

March 25, 1969

MEMORANDUM

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

Re my memo to you of February 24, 1969, (copy attached), please note the second paragraph, advising that Dan Sweet feels that the initiation of any major updating study on housing in Atlanta should be initiated by the HRC.

I agree with Dan that, because of our progress to date in the low-income housing field, in order to maintain the prestige of the HRC, any formal proposal for initiation of a major updating study as to future low and medium income housing needs in Atlanta, should come from the HRC, rather than from some other Department or Agency.

Whether or not you agree with my conclusions about the matter as summarized in the last paragraph of the attached memo, as time progresses we will definitely need updating information on housing requirements as to family incomes, type, number, size and cost of units. We simply do not have the facilities in this office, as currently set up, to attempt a study of the nature and scope required.

A very good illustration of this need is the request today from the National Urban Coalition to provide by April 3 an estimate of anticipated number of subsidized housing units to be constructed in Atlanta in the next three years which might be committed to a market assembly program (See attached news clipping from this morning's Atlanta Constitution).

I had hoped that the new direction which we as a Committee should take would be forth coming before this, but apparently it hasn't.

I feel that Eric Hill Associates is as well qualified as any firm to prepare a comprehensive updating housing study and I found little with which to disagree in their outline proposal. However, Mr. Gates feels that Eric Hill Associates

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does not give recognition or credit to others for being familiar with the Federal Housing programs, which he, of course, certainly is. I think, however, that in a study all of these programs will have to be considered and analyzed in order to provide a logical basis for alternatives and conclusions reached.

I suggest that the Eric Hill proposal be placed on the Agenda of our next HRC Executive Committee meeting and formal action be taken on it by our Committee. At this stage, I would be inclined to recommend favorable action by our Committee for a request to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for such a study.

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2. News clipping - Atlanta Constitution, March 25, 1969