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June 26, 1967

Mr. Benard South
332 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mr. South:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1967 to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. regarding the playlot which has been constructed at the corner of Merritts Avenue and Bedford Place.

Unfortunately, this was the only large vacant available piece of land in the area. We have graded the ground any number of times - three times in the last month - and the entire terrain is full of rocks of various size. The more we scrape the more rocks we pick up. We have taken our entire labor crew and had them very carefully by hand clear the area and then cover it with granite dust. The rocks beneath the surface work through as the large number of children use this very poor and limited facility.

I live in the immediate neighborhood and inspect this facility daily. It is a poor excuse for a recreation facility, but it is better than nothing. Through the generosity of the Rich Foundation, we were able to purchase four portable swimming pools and one of them was placed on this site. Plans have been made to purchase a permanent park location next to the recently completed W. C. Hill School, which is only a block or so removed from this playlot. Trusting funds will be available, we would hope to develop this park during the calendar year of 1968.

We certainly appreciate your kind attention and consideration to this problem and assuring you we will make every possible effort to maintain the facility in some reasonable condition until we can have an adequate park, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:lg

CC: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mr. Dan Sweet
Mr. J. D. Chamblee, Park Maintenance Supt.

June 26, 1967

Miss Brenda English
Northwest Perry Homes Service Center
1927-29 Hollywood Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Miss English:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1967 to the Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., which has just been forwarded to this office for reply.

I personally regret that you were kept waiting some twenty minutes on the telephone and I am at a loss to explain what might have happened. However, it is often very, very difficult in that we now have nearly 800 employees on the payroll, operate eleven divisions of city government, and are carrying on seven different crash summer recreation programs being financed by Economic Opportunity of Atlanta, Inc.

In order to coordinate and somehow reduce the number of phone calls reaching my desk from employees of neighborhood service centers, Mr. Charles Emmerich has submitted a memorandum to all extension managers asking that any calls related to recreation be first screened by Mr. Bud Stone, Recreation Coordinator for E.O.A.

However, there is no reason to delay receiving information regarding recreation for the Lincoln and Bolton Homes areas and I would be glad for you to contact Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, who could in turn place you in direct touch with the project director for Operation Champ or perhaps one of our other seven programs and see what service could be provided for the Lincoln and Bolton Homes areas.

Thank you again for your letter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:lg

CC: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Miss Virginia Carmichael

June 22, 1967

STOKLEY CARMICHAEL RECENTLY SAID: " WE ARE GOING TO SHOOT THE COPS WHO ARE SHOOTING OUR BLACK BROTHERS IN THE BACK IN THIS COUNTRY."

WHITE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA WE ARE HAVING A GEM DANDY CLAN RALLY AT HOWELL PARK, CORNER PEEPLES STREET AND GORDON STREET IN THE WEST END AREA, MONDAY NIGHT AT 8:00 P.M. GIVE US YOUR SUPPORT BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED THE CLAN IF THE VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA CONTINUES."

AS PER 755-3141 - TAPE RECORDING BY THE UNITED KLAN.

June 22, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Allen

FROM; Jack Delius

I have received a request from Calvin Craig for the KKK to hold a speech and rally in Howell Park at the corner of Gordon and Peoples Street in West End on Monday night, June 26, at 8:00 p.m.

George Royal and I reviewed the recently passed Parade ordinance and then I consulted Ferrin Mathews who told me that this type of activity was legal and that I would have no firm grounds for denying the request. Of course, we have not been denying similar requests from Craig and will issue a permit for this one.



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

June 23, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Calvin Craig
P. O. Box 10753
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Dear Mr. Craig:

Permission is granted for the Ku Klux Klan to use Howell Park, located at Gordon and Peoples Street, for public speaking on Monday night, June 26, 1967, starting at 7:30 p.m.

This permission does not include the right to parade and if that should be involved in this function, you should clear this matter with the Chief of Police.

As usual, you are expected to protect the park from unreasonable and unnecessary damage, resulting from the use of the facility by your organization.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:lg

CC: Superintendent Fred Beerman
Atlanta Police Department



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Parks & Recreation

CITY OF ATLANTA

6/21/67

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
AND RECREATION

MR. ALLEN:

BREAKDOWN ON NEGRO & WHITE
PERSONNEL IN RECREATION DIV.

APPROX. FIGURES

OPERATION CHAMP - 5 WHITE 43 NEGRO
(ALL SUPERVISORS EXCEPT ONE - NEGRO)

PLAYLOT PROGRAM - 2 WHITE - 42 NEGRO

REGULAR PROGRAM - 75 WHITE - 47 NEGRO

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION PRO. 50 - 50 70

Jack

[Handwritten flourish]

Parks

June 20, 1967

Miss Breada English
Northwest Perry Homes Service Center
1927-29 Hollywood Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Miss English:

I am sure there must have been an understandable oversight in the handling of your telephone call to Mr. Delius of the Parks Department, but, regardless of what the circumstances may have been, we are sorry that your call was delayed.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Delius in order that he may have the details you outlined.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

cc: Mr. Jack Delius



*Major Allen
A. Jaen*

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

H30-HH

June 6, 1967



Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager of Parks
and Recreation
Department of Parks
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

This is in reply to your letter of May 24, addressed to the Regional Director of our Southeast Region, regarding the Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta.

I think it would be reasonable to assume that the painting itself, as an object important in American history, could eventually be considered for inclusion on the National Register which is to be expanded under the provisions of Public Law 89-665, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. To be placed on the National Register and thus eligible for Federal matching grant-in-aid funds, the painting would have to be included in a statewide survey and historic preservation plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The Georgia Historical Commission has been designated by Governor Maddox as Georgia's official State liaison with the Department of the Interior in the administration of this act as it may relate to the State of Georgia. While Congressional action on the Department's appropriation for fiscal year 1968 has not been completed, it appears unlikely at this time that there will be any Federal matching grant-in-aid funds available under P.L. 89-665 during fiscal year 1968.

We are enclosing a copy of the act and a copy of "Federal Financial Assistance Through the Secretary of the Interior for Historic Preservation" for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley
Acting Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

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June 19, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles Davis

FROM: Mrs. Ann Moses

Dear Charles:

The attached check for \$200.00 was donated to the City of Atlanta by the Jewels of Judea and specifically earmarked for the purchase of the Chimpanzee at the Zoo. Stan Martin and Johnny Dilbeck can furnish you any other information you may need.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ann Moses,
Executive Secretary

AM/br

Enclosure

CC: Mr. Stan Martin

Mr. Johnny Dilbeck

June 19, 1967

Miss Terri Feldman
1771 Merton Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Feldman:

May I acknowledge receipt of the check for \$200.
from the Jewels of Judea to assist in the purchase
of the male Chimpanzee.

May I express my appreciation for the fine job you
have done in raising this money as it will provide a
lot of pleasure for our many visitors who come to
the Zoo.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

Mr. Charles Davis

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May 31, 1967

Miss Carol Shure
1590 Wesley Parkway, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Dear Carol:

I know you have been busy since April 2nd in winding up your school year but having not heard from you, I wanted to drop you a line about the contribution for the purchase of the chimpanzee.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Moses
Executive Secretary

AM/br

CITY OF ATLANTA



CITY HALL ATLANTA, GA. 30303

Tel. 522-4463 Area Code 404

IVAN ALLEN, JR., MAYOR

R. EARL LANDERS, Administrative Assistant
MRS. ANN M. MOSES, Executive Secretary
DAN E. SWEAT, JR., Director of Governmental Liaison

April 20, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO : Stan Martin
FROM : Ann Moses

I have advised Carol Shure, President of the Jewels of Judea, that the Mayor will have to leave Sunday eveing to go to Washington, and asked that you attend ~~as~~ his personal representative to receive the check.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Fierman, manager of the Jewish Community Center, for you and Johnny to park in the front circular drive to bring in the Chimp. I would suggest you be there at 7:45, find Carol Shure and go back stage, to be able to come out of the curtin with the Chimp to receive the check before their performance begins at 8:00.

These young girls don't comprehend the organization and timing to put something like this across effectively, so don't hesitate to advise them as to how to handle the ceremony.

Thanks a million to you and Johnny for doing this.

Wm

December 9, 1966

Miss Carol Shure
1590 Wesley Parkway, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Dear Miss Shure:

I am most grateful for your nice letter and most generous offer to contribute \$500.00 on behalf of the B'nai B'rith Girls to a charity of my choice. I consider this a fine honor.

During the past five years as your Mayor, I have observed many worthwhile causes and fine philanthropic organizations. There is one area which stands out in my mind most of all. Many of our citizens, from all walks of life, derive great pleasure from the Grant Park Zoo.

