

January 10, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the Aldermanic Parks Committee was held January 10, 1967, at 2:00 P.M. in Committee Room #2, City Hall. Present were Messrs. Buddy Fowlkes, Q. V. Williamson, and Everett Millican. Also present were Messrs. Jack C. Delius, Stan Martin, F. W. Boswell, J. D. Chamblee and Thomas F. Choyce, Associate City Attorney. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. Choyce advised the Committee that Mr. Henry L. Bowden, City Attorney, had turned over to him the matter of the locomotive, which was originally placed at Southeastern Fair Grounds by the Parks Department. He further advised that, legally, the locomotive still belongs to the City of Atlanta. Mr. Millican made a motion that the City claim its title to the train and ask the Atlanta and West Point Railroad to find a suitable location for temporary storage. Mr. Millican added that the Parks Department should contact the Southwestern Corporation to see if the train may be placed as an exhibit in Six Flags Over Georgia, the City at all times retaining title to the locomotive. Mr. Williamson seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Choyce also informed the Committee that the Parks Department does, in fact, have the right by virtue of dedication to use for park purposes the triangular parcel of property at Tremont Drive. Mr. Choyce stated that he had obtained a deposition from Marie Coney, who stated in part that, when she was sold the property that she now owns, she was told that this triangular piece of property was to be used for a park for the children in the neighborhood. She further stated that she had lived there since 1949 and had always thought of this property as being a park. A Mr. Bennett, who sold the property to Marie Coney, has said that he would also be willing to give a deposition. The Committee directed Mr. Delius to obtain an accurate survey of the property before a final decision as to its use is made.

Mr. Delius presented a resolution to pay Mrs. Josephine Davis, Recreation Leader, an employee of the department since 1946, time lost due to illness, in addition to her accumulated sick time, not to exceed sixty days beginning December 1, 1966. This resolution was approved by the Committee.

Mr. Delius presented a letter from Mr. S. A. Furlong, dated January 1, 1967, requesting that retirees be allowed to play golf at a reduced rate of .75¢. The Committee took no action on this request and asked that the letter be filed.

Mr. Delius advised the Committee that he had received a note from Mr. Tom Bradley, Evangelist, thanking him for his 1966 park pass and asking that the pass be renewed for 1967. The Committee denied this request.

Mr. Delius reiterated the fact that all EOA funds for recreation have been cut off as of December 31, 1966. Mr. Delius further explained that we have been operating under three different contracts with EOA funds - senior high rise program, neighborhood playlot program, and summer recreation program (Operation Champ). Mr. Delius stated that EOA has now asked that the City assume their recreation programs. Mr. Delius informed the Committee that it would be impossible for the Parks and Recreation Department to continue to carry on the three programs we have operated in the past on City funds alone without curtailing other existing recreation programs. He stated that the senior high rise program already has been terminated. Mr. Millican directed Mr. Delius to write a letter to Mr. Charles Davis, City Comptroller, with copies to the Mayor and all members of the Finance Committee, setting forth in itemized form the expenses involved in continuing these programs, stressing the fact that these activities will have to be curtailed unless financial help is forthcoming, and asking for their direction in this matter.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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