford
Construction, Mr. Ray Nixon
Relocation, Mr. Les Persells
Housing Resources, Colonel Malcolm Jones

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Alderman Rodney Cook

CITY OF ATLANTA COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

February 16, 1967

Atlanta, Georgia

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The first public hearing of the Community Relations Commission of the City of Atlanta was held February 16, 1967, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of the City Hall.

Mr. Irving Kaler, Chairman of the Commission, presided. Other Commission members present were: Mr. T. M. Alexander, Mrs. Sara Baker, Miss Helen Bullard, Mr. Robert Dobbs, Mr. A. L. Feldman, the Rev. J. L. Griggs, Mr. Joseph Haas, Mr. Al Kuettner, Mrs. F. W. Patterson, Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, Mr. M. O. Ryan, Mrs. Mary Stephens, the Rev. Samuel Williams.

Mr. Kaler recognized Aldermen George Cotsakis, J. M. Flanigen, Charles Leftwich, G. Everett Millican, Hugh Pierce, Jack Summers, Q. V. Williamson, and Senator Leroy Johnson and Representative John Hood. Mr. Kaler thanked them for their interest and support.

Mr. Bennie T. Smith, of the Grass Roots Council, and Senator Dan McIntyre sent letters expressing their regret at being unable to attend the hearing and assuring the Commission of their interest and support.

Mr. Kaler stated this hearing was the first of a series of hearings planned to afford the citizens of Atlanta a place to seek help with their problems and to voice their complaints or grievances.

The chairman then introduced Mrs. Eliza Paschall, who has been appointed by the Commission to serve as its Executive Director. Mrs. Paschall read the list of persons who had expressed a desire to be heard and asked that all speakers leave their names and telephone numbers for future conferences. Mrs. Paschall stated that her office would begin the following day on checking into all complaints and that all matters brought before the Commission would be thoroughly investigated.

The meeting was then turned over to the Reverend Samuel Williams, who conducted the hearing. Mr. Williams stated that a series of neighborhood hearings would be held and that meetings would be held with all City department heads to discuss problems or complaints presented at these hearings.

Mr. Williams expressed his gratification at the interest shown by the large number of persons, approximately 250, attending the hearing. All persons wishing to address the Commission were asked to limit their remarks to three minutes in order that all might be heard.

MRS. HENRY TOOMBS, 2871 Normandy Drive, N. W.

Mrs. Toombs expressed the feeling that Fulton County and the City of Atlanta are neglecting an opportunity to meet the needs of many of our people by failing to participate in the Food Stamp program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Toombs explained the operation of the program, in which 68 Georgia counties are participating, and reiterated her belief that the City and County should implement all programs designed to meet the needs of segments of our community.

MR. WILLIAM S. JACKSON, Dean of School of Social Work, Atlanta University

Dean Jackson expressed his pleasure in the formation of the Commission and his hope that the Commission could be helpful in seeing that all services of the community are made available to all people. Dean Jackson feels that despite progress in the availability of public services resulting from civil rights legislation, the services of many private agencies are still not available to all citizens. As a case in point, he read a letter from a woman who has experienced difficulty in finding nursing care for her aged mother. She stated Hillhaven had taken her application, promising to notify her when a vacancy occurred, but she has heard nothing further. Upon making application to Highview, she was told that Highview had never admitted a Negro applicant, but might have to accept Negroes at a later date to comply with Federal laws.

MR. ARTHUR BARHAM, West End, (Bush Mountain) Student at Clark College

Mr. Barham stated he was concerned over an incident in which several Negro youths were threatened by white youths with a pistol. Mr. Barham said a case was made against the white youths, but the case has been pending in court since January 25. Although Mr. Barham conceded there were legal reasons for the two postponements of the case, nevertheless he felt it imposed a hardship on students to have to get out of school so many times. Mr. Barham also contended that the police and other persons in the city seemed more anxious to obtain information regarding gangs in the neighborhood than to conclude this specific case. Asked if he would cooperate with the Commission in an investigation of potential gang warfare, Mr. Barham said he would cooperate, but repeated his assertions that he actually knows very little of any gang activity.

THE REVEREND AMOS HOLMES, 1035 Simpson Street, N. W., Vice President of the Atlanta Chapter of NAACP, Chairman, Housing Committee of NAACP

Mr. Holmes stated the City should concern itself with an up to date citywide zoning plan. The City is still using the 1956 zoning format, which is now inadequate for the growth of the City. Mr. Holmes feels zoning policies should be geared to meet the needs of the City and its citizens and should be free from citizen pressure or commercial domination. If the city is to eliminate ghettos and provide housing for all its citizens, planning must be done on a citywide rather than a sectional basis.

MR. ROBERT W. HAVER, 430 Lynhurst Drive, S. W., Southwest Atlanta for Progress Association, Cascade Heights Area

Mr. Haver described the work of his organization, which is concerned with preserving their community on a balanced integrated basis. The special concern of this group is that white people do not move out as Negroes move in, thus creating a racial imbalance in the schools and community as a whole. Mr. Haver stated that while the use of percentages in governing human relations is undesirable, the community nevertheless feels it is important for the present to try to maintain a 50-50 balance of white and Negro families to give their children an opportunity to grow up in a truly integrated situation. A series of community forums will be held at Holy Family Hospital, beginning March 9, to discuss ways of stabilizing the community. Mr. Haver asked for the moral support and encouragement of the Commission in their efforts. Mr. Williams expressed the pleasure of the Commission in learning of the work of this group and pledged the full assistance and support of the Commission.

MR. CHARLES CLARK, Southwest Atlanta

Mr. Clark stated a Negro real estate dealer had tried to procure housing for him in a white neighborhood and alleged many prospective sellers had stated they were afraid of the reaction of their neighbors if they sold to a Negro family.

Mr. Kuettner said he would be interested in receiving reports on any real estate agent who will not handle sales because of the race of the client. Mr. Clark was asked to appear before the Commission at a later date to give his story in full detail.

MR. JAMES MARSHALL, JR., 392 Rock Street, S. W. Block 13 near Incinerator (Lightning)

Mr. Marshall stated there are no recreation areas in this section; the houses are unfit for human habitation; there is only one paved street in the area; garbage and litter from demolished houses is not picked up.

Mr. Dobbs asked if there was any plan for including this area in an Urban Renewal project. Mr. Marshall said he knows nothing of such plans. He also stated that the Sanitary Department is very slow in responding to calls to pick up trash.

Rabbi Rothschild stated this area is high on the priority list of communities whose problems will receive special attention.

MRS. ALVENIA DAVIS, 449 Markham Street, S. W., speaking for residents of Markham area

Mrs. Davis stated that several houses unfit for habitation have not been demolished, although some have been unoccupied for more than one year. She feels these houses are dangerous and are a breeding place for crime and delinquency.

MRS. ALVENIA DAVIS (Continued)

Mrs. Davis also alleged that the housing code is not impartially enforced, contending that persons who own many houses receive more lenient treatment than the owner of only one or two houses. Asked who owned the substandard houses still being occupied, Mrs. Davis stated Joe Schaffer was the owner.

MRS. HAMBRICK, Walker Street School Council

Mrs. Hambrick stated the residents of this area protest the continued use of the Walker Street School building, which is old and in substandard condition. The residents want the school building replaced and feel the transfer of children to this school should be discontinued. Mr. Kuettner asked if the problem had been discussed with the Board of Education. Mrs. Hambrick said members of the community had met with Dr. Letson and had been told that work has been done on the building recently and that plans for replacing this school were not included in the recent school bond issue.

MR. GLENN GLEATON, 1035 Garibaldi Street, S. W.

Mr. Gleaton asked what the responsibility of the City is in regard to the individual homeowner whose property is being damaged by leaking sewers or overflowing drains. Mr. Dobbs stated that new homes were inspected by the City and the Building Inspector should not clear houses which had inadequate sewer or drainage systems. Mr. Gleaton replied that he had complained to the City of the damage to the foundation of his house and had been told the house was too close to the ground. No further help on the matter was offered by the City.

MRS. SALLIE BILLINGSLEY, Pittsburgh Civic League

Mrs. Billingsley complained of poor police protection in this area. Many robberies have occurred, but the police have not appeared very interested in the matter. There are very few street lights. Teenagers are hanging out in vacant houses. Mr. Williams stated that Alderman Charles Leftwich has discussed the problems of this community with the Police Department and every effort will be made to provide better patrol service, especially at night.

MR. HERNANDEZ, Southeast Atlanta, close to Blair Village (Gilbert Heights Area)

Mr. Hernandez asked what can be done about unscrupulous real estate dealers who attempt to buy houses through scare tactics, such as telling homeowners that the section will be turned over to Negroes or that it is going to be torn down for an Urban Renewal project. Mr. Hernandez stated there is no racial trouble in the area, but real estate dealers are constantly starting rumors that the property will be condemned by the City to build apartments. In answer to an inquiry as to the real estate companies involved, Mr. Hernandez stated that Bickers, State Realty, and Collins Realtors were among those engaging in this practice.

MR. HERNANDEZ (Continued)

Asked if he had called any of the Urban Renewal agencies, Mr. Hernandez replied that he had not talked to anyone in those agencies, but he could not wait for this. He feels the City should investigate immediately, as many of the people in the community may be panicked into selling their homes.

Mr. Hernandez was asked to meet with the Commission at a later date to provide specific names and additional facts.

MR. OTIS COCHRAN, 230 Walnut Street, N. W., Vice-Chairman, Advisory Board, Nash-Washington EOA, Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Council on Human Relations. (Vine City)

Mr. Cochran stated the City should investigate cases of discrimination in employment practiced by many of the firms and contractors with whom the City is doing business. He stated that a group of consultants engaged by the City to make a study of equal employment opportunities actually practices complete discrimination against Negroes in their own hiring policies.

Mr. Cochran also addressed the Commission on the problem of recreational facilities in the Vine City area. Mr. Cochran stated that a full time, long-range program should be established rather than relying on emergency measures to solve crises.

MR. JOE LEWIS HEADSPETH, 575 Magnolia Street, N. W. (Vine City)

Mr. Headspeth, with two other teenage residents of this area, appeared with Mr. Cochran to protest the closing of their recreation center at 141 Walnut Street. Mr. Dobbs stated that because of a reduction in EOA funds, the center had to be closed because funds for recreation technicians were cut off. Mr. Headspeth turned over to the Commission a petition from residents of the area requesting that the center be reopened.

Alderman Millican stated that there has been a 30% cut in Federal funds available for EOA, but the City is working to provide the same service to this area as was available last year.

Mr. Headspeth stated that he and his friends felt very strongly about this matter and that if it were necessary demonstrate in the streets to spotlight their problem, they would do so.

MRS. LOUISE WHATLEY, Pryor Road (Carver Homes)

Mrs. Whatley protested the lack of recreational facilities in this housing project in which approximately 4,000 children have no place to play. Open space which could be used for football and baseball fields is available, but the Housing Authority will not permit them to use it.

MRS. LOUISE WHATLEY (Continued)

Mrs. Whatley also protested the management's practice of doubling and tripling charges for repairs according to the number of repairs requested in one year. She stated repairs were often made without the occupant's knowledge or request. Tenants have been charged as much as \$36 for repairing a screen door and have been charged \$5 because their children played on the grass. Mrs. Whatley said a receipt was given for the charge, which is paid at the same time as the rent, but the receipt does not specify what the charge covered and the tenants do not know where the money goes. She said complaints had been made to Mr. Howard Ball at the Housing Authority, but his attitude was that the complainants represented only a minority of the tenants.

In reply to a question about a tenant's organization, Mrs. Whatley said they did have a Tenant's Association, but it is more or less run by the management. Mrs. Whatley also complained that the tenants are treated with discourtesy or disdain by the management.

MRS. CHARITY MURRAY, 76 Hilliard Street, Apt. 612, Grady Homes Apartments

Mrs. Murray stated that a woman living in an apartment across the hall from her had fired a pistol, narrowly missing her granddaughter. A case was made against the woman and she was bound over to Fulton County Court, but both the defendant and Mrs. Murray had been told to vacate their apartments by letter from Mr. Carl Brown, manager of Grady Homes. Mrs. Murray stated she went to Legal Aid Society, but they could not help her. Mrs. Baker asked if any charge had been made against Mrs. Murray. She said no charge was made against her. Mr. Williams stated that an investigation would be made.