It comes to my mind that you might want to consider donating the money to the City of Atlanta for the specific purpose of purchasing an animal for the zoo. You may have seen Charlie the Chimp perform on many occasions. He is really our star; but Charlie is getting quite old, and I am afraid, he won't be around too much longer.

Should this idea appeal to you, I would like to suggest that we use the funds to purchase a baby chimpanzee which can be trained to take Charlie's place. We would hope that your organization would choose his name.

Please let me know what you think, and Mrs. Moses will be glad to work with you and our Parks Department; and should you desire, we will be glad to arrange for you to visit the zoo and see Charlie.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

bc: Stan Martin and Johnny Dilbeck

January 4, 1967

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Jack Delius
FROM: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

Dear Jack:

The B'nai B'rith girls will be in the Mayor's Office on Wednesday, January 11th at 3:30 p.m. to tell us of their plans to raise the \$500.00 to pay for our new baby chimp.

Naturally we would like to help them with some publicity and you may have some ideas about this. Won't you plan to be here at 3:30 and ask Johnny to bring the baby by so the girls may see it.

The girls are Carol Shure, Terry Feldman and Linda Menich.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS
Office of General Manager
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 4, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

TO: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
FROM: Jack Delius

We will have the baby chimp at your office on Wednesday, January 11 at 3:30 P. M. appropriately attired in diaper, bib, etc. The baby is left-handed and eats oatmeal with a spoon. His I.Q. is 89 which is dull-normal. (For a human.)

Seriously, the chimp has a slight cold but I am sure by next week he'll be fit as a fiddle and we will be at your office at the appropriate time. I will ask Johnny Dilbeck to drum up some publicity as only he can do.

cc: Mr. Johnny Dilbeck





CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

December 15, 1966



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mrs. Ann Moses
Executive Secretary
Mayor's Office
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

*Wed
Jan 11
3:30*

Dear Ann:

Regarding the proposed contribution of \$500.00 on behalf of the B'nai B'rith Girls, the zoo thought the money was forthcoming and we went ahead and purchased a one year old chimpanzee. No harm has been done in that at the time the funds are actually donated we will simply replace the money in the animal account. The baby chimp is really a darling, wears diapers, etc.

We appreciate you suggesting the purchase of an animal for their charitable cause and I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD/lrd

CC: Mr. Stan Martin
Mr. Johnny Dilbeck
Mr. Henry Lovett

Carol Shur



June 9, 1967

Mr. Robert Somerville, President
Atlanta Transit System, Inc.
P. O. Box 1595
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Somerville:

Thank you very much for your recent check in the amount of \$801.05 to purchase equipment for the playlot located on Habershal, near Perry Boulevard. On June 19, 1967, we will introduce to the Board of Aldermen, a resolution authorizing the acceptance of this fund and at the same time instructing the City Clerk to deliver to your office an official copy of the resolution, bearing the seal of the city, as a token of our sincere appreciation for this fine civic gesture. As we equip the Currier Street playlot you have graciously furnished, I will advise you of the total cost involved and thank you again for your generous attitude and civic spirit, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:mjh

cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓

June 9, 1967

Mr. Richard C. Hicks
Executive Director
United Appeal of Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb,
Clayton & Gwinnett
167 Walton St. N. W.
P. O. Box 1038
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Hicks:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and check of June 6, 1967 regarding the donation of \$500.00 to the City of Atlanta by the Howell Fund, Inc. for the expressed purpose of providing recreation facilities for this summer in several disadvantaged and underprivileged areas of the city. I have drafted a resolution that will authorize the city to accept this donation at the Board of Alderman Meeting scheduled for June 19, 1967. I have taken the liberty of including in the body of the resolution direction that the City Clerk prepare an official copy, with the seal of the city, appropriately framed and have it delivered to your office for presentation to the Howell Fund, Inc. as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Thank you very much for your generosity and assistance in this donation, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:mjh

cc: ✓ Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓

April 28, 1967

Mr. M. M. Jenkins, Plant Manager
Owens-Illinois Glass
3107 Sylvan Road
Hapeville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

On behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation, I want to thank your company for the fine and generous gift of \$500 toward construction and operation of camping facilities for the disadvantaged of our City.

We will shortly be sending you a framed resolution by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen officially expressing our gratitude.

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

bcc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. (w/attach.) ✓

Mr. Allen: If you see fit, would you sign the attached.

Jack

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April 28, 1967

Mr. M. M. Jenkins, Plant Manager
Owens-Illinois Glass
3107 Sylvan Road
Hapeville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I have been advised by Miss Virginia Carmichael and Jack Delius of the Department of Parks and Recreation that your company has given a generous donation toward the development of camping facilities at Lake Allatoona for the young people of our community.

I want to express to you my personal appreciation for this generous act and trust that other members of the business world will follow your lead in assisting the City in providing critically needed recreational facilities.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:bjw

May 8, 1967

**Dr. J. Davison Philips
Decatur Presbyterian Church
205 Sycamore Street
Decatur, Georgia**

Dear Davison:

I appreciate your letter of May 4th and your continuing interest in the Savannah Street Neighborhood House.

I am asking Jack Delius, Parks Director, to communicate with you and furnish you the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

**Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor**

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

June 8, 1967

Mr. Louis M. Smith
Housing Manager
Alonzo F. Herndon Homes
511 John St. N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 2, 1967 requesting recreation supervision for Herndon Homes during this summer. We are pleased to advise you that your location was one of the original Public Housing sites selected to be included in Operation Champ. Just this past Monday we received verbal assurances from Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. that sufficient funds would be available for carrying on Operation Champ. Our present target date to begin Operation Champ is June 12th.

I have taken the liberty of supplying Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, a xerox copy of your letter so that she might brief the Project Director for Operation Champ as to the facilities available at your project, along with your expressed needs, etc.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mayor



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

June 5, 1967

Mrs. C. R. Brumby, Jr.
140 Barksdale Drive N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Brumby:

It was really a pleasure meeting with you and the other ladies this week to discuss your proposed Beautification Program for the Boulevard Area.

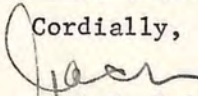
I wish to assure you that the City of Atlanta, and particularly this department, stands ready in any way and every way to assist you in this worthwhile "self-help" project. We have already had delivered to Mrs. Cantrell of the East Central Neighborhood Center, six attractive orange and white waste receptacles. As you suggested, we will allow the neighborhood to choose the block in which the cans should be placed.

It is my understanding that our Dr. Buchanan has contacted you and will meet with your group later next week to discuss the tree planting program and the possibility of beautifying a front yard. Of course, the City of Atlanta cannot spend public funds or use city employees on private property; however, we are glad to give technical advice and assistance and I hope that we could receive private donations from nurseries, etc. for lawn, shrubs, etc.

A very fine young man on our staff, Mr. Stan Ayer, Assistant Parks Engineer, has been briefed on the overall project and is extremely willing and anxious to lend his technical abilities in the design of the planting scheme for the yard so chosen.

I look forward to hearing from you and please keep me posted on your progress, I am

Cordially,


Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: ✓ Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Honorable George Cotsakis
Honorable Jack Summers
Honorable Rodney Cook

June 7, 1967

Mr. Fred Burns
Fred Burns Company
1070 White Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Dear Mr. Burns:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 1967 to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. concerning the conditions of the restrooms at Piedmont Park during the recent Arts Festival.

Each year before the Arts Festival is held, we secure special permission from the City Comptroller to work on an overtime basis, one laborer to maintain the men's restroom, and one park matron to maintain the ladies' restroom. Even with this added precaution, the heavy use of both of these facilities at times makes the conditions less than absolutely acceptable. In addition, the physical facilities are old and worn out. Only recently, the first federal assistance became available for the renovation of our older parks such as Piedmont, Chastain, Adams, etc. We hope to do extensive beautification and repair work to these major park facilities in the very near future. However, at the present time, there are no funds specifically earmarked for the restoration of the Concession Building at Piedmont Park. The Piedmont Swimming Pool, along with four large similar swimming facilities are not filtered, and therefore, do not meet the current Fulton County Health Department's regulations. It would be impractical for us, from an engineering viewpoint, for us to attempt to filter these large bodies of water and we are, therefore, entertaining the idea in our five year capital improvement program of replacing these facilities. If funds were available, we would be somewhat reluctant to completely restore the existing Concession Building at Piedmont Park. However, I can assure you that we will do the necessary work to the existing restrooms within the capacity of our general budget, and assuring you of our sincere appreciation for your interest in this matter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:mjh

May 30, 1967

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Dr. J. A. Middleton
President
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Dr. Middleton:

The City employees have a Friendship Club
in which they channel all of their contributions
each year.

