

*Stadium Dedication*

MINUTES

DEDICATION COMMITTEE

August 24, 1965 - Press Lounge, Atlanta Stadium

Chairman Forio called the meeting to order at 2:45 P. M. with the following present:

Members

Chairman Edgar J. Forio  
Mrs. Ann Moses  
Ernie Johnson  
Earl Mann  
Lynn Westergaard  
Sidney Scarborough

Others

Dick Cecil

Chairman Forio briefly explained that the 1966 Dedication Ceremony would be somewhat different from the Inauguration Ceremony held at the first game played in the stadium. The ceremony should acknowledge the various governments and many individuals who participated in making the stadium a reality and Atlanta a major league city.

It was the consensus of the group that if in the Mayor's opinion the President of the United States should be invited to participate that such an invitation should be extended by Mayor Allen.

Participants in the dedication activities should include the following:

1. Mayor Allen and Board of Aldermen
2. Fulton County Commissioners of Roads and Revenue
3. Governor Carl Sanders
4. Members of City of Atlanta and Fulton County Recreation Authority
5. Certain representatives of the Atlanta Braves
6. Certain representatives of major league baseball
7. The choir from Big Bethel Church of Atlanta
8. Dr. Billy Graham

Speakers would include the following but not necessarily in the order named.

1. Dr. Graham, Invocation
2. President of United States
3. Governor Carl Sanders

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4. Mayor Ivan Allen
5. Chairman Fulton County Commissioners
6. Chairman Arthur Montgomery
7. Representatives of Atlanta Braves
8. Commissioner of Baseball
9. President of National League

Opening ceremonies would require approximately 30 minutes with the following activities:

1. Invocation
2. National Anthem
3. Unveiling of Dedication Plaque
4. Speakers

Mr. Opie L. Shelton was appointed Chairman of the Invitation Committee.

The Braves announced that opening day would be April 12, 1966 with the decision as to whether the game will be played in the afternoon or evening to be announced later.

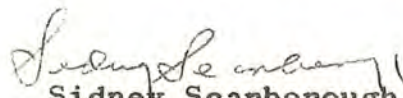
Should there be a day game, the committee would endeavor to have the businesses of the city participate by closing at an early hour.

The question of an opening day parade was not fully resolved at this meeting. However, should there be a parade, Mr. Frank Fling would be invited to be the Parade Marshall.

Chairman Forio will consult with Authority Chairman Montgomery on all matters discussed by the committee so that complete coordination of all activities might be accomplished. Such matters to include cooperation with the Braves; certain authority of Chamber of Commerce Committees; and coordination of governmental agencies and matters of protocol.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sidney Scarborough  
For Edgar Forio  
(Chairman)