MR. DON CROWLEY, Edgewood Area, East Atlanta

Mr. Crowley stated that large numbers of people have migrated into this area and there is an acute need of recreational facilities. The citizens of this area want supervised recreational facilities for their children.

MR. LORENZO JOHNSON, 1583 First Street, President of the Wesley Homes Tenants Association

Mr. Johnson stated the apartments are unsanitary, unfit for human habitation, infested with rats and snakes. He said that persons who attend meetings of the Tenants Association had been threatened with eviction. In answer to an inquiry as to the owner, Mr. Johnson stated he believed the apartments were owned by a Mr. Sam Maddox.

Mr. Dobbs asked him to call the Commission if he is threatened or harassed in any way because of his testimony before this commission.

MR. JOHN DAVIS GAITHER, 1560 Foote Street, N. E., Edgewood Civic Club
(Blue Heaven)

Mr. Gaither is concerned that this section is a political football between DeKalb County and Atlanta. He said if complaints or requests are voiced to DeKalb County, he is told to call Atlanta; if he calls Atlanta authorities, he is told the matter is under the jurisdiction of DeKalb County.

Mr. Gaither also expressed a strong sentiment that the term "Blue Heaven" used to describe this area is derogatory and inappropriate. He stated that the residents of the community are proud of their community and want to improve it and they want the use of the term "Blue Heaven" discontinued.

MRS. JOHN W. STANLEY, Chairman of the Council on Human Relations of Greater Atlanta

Mrs. Stanley congratulated the City on the formation of the Community Relations Commission and expressed great faith in the potential effectiveness of the Commission.

MRS. THELMA McCLENTON, Bankhead Estates Apartments

Mrs. McClenton feels the occupants of these apartments, which are privately owned, should receive better maintenance service. She also stated the apartments are rat-infested and no pest control is provided. The children have no play areas.

MRS. NANNIE McCORMICK, Oakmont Drive, S. W.

Mrs. McCormick cited health hazards caused by Proctor Creek. She said the creek causes basements to flood in rainy weather, sewerage backs up to the doors of homes; the odor is highly offensive; and, most serious of all, it is a great hazard to children.

Mr. Dobbs stated that seven children have died in this creek. The creek presents an especial danger because most of the parents in the neighborhood are at work all day and the children are not supervised.

MRS. JANIE MAE SIMS, 774 Norwood Road (Thomasville)

Mrs. Sims said this area is threatened by poor drainage and by overflow of water in rainy weather. Mosquitoes are a problem and backed up sewerage causes offensive odors.

THE REV. J. ALLEN JAMES, 1152 Welch Street, S. W. , Pittsburgh Civic League,
Pastor, St. James Baptist Church

Mr. James asked that the Commission make inquiry into discriminatory practices by the Municipal Court and the Housing Authority in the enforcement of the Housing Code.

MR. DAVID MCGOUGH, 50 McDonough Blvd, S. E. (South Atlanta)

Mr. McGough cited water overflow and sewerage problems in his community. He feels there is too much "buck passing" when he tries to reach City officials.

MRS. IULA O'NEAL, 1612 Foote Street, N. E., Apt. 5, President, Edgewood Improvement Association

Mrs. O'Neal cited the danger to children in this community from open streams running from above the park.

She also complained that truancy laws are not enforced in this area.

MRS. ROBERTA GRESHAM, Boulevard Area

Problems cited by Mrs. Gresham were: No recreational facilities. Many elderly people cannot get welfare assistance. Poor sanitary service. Garbage collects on warehouse property and causes rats.

MR. LEWIS HOLMES, SR. Reynoldstown Area, representing Reynoldstown Citizens Improvement Committee

Mr. Holmes stated that he makes building repairs and alterations and in the course of his work has seen many violations of the City health laws and the U. S. Government pure food laws. He asked for a private meeting with the Commission and was told such a meeting would be arranged.

MRS. ANNETTE WATKINS, 773 Hill Street (Old Summerhill Area)

Mrs. Watkins feels the practice of permitting colored people to move into old deteriorated houses vacated by white families perpetuates the problem of substandard housing for Negro families. She feels these houses should be demolished if they are not fit for occupancy.

THE REV. L. WILLIAM HOPE, Peoplestown Civic League

Mr. Pope stated the problems with which he is concerned cannot be covered in the time allotted for each speaker. He asked for an opportunity to meet with the Commission at a later date. The Commission will arrange a meeting with him.

MR. STERRS A. JOHNSON, 260 Linkwood Road, N. W.

Mr. Johnson feels the Civil Defense program is of vital importance and participation should be open to all citizens. He stated that there are no Negroes on the staff of the Atlanta Civil Defense Agency.

THE REV. PERCY L. HEATH, cab driver

Mr. Heath protested brutality of the police. He feels he was unjustly accused of running a red light because he pulled into the intersection to make a turn. He said he has heard rumors that police have to write ten tickets each day. Mr. Williams assured him that this is not true.

MRS. BEATRICE CAMPBELL, 1331 English Avenue, N. W. (Blandtown)

Mrs. Campbell stated this community needs bus service and better street lighting. She also cited the need for recreational areas for children and asked for the elimination of a portable bridge which the children have to cross to get to and from school.

MR. JOHN MATTOX, 2541 Tilson Drive, S. E., East Lake Heights

Mr. Mattox complained of poor sanitary service in this area.

He is also concerned about this area being rezoned as commercial. He feels the people who have invested in property in this area have a right to have their investment protected. He stated that signs saying the property was zoned for business extend on Memorial Drive from the Expressway ramp to East Lake Avenue.

Mr. Dobbs stated that no property can be rezoned without a public hearing and the occupants of this area must be alert to attend such hearings. They should also take care when buying property to see that the area has not already been rezoned for business.

Mr. Williams asked that any persons desiring to be heard at a later date notify the Commission.

Chairman Kaler expressed the Commission's pleasure in having had the opportunity to hear from representatives of so many sections of the city. He stated that additional meetings will be scheduled on a neighborhood basis and the dates for these meetings will be well publicized.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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The Community Relations Commission was established by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in November, 1966 and the 20 members were appointed in December. The Executive Director was appointed in January, and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on February 6, 1967.

The first business of the Commission was to hold a Public Hearing in the City Hall on February 16, to which individuals and/or representatives of organizations were invited to appear and state what they felt were their own problems or those of the community. More than thirty-five (35) persons spoke, on matters ranging from the Food Stamp Plan for Fulton County to the prospect of immediate eviction, from a plea for help in a 15 year old struggle against water damages to property to the need for recreation facilities, better sewerage, and help in racial stabilization of neighborhoods.

Two spokesmen presented a petition with more than 200 signatures. A civic club president, a student, a teacher, an academic Dean, a housekeeper, a member of the State Board of Family and Children's Services - men and women, young and old, they pinpointed problems of their community.

Following is a summary of response to matters brought up:

A. RECREATION:

1. Vine City: As requested by the Vine City Youth Council, the Vine City Recreation Center has resumed services under Mr. Eddie Murphy. The city of Atlanta Recreation Department is paying his salary, along with a supplement from the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts's supplement came as a result of NASH-Washington Service Center, EOA, following suggestion by the Executive Director of the Commission.
2. General Recreation: Mr. Jack Delius, in reply to many other recreation requests, reported that the playlot program will

have priority in summer programs, that 21 are now scheduled, an increase from 7 operated last year. He pointed out that there are no EOA funds for this, and in order to budget for these he has had to curtail activities in other parts of the City to save \$48,000 for salaries for playlot personnel.

Existing playlots are located as follows:

Summerhill-2; Mechanicsville-3; Buttermilk Bottoms-1; Vine City-2; Lightning-1; Edgewood-1; Cabbage Town-1; Park Ave. & Lansing Street-1; Arlington Circle, N.W.-1; Central Ave., S.W.-1; Proposed new sites are Lightning-1; Perry Homes-1; Edgewood-1; Huff Road, N. W.-1; Plunkett Town, Bender St., S.W. and Little Street, S.E. Four (4) portable swimming pools just acquired through anonymous gift; sites not yet decided on.

B. HOUSING:

1. Public Housing: In response to inquiries about Mrs. Murray who appeared before the Commission, Atlanta Housing Authority staff reported that the tenant had been warned last fall about complaints from neighbors, had been given eviction notice which had been withdrawn after conferences, that the decision of the manager to evict was upheld by the central staff. The Authority did, however, agree to the Commission's request to postpone eviction while the Commission got more information. (Mrs. Murray plans to move soon; she was particularly grateful not to have to move during cold weather which would have been difficult for her elderly mother.)
2. General information about public housing, requested by the Commission, is that leases are for a month and are on the form normally used by public housing units throughout the country; it is not customary in any public housing to give written notices of reasons for eviction. Project managers are given maximum authority to make decisions, but there is a tenant relations officer at the central office, to whom tenants may go for any business. Funds collected for damages, etc. go into general operating funds for that project. (Housing Authority projects receive no operating funds except from rents and the overall operation must break even.) The receipts should indicate reason for charge.
3. Neighborhood Stabilization: Meetings attended in Gilbert Heights area and in Lynhurst area following appearance of residents at Hearing. Georgia Real Estate Commission investigator explained responsibilities of licensed real estate agents and risks of dealing with unlicensed persons. It was announced that those agents operating in the Gilbert Heights area had agreed that anyone who had put his house on the market through a misunderstanding about the neighborhood would be permitted to rescind his action.

Individuals in southwest area in transition have asked for help along the following lines: all sections of the city must be opened up to make one housing market, "by opening up other areas to all people, the tension will be relieved here"; "Negro teachers be placed in all schools where teachers are needed, so that people won't have any place to run to avoid contact with Negro citizens; financing be used to encourage housing market rather than to discourage.

4. Demolition of sub-standard housing: Property referred to on Markham St., owned by Mr. Joseph Sheffer, is under court order and the city can do nothing.
5. Property on Garibaldi Street, damaged by water: Several city departments have sent inspectors out and each disclaims any responsibility for the situation. Mr. Gleaton has obtained legal advice and an engineer has been engaged to survey the area. Five(5) other residents of the same area have signed statements, describing similar conditions, of damage from water entering house and being unable to enter front door in times of heavy rain because of water standing.
6. Resolutions from the Atlanta Branch, NAACP, asking Housing Resources Committee to request "Open Housing Occupancy"; urging state tax abatement law; requesting Mayor and Board of Aldermen to reduce term of Atlanta Housing Authority members from 10 to 5 years "as in other cities of the country" and to increase Negro representation on authority.

C. POLICE PROTECTION

1. Police protection in Pittsburg: Police added, although records show not as much crime there as in some other areas.

D. INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE, OTHER SERVICES:

1. Inadequate maintenance, etc., in private apartments: reports have resulted in inspections and in some cases, the apartments have been found unfit and residents are now on the priority list for relocation.
2. Sewerage and drainage problems: Individual locations reported to Construction and Sanitary Departments, and in several cases corrected.
3. Sidewalks: Property owners must sign for new sidewalks, 51% of the owners of the property frontage must sign a petition requesting paving and agreeing to pay for same.
4. Proctor Creek: Mr. Nixon says property lines extend to middle of creek and it is responsibility of property owners to fence property and parents to keep children away from creek if it is dangerous.
5. Food in neighborhood stores: Investigations by Health Department.
6. Civil Defense: General Woodward states no discrimination, says records are not kept by race, so cannot report on participation of Negroes; 14 employees (No Negroes) Mr. Steers Johnson is now on state merit system register for Deputy Civil Defense Director.
7. Nursing Homes: Administrators of 3 facilities mentioned (Wesley Woods, Hillhaven, and Highview) all have expressed policies of no discrimination; Mrs. Dempsey has been so advised.

Hillhaven reports one Negro patient; Highview reports no applications; Wesley Woods says they have always offered services to all. (Highview receives \$500 from the city certain percent of space reserved for patients receiving public welfare assistance.)