Application for contributions from this fund
have to be made to Mr. Fred Boswell, President
of the Friendship Club, c/o Parks Department.

I would suggest that the United Negro College
Fund make application to the Friendship Club.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

cc: Mr. Fred Boswell

Follow-up
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March 2, 1967

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Mr. Jack Adair
Adair Realty Company
56 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jack:

I am pleased to enclose this Resolution approved by the Board of Aldermen designating the plaque for the Adair fountain. You may want to keep this for your files.

The park is making good progress and the plantings should go in within the next couple of weeks. As soon as it is completed, we will make our plans to formally dedicate the park, and naturally want you to be there.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

Mr. Jimmy Little

February 28, 1967

Mr. J. J. Little, Clerk
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Jim:

On February 20, 1967 the Board of Aldermen adopted and the Mayor approved the following: "A resolution authorizing the City to include an acknowledgement on the plaque thanking Mr. Jack Adair for his donation in building a fountain at Piedmont and Harris Triangle."

The City is very grateful for this act on the part of Mr. Adair and I would particularly appreciate it if you would see fit to prepare for him a copy of the resolution with the official seal of the City suitable for framing.

Thanking you for your continued assistance, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mr. Jack Adair

May 24, 1967

Senator Richard B. Russell
Member of Congress
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

You have recently received a letter from the Atlanta Bonsai Society regarding the importation of a very old Bonsai tree from Japan to be placed in the new Atlanta Bonsai Garden.

May I assure you that this is a very important part of this unique project and any assistance you may give us in cutting some of the red tape would be gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Charles Busch



Atlanta Bonsai Society

Atlanta, Georgia

19 May, 1967

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mayor Allen,

Enclosed please find copy of most recent letter to Senior Senator Richard B. Russell. It is a resume of the arguments sent to Mr. Johnston, Director of the Plant Quarantine Division, USDA, but which, thus far, have failed to convince him.

Perhaps a note from you to Senator Russell would motivate him to action for us?

Thanking you in advance, and also acknowledging receipt of copy of your letter of May 2nd to Mr. Johnston,

Your sincere,

Mrs. Charles Busch

Mrs. Charles Busch, Secretary to
Chairman of Committee for Memorial
c/o Greenwood
2160 Stewart Ave., SW
Atlanta, Ga. 30315

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ATLANTA BONSAI SOCIETY

19 May, 1967

Senior Senator Richard B. Russell
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Russell,

I enclose copy of Mr. Barker's answer to our last letter (4-28-67) of which I sent you a copy at that time.

We do not want to make a political issue of this, but we do want Dr. Creech to know that we have the facilities and scientists here in Atlanta for all possible care against pests and diseases.

We have Dr. Buchanan, who is connected with the United States Forestry Service, in his office right in Piedmont Park, coordinating city, state, and federal pest and disease control.

We have Mr. B. Oortman, Chief Horticulturist for the City of Atlanta, with his office in Piedmont Park, and previously with Fraser's Nursery in Birmingham, Alabama, where many trees imported from all over the world were in his care.

We have Mr. Carl Scott, Jr., Head of the Entomology Division of Georgia Department of Agriculture, and his staff, on call at any time and making regular inspections.

We have Dr. Woolford Baker, professor of biology, from Emory University, and himself quite interested in bonsai; Mr. Fred Galle, Head of Horticulture at Callaway Gardens, vice-president of the American Horticulture Society, and among our own members: Dr. Osman-Hill of the Yerkes Primate Center, and Drs. Phelps and Miller of CDC.

Every single member of our society is vitally concerned with pest-control. One attack of borers can ruin a bonsai forever. It may live, but the beautiful shape attained after years of patient care and training is destroyed. Even an attack of red spider mites disfigures an evergreen for not less than 3 years and may kill it. Japanese beetle larvae are fatal to azaleas and even aphids cause serious virus trouble with quince and other members of the rose family.

We all strenuously use the most modern inventions of systemics, soil sterilization, and disease control, and we certainly do not want anything brought into our area which will cause us any grief. Our trees are too valuable in terms of both time and money to take any such risks. Bonsai are not like other plants left to grow themselves. Members inspect all their own trees daily while watering and grooming them.

Dr. Stephens himself, formerly connected with the U.S. Forestry Service, gave us much frequent advice on the use of systemics and hygienic measures, and was experimenting with MSD on his own trees at the time of his death.

We feel that it is an imposition on the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to take up their space, equipment and time when we have just as good facilities and qualified men here.

Also we want the people of the Southeastern Area to have the privilege of seeing a living bonsai-masterpiece, which is a work of art just as a sculpture is in its category. This is just one of many such trees for display which we hope to import through the years and must set the precedent of our caring for them ourselves.

We are also fortunate in having a climate very similar to that of Japan (so that the tree would be much better off, here, than at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden) and the art of Growing bonsai is becoming very popular here among the horticulturally discerning. (As you know, we have individuals in Georgia spending large sums for fully-automatic greenhouses to care for expensive camellias- they have their Camellia Society- also people devoted to azaleas, alpine plants, and fabulous collections of roses, who eventually find that bonsai-growing is the ultimate in horticulture.)

We feel, too, that Atlanta has been discriminated against in not being designated as an air port-of-entry, and that it would be a good thing for her economy for all kinds of air-cargo.

In short, we need you _____ to inform Dr. Creech of these facts, because in the vastness of agriculture problems, he may not be aware that Georgia has come to the fore in agricultural technology.

We are sending 3 copies of this letter, at his request, to Mr. Stewart Winn, Editor of "The Harvester", the Georgia Horticulture Society's publication with over 10,000 readers. Mr. Winn wants to send these copies to: Mr. Fred Galle, vice-president of the American Horticulture Society, Dr. John Creech, Director of Agriculture Research Service, and Dr. Henry Skinner, Director of the National Arboretum, because of his interest in making Atlanta an air port-of-entry for nursery-stock. We are also sending a copy to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. at his request, because of similar interests, and a copy to Mr. Opey Shelton, President of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, knowing his concern with making Atlanta an air port-of-entry.

We know you are a very busy man, and little problems like this take as much time as big ones, but to us it is of paramount importance. We are sure that the development of our Bonsai Garden will add lustre to Atlanta's image nationally.

Knowing of your deep interest in Atlanta, Georgia, and the South, and the South's progress, we ask you: 1. to inform Dr. Creech, of the USDA, of our available facilities and thoroughly capable, above-named scientists, and 2. to help us have Atlanta recognized as an air port-of-entry and as a metropolis as progressive as New York City.

Thanking you in the name of the Atlanta Bonsai Society, the Georgia Horticulture Society, and all the people of Atlanta,

Sincerely,

(Signed) Larry Williams, Chairman of
Committee for Memorial Garden

May 22, 1967

Mr. Don Gerloff
91 East 64th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33012

Dear Mr. Gerloff:

Thank you for your note and your continued interest in the Cyclorama. I am forwarding this information to the Parks Department.

We are aware of the need for new housing and restoration, and are working towards this end. However, we are faced with about a three million dollar expenditure, which has to be considered along with the other needs of the city.

I am most grateful for your interest.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

cc: Mr. Jack Delius

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Mr. Lewis B. Peters
797 Pryor Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Peters:

Thank you for my copy of your letter of May 18, 1967 to the Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. written on behalf of the citizens of the Pryor Street Community. As of last Thursday, the Land Agent was endeavoring to secure a lease on a lot facing Pryor Street across from the Pryor Street School. This is only one of several locations we are attempting to secure and convert into a play facility for this summer.

We have had some problems with the staffing of the Dodd Avenue Recreation Center; at the present time, there are four people assigned to this facility. We selected a resident of the community who we thought would be ideal in that he is in touch with the wishes and desires of a number of people. However, speaking candidly, some poor relationship has existed between this individual and the other three staff members. We are presently evaluating the best thing to do in the interest of the community towards changing the staff or making reassignment.

By copy of this letter, I am advising Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, that you would be in a position to furnish volunteer workers to assist in this program on a part-time basis.

We appreciate your civic interest and thanking you again for your letter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. Richard C. Freeman
Miss Virginia Carmichael

May 22, 1967

Wink

Mrs. L. B. Williams
674 Willoughby Way
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mrs. Williams:

This will acknowledge receipt of the petition of the young people in the Forrest Road, Fortune, Glenn Iris Drive, East Avenue and Highland Avenue neighborhood for a recreation center in this area. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

We are discussing this matter with the Parks Department and School Department and will be glad to advise you of our findings.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

Mr. John Letson

May 18, 1967

Mr. Dan Paradies
Paradies and Company
4970 Fulton Industrial Boulevard, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dan:

We were all deeply touched by your generous offer this morning to help in our summer recreation program by donating some playground equipment.

