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Mr. Lester H. Persells  
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Dear Mr. Persells:

Reference is made to your letter of July 23, 1969, in which you inquire about the possibility of the City furnishing recreational services to citizens of Atlanta who live in public housing. I believe perhaps that the conclusion you have reached, that is, "that the only reason such services are not supplied to these citizens, is that a definition of City services has been made that prevents City funds from being expended for this purpose" is not correct.

As you are aware, the City is in dire need of additional financial resources, and it is for this reason that the City Parks Department is limited as to areas into which they can place recreation personnel.

The Parks Department and its employees are doing a marvelous job with what resources they have available, and they must consider the needs of the entire City as it relates to recreation and not to a given area or selected group of citizens. I am sure that there will never be enough money to finance a private recreation center in each of the housing projects whether they be publicly owned such as low rental housing units of the housing projects owned by the Authority or privately owned.

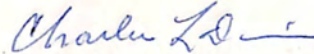
I am sure that if you desire a special recreation center within each of the housing projects, that the Parks Committee, Finance Committee, and the Board of Aldermen would look with favor in establishing such for the Authority under

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a contractual arrangement, whereby the City would be re-imbursed for such services,

I am forwarding a copy of your letter together with mine to each of the members of the Parks Committee and Finance Committee for further discussion and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Director of Finance

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cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor  
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Governmental Liaison  
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