

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 1967

Members of the Community Relations Commission met on Friday, January 27, 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

Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.
Mrs. Sara Baker
Mr. C. G. Ezzard
Rev. Joseph L. Griggs
Mr. Joseph Haas
Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan
Mr. Al Kuettner
Mr. Rolland Maxwell
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
Mr. M. O. Ryan
Mrs. Mary Stephens

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as submitted.

Mrs. Patterson read the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Friday, January 20, 1967, and the Commission members discussed the business arising from this meeting.

Rev. Samuel Williams, Chairman of the committee to select the Executive Director, reported that Mrs. Eliza Paschall had been recommended to serve as the Executive Director and moved the approval of this recommendation. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, it was RESOLVED to accept the Committee's recommendation and request the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approve the appointment of Mrs. Paschall as Executive Director at a salary of \$12,500 per annum.

The Commission then discussed the advisability of establishing a tenure of service. Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed it was RESOLVED that the selection of the Executive Director be for a period of one year subject to termination upon sixty (60) days notice on a majority vote of the full Commission.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Al Kuettner, Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate OEO Funding, to give the Committee's report at this time. A copy of Mr. Kuettner's report is attached and made a part of these minutes (Attachment A). Mr. Kuettner recommended that early in the operations of the Commission a standing committee be established to work closely with Mr. C. O. Emmerich, Administrator of Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc., to follow through on this report.

Mr. Kaler then asked the Commission to consider two recommendations adopted by the Executive Committee:

1. That any member of the Commission who is absent from three consecutive meetings without valid reason be replaced by the Mayor on request of the Commission.
2. That the time of the monthly meetings of the Commission be established on the fourth Friday of each month to commence at 1:30 p. m. at City Hall.

Both of these recommendations were unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Chairman officially welcomed two new members, Mr. Rolland Maxwell and Mr. M. O. "Buzz" Ryan, to the body and expressed the pleasure of the Commission on their appointments.

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild made the following announcement at this time. The Temple is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and the Congregation wishes to make some contribution to the City. Therefore, the Congregation has set aside a trust fund in the amount of \$5,000, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Community Relations Commission for the purpose of establishing and giving a good citizenship award to an individual or group who best carries out the spirit and purpose of the Commission. The Rabbi presented this to the Commission as a projected gift from the Congregation with the understanding that the responsibility for selection of the award will be left to the Commission. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed it was RESOLVED that this gift be accepted and that an appropriate letter of appreciation be sent to the Congregation. The Commission members expressed their gratitude for the gift and the interest of The Temple.

Miss Helen Bullard, Chairman of the Program Committee, presented the Committee's report to the Commission, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes (Attachment B). The Commission discussed this report

at great length and adopted the Committee's recommendations with the following changes:

1. Section 3 in the Preface was revised to read as follows: "That the Commission wherever possible avoid duplicating any function that is already being satisfactorily performed by an already established agency or group and further that its efforts be channeled in the areas of implementation rather than mere fact finding."
2. The listing of the survey areas in the Program I section was revised to read as follows. These areas will be listed according to priority after consultation with the Executive Director.

- a. Blue Heaven
- b. Cabbage Town
- c. Mechanicsville and Pittsburgh
- d. Summerhill, Peoples Town and South Atlanta
- e. Vine City and Lightning
- f. Scotts Crossing
- g. Plunkettown
- h. Bankhead Highway area
- i. Thomasville
- j. East Atlanta, Reynolds Town and Lynwood Park
- k. Boulevard (Bedford-Pine)

3. Program II will be implemented in the form of a seminar.

The Program Committee was commended for its splendid report.

The following members were appointed as teams to work in specific areas:

Blue Heaven:

Rev. Joseph L. Griggs
Mr. Hamilton Douglas, Jr.
Mr. M. O. Ryan

Cabbage Town:

Mr. Joseph Haas
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
Mr. A. L. Feldman

Mechanicsville and Pittsburgh:

Miss Helen Bullard
Rev. Samuel Williams
Mr. Rolland Maxwell

Summerhill:

Mr. Al Kuettner
Mr. C. G. Ezzard
Mr. James O. Moore

Vine City:

Mrs. Fred Patterson
Mr. T. M. Alexander, Sr.
Mr. Irving Kaler

Committee to Organize
Public Hearing on February 16:

Mr. Robert Dobbs
Rev. Samuel Williams
Mrs. Mary Stephens
Mrs. Sara Baker

Committee in Reserve
(To Serve on Other
Committees When Regular
Members Cannot Attend)

Mr. Robert Dobbs
Mrs. Mary Stephens
Mrs. Sara Baker
Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Fred Patterson
Secretary