Jack Delius has been in touch with you & am sure and he was most enthusiastic about your offer. I am enclosing a copy of the News Release about the expanded playlot program which will furnish some additional information for your files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Moses
Executive Secretary

AM/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

May 18, 1967

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'file', is written in the upper right corner of the page. A long, thin diagonal line extends from the bottom right of the signature towards the top right corner of the page.

Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Finance Committee's action in levying an additional one-half mill tax and earmarking such funds for the use of the Parks Department.

In your letter, you asked that I develop a list of the emergency operating needs of this department for the remainder of 1967; and, you further requested that in compiling my list of needs, I take in consideration the grants promised by Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. Let me say here that we have only been promised \$160,000 not two to three hundred thousand dollars as your letter indicates. However, there is a possibility that Congress will pass a supplemental appropriations bill which will amount to some \$75,000,000 and out of this EOA may get additional funds for recreation. The problem is that the summer is already here and I must begin to move and move rapidly and I cannot wait on various decisions up and down the line.

I am attaching a synopsis of the proposal submitted to Economic Opportunity that covers the operation of seven different and distinct recreation and cultural activities. They are listed in the order of priority and you will note that on page two there is a recap of the cash grants requested from EOA. The cash grant comes to \$381,695.70. EOA has assured us of only \$160,000. Thus, if no additional EOA funds materialize, from the City we will need \$121,000. An additional sum will be needed from the City in the event that we wish to extend the hours of operation of community centers located in non-disadvantaged areas. We have included in this proposal to EOA only those facilities which will directly serve citizens of the poverty target areas.

Mr. Charles L. Davis
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If you desire, I can supply you with a more complete breakdown as to how we arrived at salaries, travel expenses, equipment, etc. I assume that for the present, the attached synopsis is sufficient for your purposes. We have not included the \$53,000 set aside for playlot salaries in computing the additional funds needed from EOA in that we would like to return this sum of money to our regular salary accounts and thus "unfreeze" a number of positions. Finally, Miss Carmichael has proceeded to requisition playground equipment and portable toilets using City funds. She knows her accounts will be in the red; however, we can transfer funds when EOA makes their grant.

We appreciate your consideration to our request and thanking you for your many past favors, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. (w/encl.)
All Members of the Parks Committee (w/encl.)
Hon. Milton Farris (w/encl.)

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May 12, 1967

Mr. E. B. Mosley
President
New Thomasville Civic League, Inc.
1994 Akron Drive, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Moseley:

I have obtained the complete information from
the Parks Department regarding the Thomasville
Park Site.

If I can be of further assistance, I will try to do
so.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

Encls.



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

May 11, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

SUBJECT: Inquiry on Thomasville Park Site

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 1967 requesting information on Thomasville Park Site.

This park is one of five urban renewal sites purchased with 1957 Bond Funds. \$75,000 was ear-marked for the First Phase development of the park. As the enclosed bid tabulation will show, some \$54,282.91 has already been spent on necessary and essential grading, drainage, retaining walls, grassing, etc. An additional \$7,000 has been spent on topographic maps, plans and specifications, advertising for bids, and water meters. Therefore, we have spent to date \$61,424.63. Contractor planted only Winter grass since it was that time of the year and he is now in a position to move back in and plant the permanent ground cover.

At each and every meeting we held with the citizens of Thomasville it was emphasized that the development of this park, like all parks, had to be done in stages. A great deal of work has been done on the land which would not be realized by simply looking at the park site; for example, storm drainage is underground and cannot be seen.

We anticipate spending an additional \$14,500 during calendar year 1967 for the installation of a ball field and playground equipment.

Thomasville, in terms of acreage, is the largest park site we have acquired in any urban renewal area. As a result, it will take conceivably more money to develop. In developing Butler urban renewal park site and Rawson Washington urban renewal park site we were dealing with only three or four acres versus some 14 at Thomasville. Therefore, the \$75,000 we had available to spend on Butler and Rawson Washington went a long way because there just wasn't that much ground to develop. Thomasville ^{is} was a long way



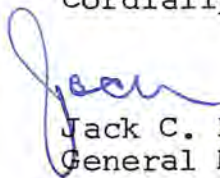
Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
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from being completed and it along with some 75 other items make up a total minimum park need over the next five years of \$18½ million.

I have supplied all of the above information to Mr. Mosley on several occasions and he has also discussed this project with other people in the department. We have pointed out to Mr. Mosley that such parks as Wilson Mill, Joyland, Daniel Stanton, Harper Park, etc. are being built or were built in stages.

Trusting the above will be of value, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack C. Delius". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "C".

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

PROPOSAL (cont'd)

PARK CONSTRUCTION - THOMASVILLE PARK

BIDS SUBMITTED TO INCLUDE (Break bids down as listed below)

1. Cost for all Incidental Work (All labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete all miscellaneous incidental items of work required by or inferred from plans and specifications. Generally includes incidental construction work, services, bonds, permits, etc., which cannot be allocated properly to other sections of specifications
Total Cost \$ 800.00

2. Cost for Clearing, Grubbing and Demolition *APPROX. 3.5 ACRES calc*
UNIT PRICE 440.00/ACRE Total Cost \$ 1,540.00

3. Cost for Grading (Includes Subcut)
 - (a) Approximately 5,700 cu. yds. cut and fill
Unit Price 0.55/cu. yd Total Cost \$ 3,135.00
 - (b) Rock (if encountered)
Unit Price 10⁰⁰/cu. yd.

4. Cost for Storm Drainage
 - (a) 3 Catch Basins
Approximately 22.50 vert. ft.
Unit Price 60⁰⁰/vert. ft. Total Cost \$ 1,350.00
 - (b) Approximately 338 lin. ft. 15" concrete pipe
Unit Price 6⁰⁰/lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 2,028.00
 - (c) Concrete Headwall (1) Total Cost \$ 150.00
 - (d) Trench Rock (if encountered)
Unit Price 30.00/cu. yd. Total Cost \$ _____
 - (e) Approximately 204 lin. ft. 4" perforated bell & spigot drain tile
Unit Price 2.50/lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 510.00

5. Cost for Masonry Work
 - (a) Approximately 43 Perch Masonry Walls
Unit Price 27.50/Perch Total Cost \$ 1,182.50
 - (b) Approximately 7 cu. yds. concrete footing
Unit Price 33.00/cu. yd. Total Cost \$ 231.00

PROPOSAL (Cont'd)

PARK CONSTRUCTION - THOMASVILLE PARK

BIDS SUBMITTED TO INCLUDE (Break bids down as listed below)

5. Cost for Masonry Work (continued)

(c) Approximately 1,520 sq. ft.
granite rip-rap
Unit Price 1.40 / ^{Sq. ft.} ~~cu. yd.~~ *calc* Total Cost \$ 2,128.00

6. Cost for Concrete Work

(a) Approximately 1,000 lin. ft.
curb and gutter
Unit Price 2.45 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 2,450.00

(b) Approximately 726 lin. ft.
8" x 10" flush curb around
Game Courts
Unit Price 2.15 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 1,560.90

(c) Approximately 2,565 sq. ft.
comb. walk and curb
Unit Price 0.68 /sq. ft. Total Cost \$ 1,744.20

(d) Approximately 9,288 sq. ft. plain
walk
Unit Price 0.48 /sq. ft. Total Cost \$ 4,458.24

(e) Approximately 286 lin. ft. steps
Unit Price 6.00 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 1,716.00

(f) Approximately 54 lin. ft.
reinforced concrete wall
Unit Price 68.75 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 3,712.50

(g) 1 Concrete Apron
(City of Atlanta) Total Cost \$ 650.00

7. Cost for Fencing

(a) Approximately 717 lin. ft.
10' fence (11 gauge)
Unit Price 3.91 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 2,803.47

(b) 3 Steel Fabric Gates -
3' x 7' Pad Lockable
Unit Price 45.00 /gate Total Cost \$ 135.00

(c) 123 lin. ft. 2-member
galvanized steel hand rail
Unit Price 7.00 /lin. ft. Total Cost \$ 861.00

(d) 2 Service Gates - 11'-6" x 10'-0" *calc*
Unit Price 220.00 / Gate Total Cost \$ 440.00

PROPOSAL (cont'd)

PARK CONSTRUCTION -- THOMASVILLE PARK

BIDS SUBMITTED TO INCLUDE (Break bids down as listed below)