8. Planning and Zoning: Planning department says area in East Lake Heights, where residents are concerned about possibility of zoning for business is zoned R4-single family residential and there are no zoning changes projected.
9. General statement at Hearing that Planning and Zoning still according to 1956 format "is inaccurate", Planning Department says present format is multiple, with formats varying from area to area, and changing as the need arises.
10. Sanitary Department-garbage collection: City of Atlanta is responsible for all collections in Fulton County and for all within city limits, even if in Dekalb County. For portions of East Lake Heights not in city limits, Dekalb County is responsible. All collections for private residences are on twice weekly schedules, with 2 or 3 days lapse between collections. Business collections are done nightly.
11. No report yet on City Personnel Department; CIP, UA agencies city contracts require equal opportunity. To be taken up at meetings to be scheduled with various department heads.
12. Food Stamp Plan: Inquiry directed to EOA; response that inquiry should be made of state Family and Children's Services. This has been done; report pending.
13. Delay in Court cases: Student complained of having to appear as a witness and case postponed; lawyer, etc. say this is inconvenient for everybody but see no remedy.

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SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE OFFICE IN PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, OR MAIL.

1. Public Housing occupant complained of extra charges; referred to Tenant Relations Officer.
2. Owner of substandard dwelling that was ordered demolished said occupant of dwelling (sick, little income, etc.) could not find new housing. Housing Relocation Office reports have visited family, suggested public housing, but clients do not want public housing but income is insufficient for adequate private housing; relocation officer still working on it.
3. General questions about short notice of evictions in private housing; lack of relocation resources strictness and rigidity of public housing eligibility.
4. City regulations about parked cars; car was towed away from in front of residence, owner showed registration certificate to police but car had been parked over 72 hours without being moved; complained that car parked in front of residence should not be moved - no driveways or alleys, yards too small, no other place to park cars; persons often do not have money for new tires, batteries, etc. within 72 hours.
5. Police: Individual reported he was arrested by off duty police officer who said he was using bad language; that he was shot by policeman, taken to Grady, beaten by policeman there; charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police department records show report of police officer that person was using obscene language, that he resisted arrest, was shot and taken to Grady for treatment. Case is on court calendar.
6. Report of discrimination in employment in a Metro Atlanta convalescent home reported to U. S. Dept. of Health Education and Welfare, Office of Equal Health Opportunity.
7. Report of discriminatory service to Negroes at a restaurant; forwarded to business with request for information.
8. Voluntary associations: question raised about access to Negroes of events held in certain private clubs and sport events. To be referred to Commission.
9. Difficulty in finding suitable middle income apartment for Negro tenants. To be referred to Commission, Housing.
10. Continued practice of Grady Hospital to practice racial segregation in regard to emergency ambulance service: ambulance driver reports that last summer two white police officers were picked up in Boulevard area rather than seriously injured Negro youth, because ambulance dispatched by Grady Hospital was for "white".

As of March 25, 1967

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EDGEWOOD-KIRKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD HEARING, MARCH 14, 1967, WESLEY
AVENUE SCHOOL

The first neighborhood hearing of the Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta was held March 14, 1967 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Avenue School.

Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr. presided. Other Commission members present were Mrs. Mary Stephens, Chairman, Mr. C. G. Ezzard, Mr. M. O. Ryan and Mrs. Sara Baker.

Mr. Douglas told the group the committee was very grateful to be at the meeting, and to feel free to tell them what was on their minds. He told them how the Commission was established and why. He asked individuals desiring to speak to sign a card. The following is what the individuals had to report to the Commission.

1. MR. CHARLES TURNER, 1567 Paxton Street, Mr. Turner stated that he was happy to have the committee in the neighborhood. He was concerned with trying to get low rent houses. He said most of the people in the community were wage earners, that they had few professionals. He said they had been promised this, they even made a survey and made plans, but since then they have built a new school, put up a warehouse, and built a park. The apartments in the area are sub-standard. He would like for the Commission to help get low rent housing in this area.
2. MR. JAMES DEAN, 17 East Lake Drive, Mr. Dean said that he has been living in the N.E. area for 9 months, and was buying a house on East Lake Drive. He told the committee he had 10 things that he would like to bring before them.

1. What are some of the real concrete powers of the Commission.

Mr. Douglas answered by saying the Commission was formed to find out the problems that exist in the city and make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, because, he stated, they are going to correct the things that are wrong. He said the problems that will be heard tonight has a relationship to various parts of the city, for example, police service, and poor service will be heard from, from all the areas. The committee will take the problems back to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the different departments. The Commission does not have the power to do what needs to be done, but will recommend what it think needs to be done. He stressed the fact that since the Commission has come this far in its program, he believes it will be able to help correct some of the wrong.

2. We need more parking signs on East Lake Drive
He stated there has been several accidents in front of his house because of no parking signs.
3. There is a need in the East Lake area for enforcement of Health Laws.
General sanitation is bad. He stated the sanitation department was coming around 2 or 3 times a week, now sometimes they do not come around at all during the week.
4. There is a need for proper street lightning on Memorial Drive, East Lake, and Boulevard.
5. There is a need for Enforcement of the Housing Code.
6. Better sewer conditions are needed, he said when it rains, it seems like a flood.
7. There are no sidewalks on Boulevard and East Lake.
8. Education. East Lake Elementary is overcrowded. The first of February the school went on double sessions. He said the parents were only notified one week in advance of the double session, this was unfair because the parents did not have time to make the adjustments. Example, a child changing from going to school in the morning and start on the afternoon session, the problem of getting someone to look after him in the mornings because the parents have to work. There is no P.T.A. in the school. During the 1965-66 term there were only 42 Negroes in the school with a capacity of 625. Now there are 900 students with the increase of Negroes moving into the neighborhood.
9. The stores in the area are very unsanitary. The vegetables and meats are of a very low grade.
10. Rezoning. The area is in a transitional period from whites to Negroes. Now they want to rezone it for business. In his area, Carter St. and East Lake Drive.

Mr. Ryan complimented Mr. Dean on his remarks. Then he asked why there is no P.T.A. in the school. Mr. Dean said because the students are 80 to 90 % Negro and the parents do not want to meet together. He said the principal is retiring, but this should not have anything to do with the P.T.A. Mr. Ezzard asked Mr. Dean what did he do. He said he was student at Atlanta University School of Social Work. Mr. Ezzard suggested to him that he come to the Commission and see what he could do to help. He said he would.

3. MR. RALPH LONG, PRINCIPAL OF WESLEY AVE. SCHOOL, Mr. Long stated that it was the responsibility of the parents and not the teachers or principal to start a P.T.A. The teachers and principals are suppose to cooperate with them after it is established.

He also brought up zoning. Two years ago there was no liquor stores from Moreland Avenue to Decatur. Now that the Negroes are moving in, there is a store on almost every corner. He said as far as crime is concerned it is going to get worse and all these liquor stores are contributing to it. He said who ever is permitting all these stores licenses should not be permitted to do so. Mrs. Stephens stated there has been a lot of changes in the permitting of licenses. It is now out of the hands of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Long said he would like to know who to see about the matter and he would follow through. He said they would go to court if that was necessary to halt the number of stores that were being permitted to open.

4. MR. JAMES CROWLEY, 50 Mason Avenue, N. W., Mr. Crowley is concerned with recreation, he said it is very poor in the area. In the past 10 years the area has grown tremendously, and recreation facilities have not been added to accomodate them. There is a small "jumped up park" in back of the school, Wesley Ave., but it is not adequate. It was put up to keep the Negroes out of Chandler Park. The part is not properly supervised. More trained supervisors are needed. (look into the facilities of Walker, and Besser Brandon parks.) Mr. Howard Long of the Recreation Department was sent to the meeting by Miss Carmichael, he said he would take the complaints back to Miss Carmichael and Mr. Delius.
5. MR. A WATSON, 187 Wesley Ave., Mr. Watson stated the need for a better lightning system. He said there is night school from 6:30 until 10:30 and the area around the school is so dark some people are afraid to come out. He asked the Commission to help get lights on baseball and football fields, he said if these areas are lighted, crime will go down (Mr. Douglas said if he had not studied a map for half an hour before coming, he would not have been able to find the school.) Mr. Watson said it is even worse when there is a heavy rain. Also Foote and Second Streets are not paved, this is also bad when it rains. He said no lights have been added since the area was lighted up in the beginning. He also mentioned old houses that should be torn down, he gave an example of a fire downstairs in one of the schools, and the fire wagon could not get in because of the houses.
6. MRS. ELIZABETH GIFFORD, 1565 Boulevard Drive (Left before her turn)
7. MR. DELMAR R. YODER, 1800 Memorial Drive, Edgewood Neighborhood Service Center. Mr. Yoder stated that he was speaking as a professional and was working with the people in the area. He said the Commission needed to deal with Public

Relations of minority groups, and he said Miss Bullard could lead it. This group would let the people know about the good things going on in the neighborhoods. He said that crime, and filth always get a place on the front page, but the good things are overlooked. He stated there are many good families in this area.

He said that Bert School was started sometimes ago and seems like it will never be finished. Others schools have been finished that were started after this one. He was concerned with white abandonment of areas when Negroes start to move in. He said it should be someway to get people to stop moving. He was also concerned about getting low rent housing. He said the Commission should try to influence the Urban Renewal to help with this. He stated that the city has built a new stadium and other nice things of this nature, but we need something for the people of areas like Buttermilk Bottom, etc. He said the City Wide Service Agencies are not providing services. He gave the Metro Atlanta YMCA as an example. He said the Atlanta and Dekalb Government work against each other. When something is brought up one say it is the responsibility of the other. He said he was glad Mr. Long of the Recreation Department was present, but Miss Carmichael and Mr. Delius already know of the problems that exist.

8. MR. HENRY W. BROOKS, 1312 Dupont Avenue, S. E.

Mr. Brooks said when he moved 7 years ago it was a very nice neighborhood, now it is junked up with one thing and then another. The City was suppose to check on this. On Wylie Street refrigerators are dumped. The people are ruining the neighborhood by using it as a junk yard.

9. MRS. LOUISE WHITE, 220 Hutchins Street, Mrs. White is a civic worker. She said she live in the heart of Edgewood. Agrees with Mr. Brooks about the junk yards. Said the civic group cannot do a thing about it. She gave an example of a car being dumped on LaFrance Street, the police put a ticket on it. Now people are taking parts off it, soon it will be a pile of junk.

She was also concerned about sanitation, said people are dumping their garbage out in the back yard, she asked that people should please be made to get and use garbage cans. She said there are housed with 3 rooms and people with 11 and 12 children are living in them. They are called one way houses, because they have one way in and one way out. She said they wanted some places built for these people to live with a parking space and somewhere for the children to play, and definitely no one ways because they are hazards.

There is a need for a red light at the corner of Whiteford Avenue and LaFrance Street, other signs should be used also. Example (Slow-Children Playing).

10. MRS. RUTH FLEMISTER, 29 Daniel Street, S. E., Mrs. Flemister had her 16 year old daughter with her. She said she was operated on by Grady Hospital when she was 15 months old. She is now handicapped. Grady will not give her a card because they say her husband makes too much money, she said he is a common laborer and has 3 children to support. She said she has been to other places to have her daughter treated, but they will not because Grady will not sign for it.
11. MRS. GEORGIA USHE, 2170 Boulevard Drive, Mrs. Ushe was concerned with sanitation, she said a lot of the stores carried a terrible odor, and they keep a lot of old boxes out in front. Also teenage boys hanging around outside beer stores and breaking in people houses. A light is needed at Ruckeford Street and Boulevard Avenue. There has been several accidents at this site.
12. Mr. Joseph Finch, 1628 Foote Street, Apt. 7, Mr. Finch expressed the need for more recreational facilities. He said a YMCA should be organized so the teenagers will have something to do.
13. MRS. LAURA W. NUNNALLY, 1286 Fair Street, S. W. (left)
14. MRS. F. W. ARNOLD, 57 Raymond Street, S. W. (left)
15. REV. D.E. MYLES, 1361 Dupont Ave. S. E., Rev. Myles said he was happy to be at the meeting, that every body had touched on about everything he wanted to say but he would make a few remarks. He was concerned with what did it mean when people spoke of low-rent housing? He said he was asked to move from several different places because he was making too much money to remain. But during these times he was sick and in the hospital and could not work for quite a while. He said he is paying taxes in Fulton and Dekalb counties. At the Dupont and Whitefore Ave. schools, children are very destructive, something should be done about it. He expressed a need for more Police protection. He commented on Mr. Long's remarks about the Liquor stores, and said the thing to do about them is to boycott. He stated that some of these responsibilities lie at the people door.

