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March 27, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman
Housing Resources Committee

At the March 25 meeting of the Mayor with Department Heads and Agencies responsible for carrying out Atlanta's Summer Program in the six core areas. I presented the HRC plan dated 3-20-69, copy of which has been furnished you.

Item 11, Promotion of Emergency Housing, struck a very responsive chord with Ann Moses, who has suggested I discuss the matter further with Al Bows.

It has occurred to me that perhaps it might be well for you to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of about 3 members of the HRC to look into this proposal and to come up with a report of findings and recommendations on the matter, at our May meeting. I suggest that the report include such items as:

- a. Need for such housing.
- b. Extent - number and bedroom composition of units.
- c. Whether new or existing structures should be considered

(I favor using existing structures with minimum alterations. Perhaps VA Hospital 48 would be practical.)

- d. Maximum period of occupancy by any one family (Perhaps 3 months)
- e. Who would administer? (Maybe the Salvation Army could do it.)
- f. Tentative rentals to be charged and method of payment, etc.

In this connection we might create more interest and get more assistance and better results from our Committee members if we would assign various projects of our summer and other programs to small Ad Hoc Committees to work on, report and follow through.

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Examples from our Summer Program items might include:

3. Work for rezoning for Browntown Road Turnkey Project.
7. Encourage home ownership.
6. Encourage smaller developments of mixed type Public Housing.
8. Strive for tangible evidence of physical improvements in Vine City during 1969.
9. Work with Model Cities staff in expediting physical evidence of experimental housing this year.
10. Push early rezoning of entire City.
11. Work for elimination of slum pockets through NDP or by Private Enterprise.

From time to time other projects such as study of future housing needs; profitable utilization of the Urban Observatory to best serve needs of the HRC and utilization of City owned property for Public Housing (Such areas as undeveloped portions of Lakewood Park, the City Prison Farm, etc.) would be appropriate for appointment of small Ad Hoc Committees to work on. I believe that such assignments would develop good results, be welcomed by our Committee members and would give them a feeling of worthwhile participation and accomplishment.

Sincerely,

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