8. Cost for Asphalt Paving
- (a) Approximately 2,110 sq. yds.
Drive and Parking
Unit Price 2.20/sq. yd. Total Cost \$ 4642.00
 - (b) Approximately 1,740 sq. yds.
Tennis & Multi-use Courts Paving
Unit Price 2.70/sq. yd. Total Cost \$ 4698.00
 - (c) Painting Lines (Parking,
Tennis & Multi-use Courts) Total Cost \$ 330.00
 - (d) 4 Tennis Net Posts (Tennis Courts)
Unit Price 35.00/post Total Cost \$ 140.00
 - (e) Asphalt Swale at lower end
of Tennis Courts Total Cost \$ 75.00
9. Prefabricated Steel Building Complete
- Concrete Floor Slab for Steel
Building - Approximately 96
sq. ft. Concrete Floor Slab
Unit Price 1.10/sq. ft. Total Cost \$ 105.60
10. Sprigging Area
- Approximately 106,200 sq. ft.
Sprigging
Unit Price 0.07/sq. ft. Total Cost \$ 7434.00
11. Topsoil
- Approximately 500 cu. yd.
@ 4.40 cu. yd. Total Cost \$ 2,200.00
- LUMP SUM FOR JOB COMPLETE \$ 54,282.91

Items bid on a unit price basis are approximate and for comparison of bids only and the work may be increased or decreased up to 50% of the total aggregate bid without entitling the Contractor to any claim for extra pay because of any damage he may sustain on account of such increase or decrease and such addition or deduction may be made to only one item or may be distributed over the entire bid.

NEW THOMASVILLE CIVIC LEAGUE, INC.

1994 Akron Drive, S.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Phone 627-7720

ack
5/10/67
C.B.M.

May 8, 1967

Mayer Ivan Allen Jr,
City Hall
Atlanta Georgia, 30303

Dear Mayer;

This letter is sent to you with all the concern of the community of Thomasville. We have tried to go around doing this but our efforts were in vain so now we must turn to you. We dislike doing this, and wish that we could handle the matter of the Park that is to be constructed in our community through our alderman but we have tried this for three years and there have been no definite satisfaction made.

We wish to say that this park have been proposed in this community and there have been some work done on it last year. This is far from completing this park which is needed so very badly in this community. There is absolutely no recreation facilities in this community at all, there is no place for the children to play so the only thing that they can do is to take to the streets playing ball and dodging cars. This also is the roots of mischief and other acts. This Park is being constructed in stages each year, and we think that it is the only one in the city that have been done in this manner. Certainly we don't think that is even in the neighborhood of being a good plan. By the time that this park is finished the children will have become too old to enjoy it, and the facilities that has been erected during the first stage will have corroded and fell to the ground by the time that the last stage is finished. There haven't been any work done this year and the good season for this kind of work is definitely passing by, yet there is suppose to be money appropriated for work to be done.

Other parks have been started and completed and yet still enjoyed since the work began on this park. The Governor can even go out and acquire money to build other parks and yet there are parks that stand with only a beginning made on them and is needed so bad yet they stand incomplete.

We are asking that you look into this matter and try to get something going toward completing the park in Thomasville so that the children will have some place to use beside the street.

There is certainly no reason that a park should be constructed in this manner. The city officials is capable of getting the things done if it is urgent or if they need it, and we must say that this park is needed, but will it ever be completed.

Money has been spent for cleaning, grading and grassing a portion of the parks area, soon it will be money wasted because the weeds and bushes will have taken over all that have been done, then it will cost money which could be used for further completing the park to be used for the same thing.

Please look into this matter and help this community, it is urgently needed. Thanking you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours Very Truly

Mr. E.B. Mesley

E. B. Mesley
President

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May 12, 1967

Mr. Jesse Draper
Draper-Owens Company
44 Broad Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jesse:

The City of Atlanta is deeply grateful to you and Draper-Owens for your generous commitment of \$5,000 for the acquisition of the Cain-String-Carnegie Way Triangle.

We are most excited about this project, and as soon as the plans are finalized, we shall call on you for your commitment.

With deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:am

cc: Mr. Charles Davis
Mr. Collier Gladin

DRAPER-OWENS COMPANY

REALTORS AND MORTGAGE BANKERS

44 BROAD STREET, N. W.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

May 11, 1967

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

To assist the City in acquiring the property bounded by Cain Street, Spring Street, and Carnegie Way for development as a park, it is the intention of the undersigned to make a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.

This contribution will be paid to the City at your request and is subject to the City receiving a Federal grant in the amount of fifty per cent. of the acquisition cost and contributions being made by other parties in amounts sufficient to finance the City's share of the cost.

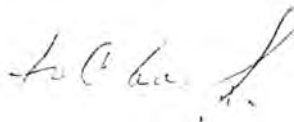
This offer is subject to cancellation at the end of six months.

Sincerely



Jesse Draper

Allen



May 8, 1967

Mr. Francis C. Smith
717 Woodward Way, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
May 1st regarding the planned bicycle and hiking
trail in the Peachtree Creek area.

I am forwarding your letter to the Parks Committee
for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

May 8, 1967

Mr. George O. Taylor, Jr.
Southern Federal Savings and Loan Assn.
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
May 5th regarding the planned bicycle and hiking
trail in the Peachtree Creek area.

I am forwarding your letter to the Parks Committee
for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
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CC: Mr. Jack Delius



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Atlanta Parks Department
1085 Piedmont Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309



FORESTRY DIVISION

Entomologist's Report

Date May 3, 1967

Dear Mr. Delius:

The following recommendations are made for trees to be planted in the planters beside the Hurt and other buildings in downtown Atlanta. These recommendations are based on the combined thinking of some of the top authorities in the south east and include such men as R.K. Smith and Elmer Roth-U.S. Forest Service, John Nixon and Troy Keeble - Georgia Forest Commission and several others:

- 1-Crape myrtle is the first choice.
- 2-Moraine Locust-about equal to the above.
- 3-Juniperus scopulorum (western red cedar).
- 4-Flowering Crab Apple.

We think that no one species should be planted entirely, but have at least two or three and if this is followed we recommend the first three above. Flowering crab is a very attractive tree, but we are wondering how people would react if the apples were to drop on the side walk and make slippery spots when they were crushed.

Mr. Joe Lance and I believe that if the city is to be involved in planting and maintaining trees in planters or any other site on the streets that great care be used in selecting, planting and tending to the trees. We recommend:

- 1-That we select the specific trees from the nursery that sells them.
- 2-That the tree roots be balled and burlap covered.
- 3-That the trees be nursery grown.
- 4-That the soil placed in the planters be good friable top soil and that approximately 1/3 by volume be peat moss.
- 5-The trees be approximately 2 inch caliper at the base and at least 6 feet tall.

I have contacted several nurseries and find that those listed in the directory are largely dealers that obtain their stock from other areas, and none of them handle Juniperus scopulorum. This tree has beautiful silver green foliage and would remain green all year. It would also be a nice tree to decorate for Christmas. It can be obtained through one or more of the nurseries, but all of them state that it is too late to plant them this late in the season.

Distribution:

Signed _____
W. D. Buchanan, Entomologist

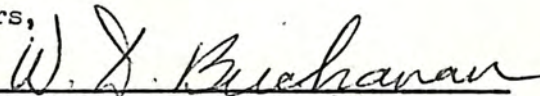
Atlanta Garden Center has Moraine Locusts that range from 8 to 10 feet tall and sell at \$18.00 each. They also have crape myrtle 4 to 5 feet tall that sell at \$10.00 each, and trees 12-15 feet tall run \$40.00 each.

Monroe Nursery have crape myrtle about 6 feet tall that sell at \$6.00 each.

We recognize that the survival of any tree that is planted on the streets has much to contend with in the form of gas fumes from cars, changes in water available lack of space for the roots to spread, constant handling by the public etc. We know that some of the seedlings will die regardless of how well they are tended, but if they are watered well and fertilized after being put in the planters the survival should be as good as can be expected under the conditions that will exist.

Inferior planting stock is expensive regardless of what the city of Atlanta pays for it because survival is less likely and the same goes for the care needed in planting and caring for the trees after they are planted.

Sincerely yours,


W.D. Buchanan-Entomologist
Joe Lance-Forester

cc. Joe Lance

May 4, 1967

Senator W. Armstrong Smith
1405 DeLowe Drive, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30311

Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 1, 1967 regarding the request you have received from Mrs. N. O. Gerald pertaining to the replacement of Dogwood trees in the Cascade Heights area of the city.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter written this date to Mrs. Gerald explaining what the City might be able to do.