16. PROF. JOHN DAVIS GAITHER, 1560 Foote St., N.E., Mr. Gaither stated he was happy to be at the meeting. He said if we stayed until the midnight hour, the same problems would continue to come up. He commented on some of the problems. Lightning Atlanta was suppose to be one of the most lighted areas in the world, it is in certain parts, Ex. Peachtree Street. But, other areas are badly in need of light. Atlanta-Dekalb When you go to Atlanta to try and get something done, they tell you its in the jurisdiction of Dekalb County, and when you go to Dekalb, they send you to Atlanta. Police Protection there is one policeman on foot and when he goes to one area of his beat, people are doing what they want to on the other end, and vice versa. House Construction You can tell where a Negro live because of the way the house is constructed. Low-rent housing He said houses should be built up to present day standards.

Mrs. Baker asked him when he referred to low rent housing, did he mean sub-divisions or government projects. He said the kind that are in the Thomasville area. Mrs. Baker said those houses are bought and not rented Prof. Gaither told the committee to take what has been said and take it seriously, because the Edgewood-Kirkwood area is on the move.

The question of what type of houses the people are trying to get was re-introduced. It was decided that houses that comply with the Housing Code Enforcement. It was pointed out that some of the houses the people were talking about were built before the housing code was in effect.

Mr. Douglas explained that the problems would be turned over to the proper departments.

It was suggested that a specific resolution be prepared by the people of the neighborhood of the things that are wrong.

Mr. Long said these things had been reported 10 years ago and nothing has been done about them. Mr. Douglas replied by saying that this Commission has been established to try and help the people communicate with City Hall and see that these problems are solved.

17, MR. JAMES COSBY, 1424 LaFrance St., N.E., Mr. Cosby stated that he was having trouble with Real Estate Companies. He was concerned about Educational programs. He said somebody should be hired to teach the people in the underpriviledge areas how to live.

18. Mrs. Charity Hill, 1514 Foote St., Mrs. Hill's concern was with lights, and street paving. She referred to Foote St., and Mason Avenue. She complained of the dust, she said gravel was put on the street but it only made things worse.
19. MR. J. A. MCLAIN, 2079 Delano Dr., N.E. , Mr. McLain was concerned with rezoning of the Kirkwood area. Houses that had For Sale signs in front of them now have signs of rezoning for commercial use. He stated that we are trying to keep communities from going slum, but how can we when city hall is passing these laws. Mr. Douglas stated he would get the city attorney to draw up a list of what the city of Atlanta is responsible for. He stated that except for court house functions, most of the things are concerned with the city of Atlanta.
- Mr. McLain said there should be enforcement of the various Codes, sanitary, housing, etc. He said the Federal Appraisal System should be looked into.

Mr. Douglas thanked the people for staying and suggested that the committee conduct a tour of the community and see some of the things the people are talking about.

Mrs. Baker told the group the Commission would get a list of what Atlanta and DEKALB county is responsible for.

Mr. Long thanked the committee for coming and said the community has been making some progress but that they still had a long way to go.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
1203 CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SUMMERHILL-PEOPLESTOWN AREAS MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1967
MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Clarence G. Ezzard, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Members present:

Mr. Al Kuettner
Mr. Joseph Haas
Mrs. Sara Baker
Mrs. Fred W. Patterson
Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall, Executive Director

(League of Women Voters of Atlanta members present to observe)

Mr. Ezzard called the meeting to order, and after the invocation, called on Mr. Joseph Haas to preside.

Mr. Haas said that he felt at home in the area; he was born not far away and went to school in the area. He described the establishment of the Commission and spoke of his own interest and belief in it.

Mrs. Paschall reported that she had the following information from Mr. Collier Gladin, of the City Planning Department about the Model City Program (of which these areas are parts): The meeting held earlier with the Mayor, etc., were to inform the people that Atlanta would apply for the program and tell what the program would be; the application submitted on March 13, 1967 was for a grant of \$500,000 for planning; if this application is approved, the city will receive the \$500,000 probably around May 1, 1967, and it will take about a year for the planning to be completed; during the year the residents of the area will be completely involved in making the plans for the areas; no plans have been made yet but it is expected that the final plans will emphasize rehabilitation of existing residence and as little tearing down as possible. The neighborhoods should strengthen existing organizations so they will be able to participate in the planning phase.

1. MRS. OLIVE ANTHONY, 135 Little Street: wanted to know "What are they intending to do"? The report from Mr. Gladin elaborated on by Mr. Ezzard.
2. MRS. ALICE BURTON, 1043 Hill Street: was also concerned about plans. Mr. Ezzard said "If your property needs improvement, go on and make them. We expect no changes for a year. We will decide what is to be done".
3. MRS. NELLIE MALLORY, 136 Little Street; "I understand you all are saying to sit steady in the boat."

4. MR. H. E. PHIPPS, President of Peoplestown Civic League and Chairman of the Summerhill-Mechanicsville EOA, CNAC, 179 Haygood Avenue, S. W., 627-4449:, pointed out many things needed for years, "Don't want another year for Model City; been asking for some things for ten years: Resurface Haygood Avenue from Capitol Avenue to dead end; extend Vanira from Connaly to Hill Street; resurface Vanira Street. Sidewalks on Vanira; needs complete resurfacing from Capitol Avenue to Martin Street. Traffic light at Haygood and Capitol - need for school children (asked Mr. Karl Bevins three years ago - had children killed there.) Space for play area on Violet Avenue between Vanira and Haygood; finish park site at Martin and Boykins Street, started five years ago, stopped when Stadium was finished, dirt dumped from Stadium; Sanitary Department has left trash on Haygood and Violets Street for two weeks; vacant lot at Martin Vanira could be used for play lot; signed petition for sidewalks on Martin St., need repairing (said he had slipped in mud hole in sidewalk on way to meeting). No recreation facilities in Peoplestown."
5. Mrs. Martha Weems, 123 Vanira Street, S. E.: "People in Peoplestown are home owners. City can resurface streets around Stadium but not around homes". "Complete Connelly Street to Vanira Street; open Primrose all the way from Little Street to Tuskegee Ave."
6. MR. STEPHEN MELSH, 979 Violet Avenue, Vista Worker: "Stanton Park voted in 1963 Bond Issue; \$17,000 appropriated to finish development, \$100,000 to rehabilitate community center; why hasn't any work been done"?
7. MRS. PEARL J. HARRIS, 101 Love Street, S. E.: "If I've got to get out, say so. Repairs cost a lot, understand they don't give much for houses".
8. Reverend Roy Williams, ? : "Bad if people have to invest in loans for repairs and then have to move".
9. The Honorable John Hood, Representative from 124 District: "Need to clarify- people not so worried about Model City Program; worried about Stadium Parking, where will it go"?

Mr. Ezzard suggested another meeting just on Housing and Model City. General consensus that this would be helpful. Mrs. Paschall and Commission Team urged to do this.

Mr. Kuettner: "How do they get space for Stadium Parking"?

Mr. Hood said Stadium Authority has power of eminent domain and can condemn property.

10. MR. ? JOHNSON, 21 Ormond Street, said houses around his had been demolished, his still standing, he is puzzled.
11. Mr. A. L. Benton, 162 Lamar Street, S. E.: "Get back to Summerhill, needs street lights, sidewalks, needs to open up Primrose Street, open Bass to Connelly. Cudzo so bad you can't get through; Glen Street (Martin to Colony) embankment with no sign or barricade. Dangerous".
12. Mrs. LARRIE PARKS, 196 Connolly St., S. E., 622-4874: Her house was inspected, and she signed contract for \$2000 worth of repairs, then thought house might be torn down, doesn't want to keep contract. Referred to Lawyer at EOA.
13. ? : "Mayor Allen said we are not going to force people out of their home - who would set price for homes"?

Mrs. SARA BAKER, 938 Park Ave., S. E. (Commission Member): "So much confusion, would be good if inspectors would lay off".

Mr. Kuettner: Stadium Authority must compensate for property, including improvements".

Mr. Hood: "Stadium Authority has contract for four to five thousand (4 to 5000) more spaces within ten (10) years.

14. MR. BENNY T. SMITH, 209 Archcrest Drive, Hapeville, (From Poole Creek Area; one of members of Ad Hoc Aldermatic Committee which recommended Commission to Aldermen): "Commission was created for people to have confidence: Atlanta has opportunity to receive money for planning, so many public officials, people are told different things."
15. Reverend Orin BENTON, 795 Martin Street, S. E. 524-3341: "Always been neglected area, ought to think about people. So many one-way streets, sometimes have to go five (5) blocks out of the way; people are "stirred-up" out here, not going to improve area if don't know what's going to happen; when whites started leaving area, they started tearing down one end of Washington Street, what about the other end? People out here are concerned and want to know. Tell people we are willing to fight to keep our property." Sigh on 101 Love Street: ("Keep it up or we'll tear it down") makes people anxious.

Mr. Smith: "City Inspectors should identify themselves."

Mr. Haas: "Are there legal services at EOA?"

Officer Lyons from Summerhill-Mechanicsville Center: "Attorney at center 4-6 p.m. weekdays, 9-12 on Saturdays."

16. Mr. JESSE PORTER, 139 Little Street, S. E. 525-6939: "Fix Little Street between Elmira and Martin; fix Martin Street down to Stadium, Dangerous, no street lights, much traffic."

Mr. Phipps: "What lights there are, over here are dim."

17. MR. CALVIN ALSOBROOK, 305 Kilso Drive, 758-9161: "Get inspectors out for a while. If the City will fix up streets and sidewalks, we'll fix up houses better. Need storm sewers; water sometimes 10 feet deep at Elmira, Little, Ami and Kennet Streets."

Mr. Hood: Three (3) recommendations to the Commission:

"That Commission recommend their representatives from area be appointed on City-County policy body for Model City; that it recommend to Mayor and Board of Aldermen that Stadium Parking expand up rather than out; that Commission Recommend to Board of Education that something be done about Capitol Avenue School - snakes and rats in basement."

18. MR. COLQUITT, 381 Atlanta Avenue, S. E., 627-6973: "Has business near Stadium; worried about expansion."

19. Mrs. Weems, 123 Vanira Avenue, S. E., 627-4211; 672-4744: "Need information on \$1500 grants, are people there eligible for these rehabilitation grants; would it be fair to keep inspectors out - maybe need to know what is wrong; need Police protection (gambling in streets); high rents in area a problem."

Mr. Ezzard: "No swimming pool between Memorial Avenue and Boy's Club at Lakewood; Pittman Park is small; swimming pool at Grant Park filled up when desegregated."

Mr. Barnes of Highpoint Civic League; Officer Lyons of Police Department were introduced.

Need traffic light at Atlanta Avenue and Martin Street.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30. Later meeting on Housing and Model City in three(3) or four (4) weeks asked for.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 1967

Members of the Community Relations Commission met on Friday, February 24, 1967, at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. The following members were present:

Mr. Irving Kaler, Chairman
Rev. Samuel Williams, First Vice Chairman
Miss Helen Bullard, Second Vice Chairman
Mrs. Fred Patterson, Secretary
Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director

Mrs. Sara Baker
Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr.
Rev. Joseph L. Griggs
Mr. Al Kuettnner
Mr. Rolland Maxwell
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
Mr. M. O. "Buzz" Ryan
Mrs. Mary Stevens

The Chairman called the meeting to order. He commented on the Public Hearing of the night before and expressed his pleasure in the interest that was shown by the number of groups present, 35 instead of the expected 20, and also his regret that time did not permit hearing from all of them.

