

MINUTES

HOUSING RESOURCES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING COORDINATING GROUP MEETING

June 6, 1968

The regular monthly meeting of the Housing Resources Executive Committee and the Low-income Housing Coordinating Group was held in Committee Room 2, City Hall, June 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the invitational notices, agenda, record of those invited and attending and reference documents are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Chairman Cecil A. Alexander presided.

Mr. Alexander opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Richard D. Harvey to the Committee (assigned to the Business Participation Panel).

Mr. Alexander expressed thanks to the Board of Aldermen on their support of rezoning the East Lake Golf Course No. 2 Site, proposed for 800 units of Public Housing to be constructed on the site.

Mr. Alexander discussed the Conference on May 29 of the Atlanta Metropolitan Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing, stating that 1800 were reported to have attended and that Dr. Weaver stated at the Conference that the Federal Government hoped that Atlanta, State and Local Governments would voluntarily comply and come up with local Open Housing Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. Jones announced that letters had been written by Mayor Allen to developers of low-income housing projects, which have not yet broken ground, urging them to get started as soon as possible. These included the two Fairburn Rd. Sites, Rockdale U. R. Project, Gilbert Rd. Site, Rawson-Washington U. R. Project Site, and Hollywood Rd. Site of the Butler St. Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Alexander recommended that all members try to attend the Zoning Committing meeting of the Board of Aldermen that afternoon, if at all possible. This was done to try to get the Jonesboro Rd. Site rezoned. He also asked Mr. Jones to try to get the H. R. C. Co-Chairmen and Chairmen of Panels not represented, to attend the meeting.

Mr. Alexander appointed the following people to compose an Ad Hoc committee to coordinate support efforts at the Public Hearing for the package rezoning proposal: James L. Townsend, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Dale Clark, Richard D. Harvey, Herman Russell, Archer D. Smith, III, George W. Kennedy, Mrs. Sujette Crank, Lee Burge and Augustus H. Sterne.

Mr. Alexander appointed the following people to work with the Planning Department on selection of specific sites for low-income housing: Dr. Edwin Harrison, Dr. Vivian Henderson, Moreland Smith, Dean Harding B. Young, Clarence D. Coleman, Charles F. Palmer, Hamilton Douglas, J. A. Alston and Lewis Cenker.

Mr. Alexander thanked Alderman Rodney M. Cook for his support on the Jonesboro Rd. Site.

Mr. Jim Wright gave a report on Model Cities and suggested how we might get financial aid for low-income housing. He suggested that the City of Atlanta could contribute to the Model Cities, private organizations could participate and the Citizens at large could themselves contribute. Mr. Alexander asked Mr. Wright to send a copy of the proposal to Mr. Frank Carter of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. J. C. Johnson commented that to get more money to meet the Mayor's requirement for Low-income Housing, the program will have to have more impact; that the impact could be great at one time. Mr. Alexander suggested that some of the proposed money be put in an emergency fund; that in this way when money is needed in an emergency then it could be used from that particular fund.

Mr. Alexander commented on the recent Ground Breakings. On May 9, 202 units under Turnkey on Hollywood Rd; on May 27, 500 units under Turnkey on Bankhead Hwy.; and on May 30, 15 single family units on the Honor Farm No. 1 Site (four and a fraction acres of land of the expanded Thomasville Area was dedicated for single family sales housing that range from \$13,500 to \$15,200.)

Mr. Jones reported on the revised Housing Resources Committee Summary of the Low-income Housing program as of May 15, 1968. Copies were passed out to all in attendance. Low-income Housing program: Completed 2,031 units; Under Construction 5,108 units; and In Planning 7,151. The latter figure includes proposed projects such as the Browntown Rd. Site, DeKalb Ave. Site, Bankhead Hwy. Site, Gilbert Rd. Site, and Thomasville U. R. Project. Mr. Alexander stated that the Committee should concentrate support on the Public Housing portion of the Low-income Housing Program. Mr. Satterfield stated that to meet the requirement indicated, we will be going ^{over} our current reservation. Mr. Alexander then turned this matter over to the Public Housing Panel for further consideration and resolution. It was brought out in discussion that one problem of Public Housing is, are we resettling in it the people of Atlanta who need Public Housing the most, or are we bringing more people in to the City to occupy it?

Mr. Alexander stated that the Business Participation Panel should talk to the Insurance companies to see that we are going to get financial help in getting the housing built.

Mr. Alexander proposed a tour of different slum areas, by taking a bus to certain locations and then getting out and walking through the areas. Mr. Jones and Mr. Parham are assigned to make arrangements for this tour.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jones commented on the Experimental Housing Survey Team from HUD. A total of 75 cities have been surveyed and only 20 cities will be selected. The survey team that was here was surveying 25 cities and two other teams have 25 cities each. The teams have to report with recommendations to HUD by June 15. HUD then plans to set up a \$60,000,000 Experimental Housing program in selected cities, particularly in cities that have a Model Cities area. Plans contemplate that in the cities that are selected, work will begin as soon as possible, but no later than spring of 1969. The program contemplates 2 years for completion. It is anticipated that the results of this program will guide direction of the Presidents program for 6,000,000 low-income housing units over a 10-year period, for which the Senate has recently approved 5 billion dollars.

Mr. Dale Clark asked Mr. Alexander to explain what Experimental Housing is. Mr. Alexander explained that Experimental Housing is different types of buildings, different types of building materials, innovations in techniques, etc., designed to produce standard housing at a lower price, for low-income families.

Mr. Alexander then stated that we need to settle the problems in the Nash-Bans area. Mr. Collier Gladin stated that one of the key elements is to settle the problem of getting the Junior High School. It was brought out that Mr. Thomas of the local Citizens Committee, is trying to alleviate some of the problems in the Nash-Bans area.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encl: As stated (with file copy only)