The Planning Department of the City of Atlanta has submitted an overall Urban Beautification Plan which conceivably could encompass a tree planting program in our city. Presently, there does not exist a sufficient labor force in this department to divert from regular activities for an extensive tree planting program. We will certainly try to work out some solution and assuring you of our appreciation, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mr. Eric Harkness
Mr. Joe A. Lance
Dr. W. D. Buchanan

Enclosure

May 4, 1967

Mrs. N. O. Gerald, Jr.
1212 Braemar Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Gerald:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 19, 1967 which was not received until April 27th calling our attention to the fact that several Dogwood trees along DeLowe Drive have died and should be replaced.

We certainly agree with you and I must say that your section of the city was simply gorgeous this Spring when the Dogwoods were in bloom and we would like to do everything possible to maintain this attractive setting.

The Department of Parks has extremely limited funds for the replacement of trees and shrubs. For the entire city, our Budget has appropriated \$2,000 and we have to spread the money quite thin. Normally, garden clubs and private citizens plant Dogwoods and other trees in front of their respective property.

I am asking our Superintendent of Forestry, Mr. Joe A. Lance, along with the Forestry Entomologist, Dr. W. D. Buchanan, to survey DeLowe Drive and determine how many trees would be involved in the replacement program as well as the proper time to plant this variety of trees. One or the other of these gentlemen should be in touch with you in the every near future.

I appreciate your letter and that from Senator W. Armstrong Smith concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Senator W. Armstrong Smith
Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
Mr. Joe A. Lance
Dr. W. D. Buchanan

File

May 5, 1967

Mr. Gerald Bernal
Budget Auditor
Comptroller's Office
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Gerald:

In reference to your inquiry as to the number of trees in the downtown area which need immediate emergency maintenance, I wish to advise that there are 48 trees in pots and in the ground which should be fertilized, mulched and watered; and additional 12 trees need replacement and perhaps some ground cover should be added to the top of all pots. The latter is still being discussed.

The above does not include the numerous trees plated this week at Peachtree Center between Cain and Baker.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Mr. R. Earl Landers ✓
Mr. Charles L. Davis

(Mrs.) Frankie Simpson
Area Block Chairman
1721 Barrett Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

TO: Mr. Jack Delius, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

May 1, 1967

FROM: President of Lincoln Homes and Bolton Hills Homes
Area Block 14-Northwest Perry Homes Service Center, EOA

RE: RECREATION

In reference to an article in the Atlanta Constitution by Alex Goffin, around April 1, 1967 concerning additional play-lots in the city, much of the Northwest area of Atlanta, bounded by Ashby Street, Bankhead Highway, and Bolton Road seem not to be considered. Last year this same area was given little consideration. It seems that those who cry the loudest are quickly satisfied by (small amount of spoon feeding) tokenism.

This readily can be seen by the vast amount of play-lots that were established in the Vine City and Summerhill-Mechanicsville areas.

We are urging you to take an open view of the lack of recreation in our community. There exists vacant land around us. This land could certainly be useful to the children. As concerned parents and citizens, we wish for you to deal with this problem immediately. For your department to be considering only one play-lot in the Perry Homes Housing Project is unrealistic.

CC: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Rep. William Alexander
Sen. Leroy Johnson
Mrs. Eliza Paschal

FS:mjia

PETITION LIST

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COMMUNITY

Mr George H. H. H. H.	1545 Blank St. N.W.	Lincoln Home
S. S. S.	2717 Marco Dr.	
Mrs. Christine Hill	2711 Marco Dr. N.W.	
Mrs. Vera Lopez	2723 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. S. Carter	2730 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. S. S. S.	2737 Marco Dr.	
Mrs. L. L. L.	2745 Marco Dr.	
Mrs. Lala Horn	2759 Marco Dr. R.	Lincoln Home S
Mrs. J. J. J.	2783 Marco Dr.	J
Mr. L. L. L.	2793 Marco Dr.	
Mrs. Elaine W. W.	2793 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Miss M. M. M.	2793 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Miss L. L. L.	2793 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. M. M. M.	2803 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
James W. W.	2814 Marco Dr. N.W.	
Mrs. M. M. M.	2823 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. (V. V. V.)	2837 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. D. D. D.	2843 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Miss L. L. L.	2843 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. B. B. B.	2851 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mrs. M. M. M.	2871 Marco Dr. N.W.	" " " "
Mr. J. J. J.	2872 Marco Dr. N.W.	" "
Mrs. P. P. P.	2892 Marco Dr.	" "
Mr. & Mrs. K. K. K.	2816 Marco Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Home
Mr. & Mrs. Q. Q. Q.	2842 Marco Dr. N.W.	L. Home
Mrs. M. M. M.	1517 Glenrock Dr.	L. Home
Mrs. L. L. L.	2760 Marco Dr.	Lincoln Home

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4/21/67 J. S. / Son	1650 Randa St. N.W.	Better Hills
Mr. Burnett Ben C.	2862 Debrau Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. M. M. Jackson	1727 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hill
W. A. Jackson	1727 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hills
Mrs. Virginia Smith	1709 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hill
Mr. Robert Smith	1709 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hills
Mr. Benjamin H. H.	1709 Barrett Dr. N.W. 21318	Better Hill
Mrs. Geraldine H.	1703 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hill
Mrs. S. B. Child	1695 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hill
Mrs. E. L. H.	1702 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Hill
Mr. Thomas Miller	1702 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Hill
Edith M. Bill	1686 Mallo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Hills
Kath E. Woolfolk	1683 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hills
Mrs. Kevin Woolfolk	1683 Barrett Dr. N.W.	"
Edward R. Billman	1691 Mallo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Thompson	1673 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hills
Mrs. M. R. Anderson	1667 Barrett Dr. N.W.	Better Hills
Mr. Fred Anderson	1667 Barrett Dr. N.W.	"
Mrs. Minnie Best	1688 Mallo Dr. N.W.	
Mrs. Ruby Thompson	1682 Mallo Dr. N.W.	
Walter H. H.	1676 Mallo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln
Mr. Simon R. Davis	1676 Mallo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. W. W. H.	1611 Mallo Dr. N.W.	"
Mrs. Eric G. H.	2828 Debrau Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
John J. H.	2812 Debrau Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Walter H. H.	2812 Debrau Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. H. H. H.	2812 Debrau Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes

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Mr. Louis. Howe	2858	
Mr. Lewis Wilson	2858	Lynch Home
Mr. James Holloway	1545 Glenrock Dr. NW	Lyndal Home
Mr. Clark Ashen	2788	Lynch Home
Mr. Richard Hood	1591	" "
Miss Martha Dean	1591	" "
Mr. Charlie Gibson	2858	" "
Mr. Willie P. Miller	2760	" "
Mr. Will Hill	2837	" "
Mr. McKelley Sims	2823	" "
Mrs. (Janet) Hill	1647	" "
Rev. J. L. Wilson	1644	" "
Mrs. Eselene Bryant	1650	" "
Mrs. Betty Collins	1625	" "
Mr. George M. Lewis	1619	" "
Mrs. Ruth Turk	1606	" "
Mrs. E. M. Wain	1597	" "
Mr. Richard Hood	1591	" "
Mr. Fred Higwood	1582	" "
John J. Smith Jr	2754	" "
Mr. Walter Allen	2743	" "
Mrs. Samuel Stalker	2727	" "
Mr. Samuel Stalker	2727	" "
Mrs. Hester P. Haffitt	2730	" "
Mr. Donald Martin	2720	" "
Mrs. Blaine Thomas	2722	" "
Mr. Willie Hill	2711	" "

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Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Shepard	2529 Cardo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr & Mrs James Hayes	2805 Cardo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr & Mrs J. D. Jones	2787 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Sylvia L. Beall	2775 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. Willie R. Beall	2775 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Jessie M. Wells	2766 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Edie Jordan	2780 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Gail M. Fobbs	2788 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Rosa Hoke	2796 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Helen Dool	2808 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. Ruffin	2814 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
R. D. Cook	2823 Argyle Dr. N.W.	" " "
Esther Dobb	2820 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Josephine Williams	2826 Argyle Dr. N.W.	" " "
Mr. Daniel C. Brown	2850 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Helen Jordan	2874 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Celis Dudley	2886 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Barbara Bunch	2885 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Mrs. Roy Johnson	2879 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Leola Johnson	2871 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Charles L. King	2853 Argyle Dr. N.W.	" " "
Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Mitchell	2841 Argyle Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Davis	2833 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Everett Hobbs	2825 Cardo Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Hilbert Hansen	2823 Cardo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Green	2823 Cardo Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. & Mrs. William Green	2837 Cardo Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. & Mrs. Will Hall	2520 Cardo Dr. N.W.	" " "

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Mrs. J. Jones	2867 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mrs. Marie Evans	2852 Card Dr.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. Mattie Birt	2849 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Siggie - m. Willie	2848 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Mrs. E. L. Mearns	2844 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Carter	2838 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Mr. & Mrs. Mousie Burns	2839 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Mrs. and Mrs. Henry B. Bailey	2830 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Walter Phillips	2811 Card Dr.	Dr. W.
Mr. and Mrs. Lillian McCoy	2817 Card Dr.	Dr. W.