The Chairman then introduced representatives from three organizations who were not able to speak at the Public Hearing. They were Mr. W. Wrenns of Equal Health Opportunity, Rev. John Morris of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, and Mr. Ralph McCrotsky of Planned Parenthood Association. They were given three minutes to speak.

Mr. W. Wrenns: Mr. Wrenns serves Region IV of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, U. S. Public Service, including South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee. He gave a brief description of his duties then he told the Commission what he thought it could do to help: Divide into committees and conduct a study of the Health, Education, and Welfare programs to see if they are complying with the rules. Miss Bullard asked if they deal with Government Agencies, he said yes, federal, state, and local. He would like to receive a copy of what the Commission is doing every thirty days. He expressed his support and interest in the program.

Mr. Ralph McCrotsky: Mr. McCrotsky gave a brief situation report of PPA. It came into being January 1, 1965. Its first year was dealing with getting organized for developing resources, for family planning, and birth control. It worked with various

neighborhoods in the community and with the local BOA. The first family planning center was at the Bethlehem Center, January 6, 1966, with three additional ones since then serving approximately 80 patients per month. The Pap test for cancer is given each patient (plus a general physical examination) and the PPA has been shocked at the high incidence of cancer among their clients revealed by the Pap tests. Mr. McCretsky then reported on a matter of concern to him as a citizen, emphasizing that he was not speaking for the PPA. This is the lack of organization through which health services can be coordinated. There is no automatic, "built-in" coordination between the Fulton County Health Services and Grady services. Cooperation depends upon the personal cooperation and coordination of staff members; none on policy making level. He is distressed at the prospect of BOA establishing neighborhood health service centers in unsuitable places, like warehouses, when there are Fulton County Public Health Centers, well equipped nearby. He expressed his interest and support in the program of the Commission.

Rev. John Morris: Executive Director, The Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. He commended the Commission on the meeting of the night before. Then he gave some examples of the way the Society has involved itself in Atlanta to provide for cultural and racial unity. He asked the Commission to try and reach the people of high-society in the church. The Rev. Morris expressed his disappointment at the lack of leadership on the part of the religious community in matters of concern to the Commission and urged that the Commission challenge the churches and synagogues to participate in its programs.

The Chairman opened the house for business: Mrs. Paschall called the roll, the following members were not able to attend:

Mr. C. G. Ezzard
Mr. A. L. Feldman
Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.
Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan
Mr. Robert Dobbs
Mr. James O. Moore

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the last meeting which were passed to each member at the beginning of the meeting. It was moved that the reading of the minutes be waived. The following correction was made: The salary of the Executive Director listed at \$12,000 should have been recorded at \$12,500. After the correction it was moved that the minutes be received.

Mrs. Stephens reported that Alderman Leftwich had investigated some complaints about police service in the Pittsburgh area which had been made at the February 16 meeting and had found that the crime rate there is lower than in many parts of the city, but he wanted the Commission to know that two additional police officers had been assigned to that area.

Rev. Samuel Williams moved that the Commission show appreciation to the Council on Human Relations for releasing Mrs. Paschall to assume her duties on the Commission immediately, as they did. It was adopted.

Mrs. Fred Patterson read the minutes of the Executive Committee, which are attached. They were received.

The Executive Director reported that the City Comptroller had informed her that the money from the city would be paid to the Commission in quarterly allotments, that the Commission is responsible for its own purchasing, budgeting, etc.. Upon the recommendation of the Director, after consultation with the City Comptroller's Office, the following action was taken:

1. The Capitol Area Branch of the Citizens & Southern National Bank shall be designated as the bank for the Commission.
2. The Secretary (Mrs. Fred W. Patterson) or the Executive Director (Mrs. Eliza K. Paschall) shall be authorized to sign checks.
3. A tentative budget (attached) was adopted, subject to final adoption next month, after matters of personnel, etc. have been cleared up with the City Attorney's office.

It was agreed that the effective date of Mrs. Paschall's appointment should be February 8, the day following the approval by the Board of Aldermen. Other conditions of employment, such as leave, benefits, etc., are to be settled at the March meeting, retroactive to the time of appointment, after the position of the Director relative to city benefits, etc., has been clarified.

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild gave his report of the Committee on Committees. This report was adopted. A copy is attached.

There was some discussion about the meaning of the term "prestigious". It was agreed that this would mean persons most competent and efficacious in any particular situation, not necessarily from any one group; that the term is relative and the selection of such person would depend upon the context.

The Chairman appointed the Committee on Committees, which was empowered to ask people to serve on the committees and was asked to report at the next meeting of the Commission. The committee consisted of the following:

Mr. Rolland Maxwell, Chairman
Mr. M. O. "Buzz" Ryan, Vice Chairman
Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr.
Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.
Miss Helen Bullard
Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
Mr. Byron Attridge

The Chairman appointed a Special Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the following:

Mr. Joseph Haas, Chairman
Rabbi Rothschild, Vice Chairman
Archbishop Paul Hallinan
Rev. Sam Williams
Mr. Al Kuettner

The committee was asked to be prepared at the March meeting with preliminary plans.

Area Meetings: Area committees were named as listed below, and the Chairman urged that each chairman work with the Executive Director in scheduling these meetings early in March.

Area: Edgewood-Mirkwood

Committee: Mrs. Mary Stephens, Chairman
Rev. Joseph L. Griggs
Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr.
Mr. M. O. "Buzz" Ryan

Area: Cabbage Town

Committee: Mr. Robert Dobbs, Chairman
Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
Mr. A. L. Feldman

Area: Mechanicsville-Pittsburgh

Committee: Miss Helen Bullard, Chairman
Rev. Samuel Williams
Mr. Rolland Maxwell

Area: Summerhill-Peopletown

Committee: Mr. C. G. Ezzard, Chairman
Mr. Al Kuettner
Mr. Joseph Haas

Area: Vine City-Lightning

Committee: Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr., Chairman
Archbishop Paul Hallinan
Mrs. Fred Patterson
Mrs. Sara Baker

The Chairman stated that when a meeting is scheduled, if all the members cannot be there, they should report it so someone can take their place.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be written to Miss Rosena Flint for preparing the minutes of the February 16, Public Hearing and Mr. Theodore Freedman for mailing out announcements of the meeting.

The Director of the Bethlehem Center sent word that the center was available for use by the Commission, if needed.

Follow-up of February 16 meeting:

Mrs. Paschall reported that the most urgent situations had been followed up with letters to the appropriate offices. Mr. Delius, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, had been optimistic about restoring the services of Mr. Eddie Murphy in the Vine City recreation center. Mr. Gilbert Boggs, of the Atlanta Housing Authority, had reported that he had investigated the case of Mrs. Charity Murray and had found that she had been warned about her grandchildren visiting at the project, and that he felt the decision of the manager to evict Mrs. Murray was justified. The Commission agreed that more details should be sought (lease agreement, authority of the managers, etc.) and that the Housing Authority should be requested to hold up the eviction until more facts could be obtained.

There was a discussion about the manner of handling individual complaints, and it was agreed that the Executive Director should be empowered to take whatever action was appropriate in her judgement, and should come back to the Commission if it was not possible to work out an arrangement with the offices concerned.

Neighborhood Stabilization: Mrs. Paschall reported that she had been in touch with representatives of the 2 areas represented at the February 16, meeting asking for assistance in neighborhood stabilization.

She attended a meeting in Gilbert Heights on Monday, February 20, which was also attended by Alderman Leftwich, and an investigator from the Georgia Real Estate Commission, who explained the regulations regarding sale of real estate and the risks of dealing with other than a licensed real estate agent. Real Estate representatives present assured the group that anyone who had listed their property for sale and would like to reconsider the matter would be permitted to do so. The group was assured that there are no urban renewal, etc., plans for the area and that the city services will be maintained without any regard to the racial composition of the neighborhood. The persons present (all white) seemed to feel that panic selling would stop. Informal plans were made for individuals present to meet with Negroes living in the general area, to plan together for future activities.

Mr. Haver, who spoke at the February 16 meeting, had asked for advice for a meeting on March 9. Mrs. Clayton of the American Friends Service Committee, has been meeting with the group. Mrs. Paschall has sent some material to members of the group, discussed their meeting, and plans to attend the March 9 meeting.

Meeting with City Officials: The original proposal of the Program Committee that a day long seminar be held with selected city officials was discussed and it was felt that perhaps that was too much time for Commission members to give and that there might be substituted 2 meetings of 3 hours each, with individuals invited to appear at specific times. It was decided that different departments will take longer than others and should be scheduled likewise.

Ku Klux Klan: Mrs. Stephens brought up the matter of the KKK pickets and protests against the Commission and urged that some way be found to counter the accusation that their point of view was not represented. The Chairman pointed out that all meetings are open to the public and to representatives of groups, but he questioned the desirability of the Commission singling out any one group for special attention.

Agnes Scott College: A letter from the Rev. Kim Driesbach sent to the February 16 meeting about the employment policy of Agnes Scott College was read and discussed. It was agreed that the location of the College placed the matter outside the jurisdiction of the Commission, but because of the importance of Agnes Scott to the community, the letter should be forwarded to President Wallace Alston with a request for information for the Commission.

National Conference on Christian and Jews: Mrs. Paschall reported that the Rev. Don McEvoy, Director of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, had asked to have the following reported:

1. The National Conference of Christian and Jews had begun discussions with the Atlanta Police Department about a grant from the Justice Department for a Police Community Relations Program but that he felt this should now be turned over to the Community Relations Commission and he would do so.
2. Mr. McEvoy, acting on the challenge of the Rev. McCloud and others at the February 23 meeting, has issued an invitation to leading religious persons for a meeting on March 13 to consider an Inter-religious Convocation on the Inner City.
3. The National Conference of Christians and Jews will pay a full scholarship for a "lay" representative chosen by the Commission to attend a national conference on police community relations in Michigan May 20-26. The Police Department usually provides transportation so there would be no cost to the Commission or the individual.

Mrs. Paschall said she hope to be moved into the City Hall within a week or so, as soon as the bank account could be opened, etc., and the necessary furniture, etc., secured.

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be Friday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) Minnie Thomas

See Minutes of February 23, Public Hearing for statements from other organizations.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

General Statement: The Commission needs to fill its committees with men and women who are truly representative of the leadership of both the white and the Negro community and who are prepared to devote the necessary time and dedication to their committee assignment.

Such persons are to be drawn from every area of Atlanta life: government, education, clergy, labor, private and public agencies.

Each committee should have a prestigious chairman, a research person and a member of this commission among its total membership.

Every effort shall be made to enlist the help of all pertinent agencies already in existence.

THE COMMITTEES:

A. COMMUNITY RESOURCES

1. OVERALL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION on personnel and function whose purpose will be twofold: first, to recommend to the chairman potential members of the committees to be established, and second, to explain their duties and see that they are being carried out within the framework of the Commission's organizational framework.
2. HOUSING
3. EDUCATION
4. EMPLOYMENT
5. LAW AND EQUAL ENFORCEMENT
6. RECREATION
7. PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS
8. REGISTRATION AND VOTING
9. MUNICIPAL SERVICES
10. WELFARE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
11. SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
12. COMMUNICATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES
13. VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS: (Bar, Medical, Churches, Labor, professional groups, civic organizations, civil defense, etc.)

B. WAYS AND MEANS

1. RELATIONS WITH EXISTING AGENCIES
2. LEGAL
3. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: Funds and Grants
4. SPEAKERS' BUREAU - using committee members

C. AD HOC COMMITTEE

The function of this committee will be in two areas: prevention and alleviation of an emergency situation. Your special committee on committees recommends that the membership of this committee be kept small enough to function immediately should an emergency arise in the general

community and that its number be augmented in each specific case by a member of that sub-committee whose area of investigation has been the particular neighborhood in which the present emergency arises.

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. A. L. Feldman
Mr. Joseph Maas
Archbishop Paul V. Hallinan
Mr. Buzz Ryan
Mrs. Mary Stephens
Rabbi Jacob H. Rothschild

Mr. Irving Kaler)
Mrs. Eliza Paschall) ex officio

February 24, 1967

TO: Mr. Irving Kaler
Chairman

FROM: Eliza Paschall
Executive Director

RE: Bank Account, Budget, Personnel Policies

1. Bank Account:

It is necessary for the Commission to pass a resolution designating a bank and designating those who will be authorized to sign checks.

