Better Citizens Panel

THE CITIZENS Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal is exploring the possibility of achieving a more active role in the decision-making process of the city's urban renewal program.

This is good. We are also glad to see that CACUR may streamline its organization to help facilitate smoother participation in policy formulation.

A large committee membership acting on the details of all plans considered by such groups as the Atlanta Housing Authority, Model Cities, and government planning departments is unwieldy and tends to add confusion rather than distill intelligent citizen comment.

Far better is the current proposal for an eight to 12-man executive committee meeting monthly, backed up by a full membership meeting held quarterly.

The citizens panel will then be in a position to make thoughtful, constructive comment, thus avoiding the "rubber stamp" stigma resulting from inadequate direction.