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Mr & Mrs Edward Lepton	1538 Glenrock Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Lincoln Homes
Sylvia Mac Morris	1539 Glen Rock Dr. N.W.	
Mrs. & Mrs W. T. Tyne	1531 Glenock Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
Mr. Mrs. W. F. Meades	1525 Glen Rock Dr. N.W.	Lincoln Homes
H. L. Meadows	" " "	" " "
A. P. Meadows	" " "	" " "
Mrs Mrs J. Everett	2918 Argyle Dr.	Lincoln Homes

Pending

May 2, 1967

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Jack Delius, Manager of Parks

From: R. Earl Landers

This will confirm our telephone conversation pertaining to the watering and maintenance of downtown trees. It is our understanding that your Forestry Division is now making a study and that you will advise us in the near future as to the personnel requirements for maintaining these trees.

When we have received this information, we shall be happy to assist you in attempting to secure proper authorization.

REL:lp

**CC: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mr. Charles L. Davis
Mr. Dan Sweat**

CITY OF ATLANTA



April 28, 1967

CITY HALL ATLANTA, GA. 30303

Tel. 522-4463 Area Code 404

IVAN ALLEN, JR., MAYOR

R. EARL LANDERS, Administrative Assistant
MRS. ANN M. MOSES, Executive Secretary
DAN E. SWEAT, JR., Director of Governmental Liaison

MEMORANDUM

To: Mrs. Ann Moses

From: Dan Sweat *DS*

Subject: Attached memo on Downtown Trees

To Earl Landers

How much?

Jack Delius is going to make another request for some overtime to provide maintenance for these trees. Even though it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners, the fact is the trees are dying and the City is going to get the blame.

Most of the original trees which were planted have been in about a year. The original ball and burlap treatment usually carries these trees for about the first year. Then as the roots break through the burlap they are on their own and this is what is occurring now.

I think we should support Jack's request for a few hundred dollars overtime and he can have his people take care of these trees. It is my opinion that the City might as well get geared up to maintain the trees for the great mass of adjoining property owners will never do it themselves.

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OK
[Signature]

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JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303



**MAYOR ALLEN:
PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE
GOING TO HAVE TO CARE FOR THESE TREES.**

Joan

men in colonial
flora, blessed by a long
should be protected for all time.
the way to do it.

Drought and Trees

WE HAVE had a dry spring, broken by only a few damp and cool spells. This could forecast a long summer drought.

Droughts are uncomfortable things to a city dweller and down-right tragic to a farmer. Dry years usually are very hot, and we suffer financially and physically.

You can prepare for a drought by mulching your garden and your shrubs in order to conserve moisture.

Whoever takes care of the trees along downtown streets can start getting ready right now. In a normally wet year these trees need more water and attention than they have been in the habit of getting. They need cultivation and more frequent watering than we have been giving them.

In a dry year this sort of care is imperative. Else a substantial investment is going to be lost.

→ We were not authorized any personnel or equipment to maintain these trees. More are being planted everyday.



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April 12, 1967

Honorable John H. Markland
City Manager
City of Decatur
Decatur, Georgia

Dear John:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11th pertaining to the possibility of a contractual arrangement whereby our Parks Department might be of some assistance to you in your beautification program.

We are referring this matter to Mr. Jack Delius, General Manager of our Parks, and either Mr. Delius or I will advise you as to the possibility of such an arrangement.

Very truly yours,

R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant

REL:lp

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

Jack: Please call me regarding this.



JOHN H. MARKLAND
CITY MANAGER

373-3311

City of Decatur, Georgia

April 11, 1967

Mr. R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Earl:

While attending a symposium at Agnes Scott, Mayor Hamilton discussed with Mayor Allen the possibility of the City of Decatur procuring plants from the City of Atlanta's greenhouse on a contractual basis. I believe also the discussion included the possibility of advice from some of your horticultures, also on a contractual basis.

If you would be kind enough to look into this matter and advise me, it would be greatly appreciated.

It is our intention to beautify city property, median strips, etc.

Very truly yours,

John H. Markland
City Manager

JHM:s

file
Park Dept

May 2, 1967

Mr. F. A. Johnston
Director of Plant Quarantine Division
Agricultural Research Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Federal Center Building
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I have a copy of the most recent letter to you from Mrs. Charles Busch of the Atlanta Bonsai Society regarding the importation of the bonsai tree from Japan.

We would be most grateful for any additional consideration you may be able to give to this request in order to have the tree shipped directly to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

Bill Parks Dept

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
PLANT QUARANTINE DIVISION
FEDERAL CENTER BUILDING
HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20782

May 4, 1967

Mrs. Charles Busch
c/o Greenwood
2160 Stewart Ave., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear Mrs. Busch:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 28 in further reference to your request for authorization to receive a bonsai tree in soil from Japan. We have also received your letter of April 21 to the Director of Plant Importation, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland, which was referred to this office.

We have again carefully considered your request and still believe it best not to authorize importation of the bonsai tree in soil. This Division's experience through the years has shown that bonsai trees arriving in soil do carry various agricultural pests.

Lily bulbs may be imported from Japan in chemically treated subsoil. After the bulbs are packed, the shipping cases are tightly closed and are promptly loaded in vessels for export. However, a bonsai tree planted in subsoil and retained in Japan for a year can become infested with insects during that time. Therefore, we feel it would be unwise to admit the tree in subsoil.

We sincerely regret that our reply can not be more favorable and trust you will understand our reasons for reaching this decision.

We are referring a copy of your letter of April 21 to the New Crops Research Branch, Crops Research Division, Beltsville, Maryland, for reply to your inquiry concerning experimental importations of ornamental plants by the Department.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Barker

E. A. Barker, Chief
Technical Services

cc: J. L. Creech w/c April 21 letter
Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of Atlanta
E. A. Burns

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THE ATLANTA BONSAI SOCIETY

Mr.F.A.Johnston, Director of Plant Quarantine Division
Agricultural Research Service
United States Department of Agriculture
Federal Center Building
Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

Dear Mr.Johnston,

Thank you for your kindness in suggesting the alternative of the post-entry arrangement with Dr.Avery of Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

However, we would like to ask you to reconsider, in view of the fact that we have very competent entomologists and pathologists here in Atlanta, available for constant check on the tree.

Also perhaps it was not clear that the bonsai would be kept apart from other plants and not placed in the ground at all, ever. The Dr.A.Leslie Stephens,Jr. Memorial Bonsai Garden is being built on 2500 square feet of ground with only a few small trees and shrubs planted in typical Japanese garden style, completely separated by fence from the rest of the park, and inspected daily by Mr.B.Oortman, Chief Horticulturist for the City of Atlanta.

We understood from Dr.Avery that the cultural and hygienic practices of Kyuzo Murata and the Kyukaen Bonsai Garden in Japan were certified by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and recognized as acceptable by your department since the Brooklyn Botanic Garden has been allowed to import trees in original soil from that nursery.

We see on page 12 of the Quarantine Regulations, Item16b (319.37-16b) that lily bulbs from Japan and the Ryukyu Islands may be entered in subsoil which has been treated with insecticide and certified by the Plant Protection Section of the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Would it be acceptable to request Mr.Murata to replant the tree in such soil, duly certified, for importation next year at this time? (Since it can only travel in May.)

We would prefer this alternative to that of leaving it with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, because of the many aspects of care and shaping peculiar to bonsai, and we prefer not to have anyone touch it except our own bonsai expert, Mr.E.Felton Jones.

In closing, please forgive our persistence, but we do not intend to forget our objective of bringing this bonsai master-piece direct to Atlanta. Please do not deny Atlanta the privilege of importing and taking care of her own property.

Thanking you for your kind attention and awaiting reply at your earliest convenience,

Your sincere,

(Signed) Mrs.Charles Busch, Sec'y to
Chairman of Committee
for Dr.A.L.Stephens,Jr.
Memorial Bonsai Garden



Atlanta Bonsai Society

Atlanta, Georgia

14 April, 1967

The Honorable Ivan Allen,
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Enclosed please find copy of the second letter to the Director of Plant Importation, Beltsville, Maryland, which Larry Williams asked me to send you.