The Executive Committee, acting upon the recommendation of the City Comptroller, Mr. Davis, recommends that the Secretary, Mrs. Patterson, and the Director be authorized to sign checks and that the books be kept in accordance with the recommendations of the Comptroller's office.

For the sake of convenience and to demonstrate the Commission's interest in lack of discrimination on the basis of sex, I recommend the Capital Area Citizens & Southern Bank, whose manager is Mrs. Celeste Dupree.

2. Budget:

In view of the fact that it is not yet clear whether the staff of the Commission will be eligible for certain group benefits of city employees, and that we hope to obtain some office equipment on a gift or long term loan basis, I recommend that the Commission adopt the attached tentative budget which lists broad categories only and that final action on a 1967 budget be taken at the next meeting.

3. Personnel Policies:

We have secured information about personnel policies and practices from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, the Atlanta Urban League, the Community Council and the Southern Regional Council. I recommend that decisions about leave, benefits, etc., be deferred until next month, to give Mr. Pileher time to ascertain if the Commission staff is eligible for city benefits, and that the policies adopted in March be retroactive to the time of employment.

Mrs. Minnie Hill Thomas has been employed as secretary for a month to give us time to work out these policies and to follow the procedure of receiving applications for the job of secretary once these matters have been finalized. Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Morris Brown College Secretarial Science program and was recommended to us by Miss Carrie Clements, Director of Placement at Morris Brown College

February 24, 1967

Tentative Budget (prepared on basis of consultation with Mr. Underwood, in Comptroller's office.)

1. Personnel:

Executive Director	\$12,500
Other	5,000*

2. Contractual 600

3. Office Supplies and Expenses 5,400

4. Equipment 1,500*

\$25,000

Note: There appears no way through city financing to spread the expense of equipment, etc., over more than a year. The \$25,000 will be advanced in quarterly allotments and charges incurred must be paid currently, according to the Comptroller.

* If it is possible to obtain equipment through loan or gift, any money saved here should be added to personnel.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION.

Feb. 17, 1967.

The Executive Committee of the Community Relations Commission met Feb. 17, in the Conference Room of the Fulton National Bank Building. The following members were present:

Mr. Irving Kalor, Chairman
Miss Helen Willard
Rev. Dan Williams
Mrs. Fred Patterson
Mrs. Blina Paschall

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr. Johnny Robinson who has recently been appointed Community Development Coordinator of the Mayor's office.

Mrs. Paschall read the proposed budget for 1967. Motion made that the budget be received and presented for approval at the regular meeting of the Commission. Motion adopted.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee that it is essential that the Executive Director, in addition to a secretary, have an administrative assistant. We strongly recommend that she give this high priority in selecting her staff.

Motion made that the Executive Director's appointment be as of Feb. 7th, the date the Aldermanic Board approved her appointment. Motion adopted.

Motion made that the Executive Director ^{or} ~~and~~ the Secretary jointly, be authorized to sign checks. Motion adopted.

Rabbi Rothschild read the report of the Committee on Committees. Motion made that the report be accepted with appreciation. Motion adopted.

The Executive Director reported on the City's policy regarding sick leave and annual leave. Motion made that the Chairman, Mr. Kalor, determine the Commission's policy in the light of the prevailing standards in similar agencies. Motion adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Fred Patterson

Secretary.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

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

1208 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

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MRS. MARY STEPHENS
THE REVEREND SAMUEL WILLIAMS

MRS. ELIZA K. PASCHALL,
Executive Director

April 8, 1967

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

Evidencing some of the concrete results of the program of the Community Relations Commission, I believe you will be interested in the attached copy of correspondence from Mrs. Cochran of the NASH-WASHINGTON SERVICE CENTER.

Yours very sincerely,

Irving K. Kaler
Chairman

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Attachment



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

April 8, 1967

Mrs. Sylvia S. Cochran
NASH-WASHINGTON SERVICE CENTER
247 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mrs. Cochran:

We very much appreciate your kind letter of March 9 commenting upon the program of the Community Relations Commission of Atlanta.

We owe much to the foresight of Mayor Allen in giving leadership to this program and I am, therefore, sending him a copy of your fine letter.

We are pleased that the efforts of our Executive Director, Mrs. Paschall, resulted in the re-hiring of Mr. Murphy.

We earnestly hope that you will contact the Commission at any time in the future if you consider that we can be of assistance to the NASH-WASHINGTON SERVICE CENTER.

Yours very sincerely,

Irving K. Kaler
Chairman

IKK:rjg

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓

March 9, 1967

Mr. Irving Kaler
Human Relations Commission
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kaler:

The Vine City Teen Council and residents of Vine City deeply appreciate your granting the youths permission to appear before the Human Relations Commission.

We feel that the re-hiring of the Recreation Director, Mr. Eddie Murphy, could never have been accomplished without your interest and involvement.

Our very special thanks to Mrs. Eliza Paschall, who was so helpful in steering us to the right contacts.

Thank you again,

Sylvia S. Cochran

(Mrs) Sylvia S. Cochran
NASH-WASHINGTON SERVICE CENTER
247 Ashby Street, N. W.
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HIGHVIEW *Nursing Home for Aged and Convalescent*

FULTON-DEKALB

TELEPHONE 767-7407

2800 SPRINGDALE ROAD SOUTHWEST

Atlanta, Georgia 30315

February 27, 1967

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

*Ask Eliza Pas
to see me*

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 1967 regarding a statement made by a Mrs. A. J. Dempsey before the new Community Relations Commission.

Unfortunately I have not had the pleasure of meeting the complainant; nor do I recall any incident referred too in her complaint.

For your information Highview does not operate under Hill-Burton funds. Original construction, however, was financed partly with funds secured under the Hill-Burton Act.

Highview has no rules regarding admission of patients which exclude admission of negroes.

Highview has fulfilled all requirements of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, as set forth under Title VI and has so advertised in the community news media, by letter to the county governments of Fulton and DeKalb, and orally to all others interested.

Neither the undersigned nor any member of the Highview staff has ever, with my knowledge, made any statements to anyone which would be contrary to the Highview board's expressed admission policies.

Highview does not have on hand any requests for admission of a negro to the institution; nor has Highview ever received an application for admission of a negro. (See enclosures)

Respectfully request you disseminate this information to all persons or interested agencies not listed below.

For the Board of Highview.

HTW/as
Encl: (2)
Distribution:

Harold T. Ward
Harold T. Ward
Administrator

Mr. J. W. Stephenson (Pres. of Board)
Mr. James Aldredge
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Some Facts About Admission To

Highview Nursing Home
2800 Springdale Road S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Highview Nursing Home is a privately operated, non profit philanthropy, governed by a self-perpetuating board of directors. (It is not under the direction of county officers). Service is limited to bona-fide residents of Fulton County and, to a lesser degree, DeKalb County. Application for admission is made directly to the administrator's office at the home. It is not necessary to have the endorsement of recommendation of friends or public officials. Acceptance of a patient is determined entirely on the basis of eligibility, need and availability of space.

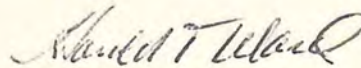
Application is made on forms provided by Highview, one of which is a medical report and diagnosis to be made by the applicant's physician. Medical examination and judgement is required in order to determine whether Highview can properly serve the patient.

Because this community does not have adequate nursing home facilities, there is a considerable waiting list for admission to Highview, and acceptance is usually slow. Critical circumstances surrounding a patient are considered. Often it is best a patient be placed in any nursing home where space is available, pending a vacancy at Highview; and this will not lose the patient's priority for Highview admission.

Other factors affecting admission: Some patients floors are restricted to women, some to men; and a vacancy on the men's ward will not provide a bed for a woman on the waiting list. Some space is appropriate only for the care of ambulatory patients. About two-thirds of the space at Highview is devoted to patients whose financial circumstances require assistance from public welfare sources; and this ratio is maintained in considering all applications. Also the ratio between DeKalb and Fulton residents is maintained.

The officers of Highview are concerned that the services of the Home be made available to the community in equitable fashion. Our sole object is to serve those who need this care. However, our maximum capacity is only a fraction of the total need, and it is impossible to admit many who wish to enter here. Our most unhappy task is to deny those for whom we cannot find space.

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Harold T. Ward
Administrator

HIGHVIEW NURSING HOME
2800 Springdale Road S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

ADMISSION POLICIES:

Highview is intended to be a nursing home for infirm aged men and women of limited means.

Infirm is intended to mean that the person should have immediately available nursing care and medical attention of the degree usually associated with a nursing home, but not to the degree which normally requires the service of a general hospital or a chronic-disease hospital; and a degree of infirmity which requires more than simple custodial care.

Aged is intended to mean a person who is in the sixtieth year of life or older. This age shall not be considered a rule absolute if the capacity of the home is not filled by persons of this minimum age.

Limited Means is intended to mean persons who do not have available (owned in their own right, or through kin who will accept financial responsibility) financial resources sufficient to pay for their care in the usual privately operated nursing home or home for the aged. A specific dollar-value on resources is intentionally omitted.

CLASSIFICATION:

Patients shall be considered under three classifications- -

Class A shall be those patients who are entirely dependent upon public or private agencies or charities for their care and livelihood.

Class B shall be those patients who have some financial resources (self owned or kin), but who require assistance from public or private agencies for their care and livelihood.

Class C shall be those patients who have financial resources (self owned or from kin) sufficient to pay cost of care and livelihood at this home, but not sufficient to purchase care and livelihood at the usual privately operated nursing home.

Priority: First consideration will be given to Class A patients. It is in the public interest that services also be extended to the other two groups, for it is wise to encourage persons to rely on their own resources. Under this premise, next priority will be given to Class B patients. But it is not intended to exclude all Class C patients in the exercise of the above two preferences.

Exclusions: This home is not prepared to care for persons with acute psychiatric complaints, or with infectious or contagious diseases, or with tuberculosis. Such patients will not be knowingly admitted; and if the condition develops or becomes known after admission, it is expected that

the patient will be promptly removed. The Medical Director (or the Administrator, if the Medical Director cannot readily act) shall have full power to judge and to act upon such matters.

MEDICAL REPORT: Prior to admission, a written medical report and opinion, by a licensed physician who is familiar with and who has personally examined the applicant, will be required. The Administrator or Medical Director may prescribe a form for such report, and may conduct such further inquiry as they deem justified. The requirements as to medical examination and report are for the protection of all patients, including the applicant.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Information available through the Department of Public Welfare of Fulton and DeKalb Counties will be sought. Written commitment to meet charges will be expected of patients or their kin or other sponsors wherever appropriate. Regulations of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services will be followed on Class A and Class B patients.

RESIDENCE: Admission will be limited to residents of Fulton and DeKalb Counties, for Class A and Class B patients; and to bona-fide dependents of residents of these two Counties, for Class C patients.

HTW:dc
10-3-1963

March 6, 1967

Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
City Hall, 68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Paschall:


This is a reply to your recent letter concerning the problem of nursing home services for negroes brought to the attention of the Community Relations Commission by Mrs. A. J. Dempsey. From its inception Wesley Homes, Inc. has always offered its facilities and services to persons without regard to race, color, creed or national origin. As a Methodist sponsored institution, Wesley Woods operates under policies consistent with the tenets of the Methodist Church.

We hope that Mrs. Dempsey's statement to the Community Relations Commission did not intend to imply that anyone at Wesley Woods had said to her that we would not admit her mother as a patient in our Health Center because she is a negro. Apparently Mrs. Dempsey experienced difficulty in gaining admittance for her mother to a suitable nursing facility, but from the first inquiry about Wesley Woods on her behalf by Dr. W. S. Jackson of Atlanta University and continuing through contacts with Mrs. Dempsey herself, we have indicated that Mrs. Dempsey's mother is eligible for admission provided a physician on our staff feels that the Health Center can offer the type of care needed and if such physician will admit the patient and assume responsibility for medical supervision during the period in which the patient is in the Health Center. All admissions to the Center are made by physicians. This is required by federal regulations.

At the moment the primary limitation on admission of any patients is the availability of nurses. We have additional bed capacity for patients but we cannot admit patients without the necessary nursing personnel to provide adequate care.

Since our Health Center functions more as a convalescent hospital than as a traditional nursing home, we do have a higher percentage of turnover in our beds than a regular nursing home. This usually enables us to accommodate patients without long periods of waiting. We anticipate that in the future our waiting list will grow however.

Sincerely yours,


Scott Houston, Jr.
Executive Director



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of CONSTRUCTION

301 CITY HALL

Atlanta 3, Georgia

RAY A. NIXON
Chief of Construction

RICHARD W. RESPESS
ASST. CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION

ROBERT H. MORRIS
ASST. CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION

March 3, 1967

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

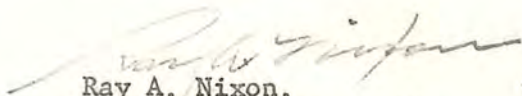
Dear Mrs. Paschall:

This will answer the first part of your letter of February 22nd regarding the condition of the sewer reported by Mrs. Nannie McCormick of 1843 Oakmont Drive, N.W.

Mrs. McCormick is a school teacher and we have had some trouble contacting her; however, our Mr. Ken Lancaster has contacted Mrs. McCormick concerning the sewer odor and inefficiency of sewers in the Maldo Drive and Argyle Drive area of Lincoln Homes. We believe the silt deposits that have accumulated in these lines is the trouble and we have instructed our construction superintendent to flush and drag these lines. After the completion of this work, if the sewers are still operating inefficiently, we will initiate a program of study to determine what is necessary to alleviate the sanitary sewer problems in this area.

In response to the statement by Mrs. McCormick concerning the drowning of a child in Proctor Creek last year, I would like to bring it to their attention with your Community Relations Commission that the property owners in this area are responsible for fencing the creek in their back yard, as most of the property runs to the center of the creek and is the responsibility of the abutting property owners; and it would be up to them for the safety of their children and for their neighbors children in connection with the flooding of Proctor Creek in heavy rains that they fence their backyards to protect the children. This is not a responsibility nor a function of any governmental agency.

Yours truly,


Ray A. Nixon,
CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION

RAN:hj

cc: Mayor Allen ✓
Mr. Sam Massell
Alderman Summers
Alderman Millican



ATLANTA THE DOGWOOD CITY

February 27, 1967

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

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

This is in answer to part of your letter of February 22, 1967 calling to our attention the unpaved block of Crumbley Street between Whitehall Terrace and Ira Street.

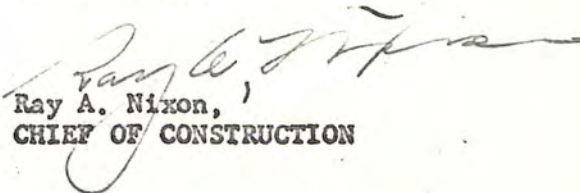
For your information, the only way this street can be paved at present is for the owners of 51% of the property frontage signing a petition requesting paving and agreeing to pay for same.

I am sure you are aware of this section being included in the Urban Renewal area, and I am sure that something will be done in this area within the next year or so.

In regard to the unsanitary conditions and compost pile at the rear of this area, we will refer this matter to the Sanitary Department, of which Mr. S. W. Graydon is the Sanitary Engineer.

Hoping this is the information which you desire, I am,

Yours truly,


Ray A. Nixon,
CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION

RAN:hj
cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
✓ Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Alderman Summers
Alderman Millican
Mr. S. W. Graydon

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 24, 1967

Mr. J. S. Buchanan
Chief Housing Code Inspector
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

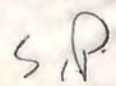
At the February 16 hearing of the Community Relations Commission, we had persons who brought up the matter of maintenance services at privately owned apartments. Listed below are two specific locations that were mentioned.

"We the tenants of the Bankhead Estates Apartments are asking for better maintenance service, we feel that we are not getting the service for the high rent we pay. We are asking for your help in getting rid of rats that are about to take over the apartments. Also we need repair work in the majority of the apartments, windows, mirrors doors, holes in the wall, no tile on kitchen floor or need repairing, wall cracking, children need play area, we need complete driveway, we do not want our garbage cans in the ground, and there is burglarizing day and night. Representing the area are Mrs. Thelma McClenton 874-6244, and Mrs. Luenell Dunlap 874-6434. 1401 Bankhead Highway, N. W."

"Mrs. Shirley Dubose of the Summerhill area complained about the caretaker at the apartments at 60 and 70 Love street., Gifford Realty Company. She said he curses the children and grown-ups in the neighborhood, drinks and sells wine, bring old cars and water heaters and junk them on property near the apartments. The neighbors would like to have him removed. They have complained to the Rent Agency but they have not done anything about it. She does not know his name, but his initials are I. W. and he lives at #5 Love St. Mrs. Dubose number is 525-6718."

We would appreciate you advising us as to the city regulations which private property owners must adhere to. Is there any recourse for the residents other than to move.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Executive Director

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
The Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mrs. Shirley Dubose
Better Housing Commission
Mrs. Thelma McClenton

February 27, 1967

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

Dear Eliza:

We are all very pleased that you have been appointed as Executive Director of the Community Relations Commission and we look forward to working with you and accomplishing many things in the very near future. Please rest assured that both the Parks and Recreation Divisions are at your disposal and we will do any and everything humanly possible within the capacity of our personnel and Budget to alleviate the many deficiencies in recreation and park facilities throughout the disadvantaged areas of our community.

I would like to make some general comments concerning our capacity to produce. The City has been as fair as they can be financially, to the Department of Parks and Recreation. But many other departments have higher priorities; for example, the Police and Fire Departments. We have stretched every dollar at our disposal as far as it will go and how we will be able to take on much additional activity is simply beyond my comprehension. To compound the problem, the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington cut off every penny of our recreation funds which we were receiving through EOA. This left us with a decision as to whether or not to attempt to operate three separate and distinct and urgently needed recreation activities; namely, the neighborhood playlot program, the summer recreation and job opportunities for youth (Operation Champ) and last but certainly not least the arts and crafts recreation program for the elderly in the senior high rise apartments. Upon my recommendation and in full agreement with Miss Carmichael's thinking the Mayor has declared that the neighborhood playlot program has the highest priority of any of these three activities. We have therefore curtailed normal activities in the advantaged or affluent of our City so as to accumulate approximately \$48,000 in salaries

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Page Two

which we will utilize in the operation of neighborhood play lots. EOA started off by financing the creation of 7 of these lots and we have now grown to approximately 21. We plan to operate 21. We plan to operate them from June 1st through Labor Day and offer the children a variety of activities plus excursions with our new bus which will hold 30 youngsters or 20 adults.

Our problems are many but most of them could be certainly solved by money.

As a member of the Atlanta Youth Council I am pleased to say and to see that the City administration is leaning towards this agency as the coordinator of Park and Recreation activities among the private and public agencies. There is duplication in some instances and certainly we should all coordinate our activity.

I suppose the real purpose of this letter is to advise that in many instances we will be unable to meet your requests or the requests of the communities that call upon you; however, this is not to say that you shouldn't contact us in each instance so that we can be certain that everything is being done that is humanly possible.

I wish you every possible success in your new undertaking and looking forward to working with you, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Hon. Charlie Leftwich, Chairman
Municipal Parks Committee

February 27, 1967

Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Mrs. L. F. Manning of the Women's Missionary Union has contacted me and says her organization would be willing to sell us the house at 558 Magnolia Avenue which happens to be next to our playlot at Magnolia and Maple. Mrs. Manning says that her organization is moving over to Weverly Way and they would therefore be willing to sell us this structure for a little less than \$10,000. As you know, we are trying to provide temporary emergency type recreation in the slum areas and I was wondering of the possibility of perhaps advance acquisition of this house since Urban Renewal may ultimately need it.

Please give me your thinking on this and thanking you for your continued services, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Hon. Charlie Leftwich
Mr. Collier B. Gladdin
Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Mrs. L. F. Manning
2418 Bollingbrook Dr., S.W.

February 27, 1967

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

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 1967 regarding the public hearing held on February 16 by the new Community Relations Commission for a delegation of young people from the Vine City area presented a petition and plea for helping keep in operation the Center at 141 Walnut Street.

As you probably know, effective January 1, 1967 all GEO funds for Recreation were cut off. This left us high and dry in an attempt to operate three distinctly different and vital programs; namely the neighborhood playlot program (which has grown to approximately 21 lots), the city-wide Operation Champ summer and recreation job opportunities for youth and last but not least the very vital arts and craft and recreation program for the senior citizens living in high rise apartments.

Not only are we hard pressed to continue to operate these programs but we are being called upon by EOA to pick up and carry on projects that they have had to cancel because of the cut off of Federal funds.

As specifically relates to Mr. Eddie Murphy, he comes highly recommended and endorsed not only by you but Mr. William Fowlkes of the Nash Washington Center and a way probably can be found to provide funds for the employment of this fine young man. He met with me Friday, February 24 at 2 P.M. to discuss the job in detail.

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
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Thank you very much for your letter and assuring you of
our desire to be of service, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Hon. Charlie Leftwich
Vine City Youth Council c/o
Mr. Charles Black, Nash Washington EOA Center
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mrs. F. C. Neely

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
February 21, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius
Director
Parks & Recreation
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

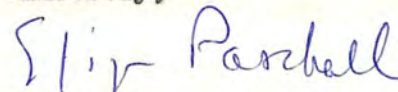
Dear Mr. Delius:

At the public hearing held on February 16 by the new Community Relations Commission, a delegation of young people from the Vine City area presented a petition with 202 signatures and a strong plea for help in keeping in operation the Recreation Center at 141 Walnut Street, staffed by Mr. Eddie Murphey, who I understand has been paid by EOA funds.

I know that you are aware of the need in this area and of the urgency of this request, and also that you are familiar with any resources beyond the immediate budget of your department. Is there any way in which the Commission can be of help in obtaining additional help, for example, through the Federal Executive Board, which I understand is interested in youth programs in Atlanta? Also, I have heard from a representative of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, who was at the hearing and thinks a group of churches might be able to help with salary for a recreation worker. I have urged her (Mrs. F. Levering Neely) to contact you and work with your department to formulate any plans.

This was one of the most urgent needs brought to the Commission and I would like to be able to make some report about it at the Commission meeting on Friday, February 24, 1967 at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:sf

cc: ✓ Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Alderman Charles Leftwich
Vine City Youth Council c/o
Mr. Charles Black, Nash Washington EOA Center
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mrs. F.C. Neely

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

February 21, 1967

Mr. Ray A. Nixon
Chief of Construction
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nixon:

At the public hearing held by the newly appointed Community Relations Commission of the City on February 16, the following condition was reported, which had been reported earlier to me at my office:

Mr. Glenn Gleaton, 1035 Garibaldi Street, stated that his house, which he purchased in the early 1950's (FHA), is being damaged by the water which drains into the area from all sides. He has had conversations with numerous city staff members, but has gotten no satisfaction. The only response he has had has been notices from the Inspection Department that the house should be repaired, and on February 17 he had a condemnation notice. Mr. Gleaton states that this is a problem, not just in his lot, but in others in the area. He feels that if he makes the repairs, the same thing will happen. He is considering legal action as a last resort.

When Mr. Gleaton first contacted me, he mentioned the sewer line. I asked Mr. Earl Landers to look into the situation and he reported the following:

"For your information, I am attaching hereto memorandum dated February 14th from Mr. R.K. Lancaster of the City Sewer Department pertaining to your inquiry regarding sewer problems at 1035 Garibaldi Street.

"The combination sewer that runs through this property has been inspected from the inside and found to be in good condition, indicating that the sewer line is not the cause of the settling of the house at the above address."

Mr. Gleaton's problem was one of the more urgent ones presented at the

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hearing, and I would like very much to make a report on it at the regular meeting of the Commission on Friday, February 24, 1967, at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Yours very sincerely,

SP.

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:sf

cc: ✓ Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Alderman Jack Summers
Alderman G. Everett Milliken
Regional Director, FHA
Mr. Glenn Gleaton

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Mr. Ray A. Nixon, Chief of Construction
Community Improvement Program
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I have written to you about one of the matters brought before the Community Relations Commission at the February 16 meeting,

Another matter which as far as we can tell should be referred to you is the condition reported by Mrs. Nannie McCormick of 1843 Oakmont Dr., N. W. Mrs. McCormick, who is a public school teacher, stated that the drainage in the area is so bad that it is often impossible for residents to use their bathtubs or washing machines and the odor from the sewers becomes almost unbearable.

Mrs. McCormick also expressed the concern of the neighborhood over an open creek, where last summer a child drowned, and which is a constant source of anxiety to the parents in the area. They would welcome assistance in lessening the danger.

We have had also a request from someone who was not able to attend the meeting but who telephoned the following:

I would like to see the block paved between Whitehall Terrace and Ira Street on Crumbley Street. There has been five generations in this spot of land on Crumbley Street and the street has never ever been paved. I would like very much if we could get it paved. I work at night and on the hot summer nights it is just terrible--the dust is horrible. It's worse in the summer than in the winter, but the same problem exists in the winter, with the dust and all. In the summer you can not sit on the front porch because the dust drives you inside. The sanitary conditions are also bad in this area. In the rear of Crumbley Street there is a regular compost pile with odds and ends and food. You can see this scene on all three streets. There have been new apartments built in this area, but the dwellers do not care about the looks of the place--evidently. They feel if it looks good on the inside forget the rest of the street. These places would be much cleaner if they had a caretaker. I understand you have to have a percentage of residents to complain about this type of condition, but since these apartments have been built, I do not stand a chance in getting anything done about this slum condition. My question is, what can be done?

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Sincerely,

SP

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Jack Summers
Mr. G. Everett Millicen

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Mr. J. S. Buchanan, Chief Housing Code Inspector
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, it was reported that there are several vacant houses on Markham Street which were vacated as a result of code enforcement and are still standing vacant. Residents of the area stated that the vacant houses constitute a threat to the health and peace of the community and requested the assistance of the Commission in having the buildings demolished.

We will very much appreciate information about the regulations covering such situations and particular information about the situation on Markham Street.

Sincerely,

S.P.

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. G. Everett Millicen

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Mr. Hugh Pierce
111 Magic-Pac Way, S. W.
Box 1278
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I wanted to let you know that I have been in touch with residents of the Gilbert Heights area and of the Lyndhurst area, following our hearing of February 16.

I attended the meeting at Orchard Knob Recreation Center, which Mr. Leftwich attended, and I am sure he has given you the details on it. Mrs. Edge and I have agreed to stay in touch and she will arrange a meeting of a small group of Negro and white residents of the neighborhood, who already know each other, and will make some plans about future activities.

I have talked with Mr. Haver and Mrs. Peters, generally, and about their March 9 meeting, which I plan to attend, and for which I hope to be able to provide helpful information.

We have not had time yet to move into our office in City Hall, but hope to be there within the next week. After that, we will be better situated to get into ongoing programs.

Thank you for your interest in the Commission and for referring these matters to us. I feel that we have been able to be of assistance and look forward to developing this kind of service in our community.

Sincerely,

Sliz Paschall
(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Council

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Nassell, Jr.
Alderman Rodney M. Cook
Mr. Irving Kaler
Mrs. W. C. Edge
Mr. R. W. Haver

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Manager, Hillhaven Nursing Home
265 Boulevard Dr., N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Sir:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, the matter of admittance of Negroes to Nursing Homes in the area was brought before the Commission. Mrs. A. J. Dempsey, 1495 Mozley Dr., S. W., reported the following:

to Hillhaven
Request for admission, filing application in writing, going to the facility, being shown around courteously with the notation that I would be notified of an opening, as soon as the next floor was made available the following week; after repeated requests by telephone (not having heard from the Director as promised) I was informed that nobody seemed to have known anything about the initial application form made in writing.

We will appreciate information from you about the number of Negroes who have applied to the Hillhaven Nursing Home, the number who have been admitted, the average time between being placed on a list and being admitted.

Sincerely,

S.P.

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:MT

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Dr. W. S. Jackson, Atlanta School of Social Work
Mr. Wrenn, Equal Health Opportunity Officer, Health, Education, and Welfare.
Mrs. A. J. Dempsey
Mr. Duane Beck, Community Council

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Manager, Wesley Woods Health Center
1825 Clifton Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, the matter of admittance of Negroes to Nursing Homes in the area was brought before the Commission. Mrs. A. J. Dempsey, 1495 Mozley Dr., S. W., reported the following:

I called to Wesley Woods where I understand Bishop Harris was admitted before his death. I did not pursue admission at Wesley Woods where they, too, indicated a long waiting list.

We will appreciate information from you about the number of Negroes who have applied to the Wesley Woods Health Center, the number who have been admitted, the average time between being placed on a list and being admitted.

Sincerely,

S. P.

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Dr. W. S. Jackson, Atlanta School of Social Work
Mr. Wrenn, Equal Opportunity Officer, Health, Education, and Welfare
Mrs. A. J. Dempsey
Mr. Duane Beck, Community Council

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Brigadier General William Rogers Woodward, Director
Atlanta Metropolitan Area Civil Defense Council
30 Courtland St., S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear General Woodward:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, the matter of participation by Negroes in the Metropolitan Atlanta civil defense program, both as staff members and as volunteers, was brought before the Commission by Mr. Sterrs Johnson. We will appreciate information as to the present positions held by Negroes on your staff and on civil defense policy bodies in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Sincerely,

E.P.

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Sterrs Johnson
Mr. William Page, (Chairman, Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity,
Federal Executive Board)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Mr. Jack C. Delius
Director of Public Recreation
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Delius:

I have written to you about one of the appeals for recreation made at the public hearing of the Community Relations Commission of February 16, 1967. Representatives of other areas including, Lightning, Boulevard, Blandtown and Carver also spoke of the great need for recreation facilities and about the programs located closest to these areas and homes.

We would appreciate information about plans of your department to expand recreation facilities and programs into these and other areas where programs are not now operating.

Sincerely,

S.P.
Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:nt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Charles Leftwich
Mrs. Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Manager, Highview Hospital
2800 Springdale Road, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, the matter of admittance of Negroes to Nursing Homes in the area was brought before the Commission. Mrs. A. J. Dempsey, 1495 Mosley Dr., S. W., reported the following:

I went in person to Highview, 2800 Springdale Road, S. W. Upon inquiry as to admission, the Director was frank to state that no Negroes had ever been admitted, but that someday they, perhaps, would have to comply because they were federally supported by Hill-Burton funds. However, this was remote, since they had a long waiting list.

We will appreciate information from you about the number of Negroes who have applied to the Highview Hospital, the number who have been admitted, the average time between being placed on a list and being admitted.

Sincerely,

S.P.
(Mrs.) Elise Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Dr. W. S. Jackson, Atlanta School of Social Work
Mr. Wrenn, Equal Health Opportunity Officer, Health, Education and Welfare
Mrs. A. J. Dempsey
Mr. Duane Beck, Community Council

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Dr. James F. Hackney, Commissioner of Health
99 Butler Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hackney:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the city of Atlanta, Mr. Lewis Holmes Sr., a resident of the Reynoldstown area, who is in the "home & business improvement" business reported instances of unsanitary conditions and practices in some of the small stores in that area, where he has done repair and renovation work.

Mr. Holmes said he would welcome an opportunity to give the pertinent details to the appropriate officials. We will appreciate you advising us or Mr. Lewis Holmes of the proper procedure for him to follow to have this condition looked into.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: ✓ Mayor Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Holmes Sr.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

City Hall

February 22, 1967

Brigadier General William Rogers Woodward, Director
Atlanta Metropolitan Area Civil Defense Council
30 Courtland St., S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear General Woodward:

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Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:mt

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Sterrs Johnson
Mr. William Page, (Chairman, Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity,
Federal Executive Board)

24 February 1967

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

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

In reply to your letter requesting information on participation by negroes in the Civil Defense Program, let me first assure you that we not only accept, but work hard for participation and assistance from anyone without any regard to race, color, sex, or religious belief.

Our volunteer program emphasis is now on training of shelter managers, shelter radiological monitoring personnel, and the establishment of Information Centers manned by trained personnel during periods of extreme tension.

Our recruitment efforts for shelter managers and shelter RADEF monitoring are through the building owners, building tenants, PTA organization, and public announcements. Since we do not maintain records which would reflect race, we cannot give you the ratio of colored to white.

The information teams and information centers are projects of the Fulton County and City of Atlanta PTA organizations. Here again, we cannot give any figures on colored to white ratio, because our records make no distinction.

As to employees, we have only 14, including the secretarial staff. We work through the State Merit System which means that all vacancies must be filled from the top three names on the list of eligibles, provided us by the State Merit System. Although our personnel turnover is very limited, we have always selected from the top three the best qualified who is available.

We are familiar with Mr. Sterrs Johnson's desire for Civil Defense employment and his capability. We have advised

Mr. Johnson that in the event of a vacancy to be filled, his name must appear on the eligible list provided us by the State Merit System before we could consider his employment. It is important to know that eligible lists provided us by the Merit System contain only those names that meet the qualifications for the position open.

In the event of a nuclear attack upon this nation, our staff would become operational and of prime importance to the welfare of this City and County. It is for this reason that many Civil Defense organizations will not hire staff members that have military obligations. However, the fact Mr. Johnson is a member of an active Reserve Unit has not had any bearing on his eligibility for employment by this office. As stated before, we select employees from the top three names on a Merit System list of eligibles that meet the qualifications of the position that is open.

The Policy Board of the Atlanta Metropolitan Area of Civil Defense consists of three aldermen appointed by the Mayor; and two County Commissioners appointed by the Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

I trust the above satisfactorily answers all questions raised in your letter.

Sincerely,

William R. Woodward, Director
Brigadier General, U. S. Army (Ret.)

WRW:mc

February 21, 1967


Mr. C.O. Emmerich
Administrator, Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.
101 Marietta Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30302

Dear Mr. Emmerich:

At the public hearing held by the new Community Relations Commission of the City of Atlanta on February 16, Mrs. Henry Toombs, member of the Georgia Board of Family and Childrens Services, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Food Stamp Plan as a means of meeting the basic need of providing food for eligible persons, and to that extent dealing with problems of health and delinquency. Mrs. Toombs says that you have a complete file on the feasibility of this plan for Fulton County, which serves the major portion of Atlanta, and efforts to implement it.

We will appreciate your advising us about the plan and its present status.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission

EP:sf

cc: ✓ Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Wellborn Ellis
Mrs. Henry Toombs

February 20, 1967

Mr. M.B. Satterfield, Director
Atlanta Housing Authority
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

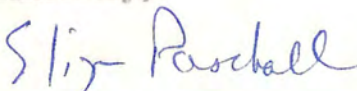
Dear Mr. Satterfield:

At the public hearing held by the newly appointed Community Relations Commission on Thursday, February 16 the following matter was reported to the Commission:

Mrs. Charity Murray, 76 Hilliard Street, Apartment 612 (Grady Homes), reported that she has received an eviction notice, effective February 28, following an incident in which a neighbor shot at Mrs. Murray's granddaughter who was visiting her at her apartment. Mrs. Murray was called to court as a witness, but had no charge filed against her. The other person has already moved. Mrs. Murray stated that as far as she knew this was the only reason for her eviction and since she was not at fault she did not understand why she was being evicted. She stated that she had attempted to discuss the matter with Mr. Carl Brown, but had gotten no satisfaction from him. Mrs. Murray lives with her mother who is quite elderly, and she says that she has no money to make a move and does not have the means to afford private housing.

I am sorry that I have not had the time to come and talk with you about my new job as Executive Director of the Commission; I certainly hope to do so soon. For your information enclosed are copies of the Ordinance and membership of the Commission. The Commission will meet Friday, February 24 at 1:30 P.M. and I would like to be able to report to them on Mrs. Murray.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall

EP:sp
cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Mr. Ed Baxter
Mrs. Charity Murray