Your sincere,

Mrs. Charles Busch

Mrs. Charles Busch, Secretary to
Chairman of Committee for
Dr. A. Leslie Stephens, Jr.
Memorial Bonsai Garden
c/o Greenwood
2160 Stewart Ave., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

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For your information
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April 20, 1967

Mr. R. M. Worthington, Manager
Commerce Club
Broad and Marietta Streets, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Worthington:

Thank you very much for your telephone call of April 19, 1967 and for your excellent suggestion that you have a "Zoo Day" at the Commerce Club for purposes of raising funds to buy some exotic animal. I have checked with our Zoo Foreman, Johnny Dilbeck, and determined the latest price list we have on international animal exchange lists a 38 - 42 inch baby Asiatic Elephant (two to five years old) at \$3,000 F.O.B. New York. We could not quarter the baby with four adults we have since they possibly would harm it; we would erect some simple structure to the immediate south of the existing Children's Zoo and possibly some drive could be started in Atlanta for the construction of the permanent and attractive structure which would compare with the existing buildings at the park.

As we discussed over the telephone, another excellent project that could so nicely be sponsored by your association would be the equipping of various playlots in hard-core slum areas in Atlanta. We could name the lots after individuals or after the Commerce Club and as I quoted you on the phone I think \$800 per playlot would do quite a handsome job. Unfortunately, the time factor is against us, and since there is a metal shortage due to the war, we have to place an order well in advance to receive any reasonable delivery. We would like to open our playlots full-time effective June 1st and run them through Labor Day. Last year we built seven, using Federal funds, and we hope to have a possible twenty-one this year. Another very worthwhile venture would be to sponsor a number of children from the disadvantaged areas of our City for a 3-day resident camp experience at our facility at Lake Allatoona. We estimate that 500 children could be served during an 8-week summer season. They would be under the supervision of expert camp counselors who are members of this department and would receive a rewarding and healthy experience in the out-of-doors.

Mr. R. M. Worthington,
Page Two.

Thank you for any consideration and assuring you of our appreciation for thinking of the City, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

CC: Captain George Royal, Mayor's Office ✓

XEROX FOR PARKS COMMITTEE - JUST LETTER

MAYOR
EARL LANDERS
STAN MARTIN
STAN AYER

FILE: ~~HAMMOND DR.~~
FULTON CO.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ROOM 305 • 165 CENTRAL AVENUE, S. W. • 30303
TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 404 572-2781

April 20, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius
Director of Parks & Recreation
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

I have enclosed two copies of the "Fulton County Park Plan" which was recently presented to the Atlanta-Fulton County Joint Planning Board and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and approved by both bodies. This should be considered a preliminary report and may be subject to some revision within the next few months. However, I wanted you to have a copy of it for your own information and reference.

We certainly appreciate the fine work that Stanley Ayer has been doing in conjunction with the preparation of the development plan for the Hammond Drive Park. I certainly hope we can continue these cooperative arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Jack Devaney
F. John Devaney
Director

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Enclosures

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6 XEROX : MAYOR ALLEN
EARL LANDERS
PARKS COMMITTEE

FILE: HAMMOND DR.

COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

TELEPHONE 572-2791
AREA CODE 404

WALTER M. MITCHELL

April 20, 1967

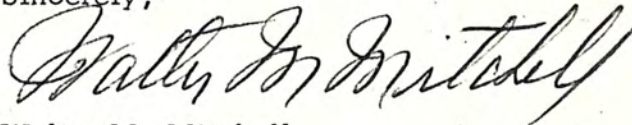
Mr. Jack Delius
General Manager
Parks & Recreation
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Delius:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 17 and your offer of cooperation with the County in carrying out our park program.

We appreciate this very much and shall be calling on you in the near future. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Walter M. Mitchell

WMM:bf



*Original
given to
LEP*

April 18, 1967

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**Mr. Frederick C. Currey
Vice President - Finance
Transcontinental Bus System, Inc.
Continental Building
Dallas, Texas**

Dear Mr. Currey:

I am most grateful for your letter of March 29th and the \$10,000. contribution you are willing to make to the City of Atlanta for the acquisition of the small tract of land at Spring and Cain Streets for a downtown park.

We are proceeding with the necessary technical details to make application for the Federal Grant. If and when these matching Federal funds are secured, we will call on you for your generous offer of \$10,000.

With grateful appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

**Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor**

IAJr/br

**CC: Mr. Bradley Currey, Trust Co. of Ga.
Mr. Collier Gladin
Mr. Charles Davis
Mr. George Goodwin**

XEROX FOR PARKS COMMITTEE - JUST LETTER

MAYOR
EARL LANDERS
STAN MARTIN
STAN AYER

FILE: HAMMOND DR.
FULTON Co.
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ROOM 305 • 165 CENTRAL AVENUE, S. W. • 30303
TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 404 572-2781

April 20, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius
Director of Parks & Recreation
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

I have enclosed two copies of the "Fulton County Park Plan" which was recently presented to the Atlanta-Fulton County Joint Planning Board and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and approved by both bodies. This should be considered a preliminary report and may be subject to some revision within the next few months. However, I wanted you to have a copy of it for your own information and reference.

We certainly appreciate the fine work that Stanley Ayer has been doing in conjunction with the preparation of the development plan for the Hammond Drive Park. I certainly hope we can continue these cooperative arrangements.

Very truly yours,

Jack Devaney
F. John Devaney
Director

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Enclosures

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6 XEROX : MAYOR ALLEN
EARL LANDERS ✓
PARKS COMMITTEE

FILE: HAMMOND DR.

COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
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WALTER M. MITCHELL

April 20, 1967

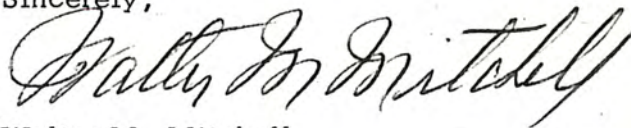
Mr. Jack Delius
General Manager
Parks & Recreation
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Delius:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 17 and your offer of cooperation with the County in carrying out our park program.

We appreciate this very much and shall be calling on you in the near future. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Walter M. Mitchell

WMM:bf



The Citizens and Southern National Bank

Atlanta, Georgia

April 21, 1967

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W. A. SUTTON
VICE PRESIDENT
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Mr. R. E. Landers, Comptroller
City of Atlanta
501 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Landers:

Leigh Anne lives in metropolitan Atlanta and she is the National Easter Seal Poster Child.

You've been seeing publicity about her, but most important of all - she represents the hundreds of children in the Atlanta area who have severe handicaps, caused by disease or accident.

We do not see these youngsters very often as they spend most of their lives indoors, watching the world go by ... not playing with neighborhood children because they are confined to wheelchairs ... not going to school and learning all the wonders of life around them.

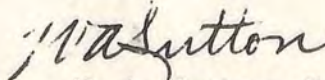
Like thousands of other Georgians who have been sidetracked from the rest of the world because of crippling, many of these little ones depend on Easter Seal services - loans of wheelchairs; physical, occupational, and speech therapy at the Atlanta Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center to help them learn to walk, dress, feed themselves, and to talk. Some of them attend the Center's recreational and pre-school program to prepare them for future public school enrollment.

The Easter Seal Society gives the services, but we must supply the money! Your \$100 gift supplies a wheelchair; \$50 will provide a week of therapy; \$25, a week at summer camp; and \$10, a pair of crutches.

Your donations give all the Leigh Annes an opportunity to live a little closer to the rest of the world. The work at the Atlanta Center has expanded, due in part to your previous contribution of \$ 5.00.

Put your check in the enclosed envelope, and mail it today, won't you?

Sincerely,



W. A. Sutton, Chairman
Metropolitan Atlanta Easter Seal Campaign

WAS/jw
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April 20, 1967

Mr. Jack Adair, President
Adair Realty and Loan Company
56 Peachtree St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Adair:

The triangular park at Piedmont and Harris has been finished except for the fountain mechanism and we are advised by the supplier that shipment will be made from California no later than April 23, 1967. We assume it will take a week or perhaps ten days for the material to reach Atlanta and then perhaps a week for the installation and testing. A plaque has been ordered to be installed at the park identifying the City officials and also acknowledging your generous donation. The wording of the plaque is identical to that which you furnished to me in a recent letter.

We would like very much to have a formal dedication of this new beauty spot and to properly acknowledge your generosity. The City Clerk has had prepared a framed resolution passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen officially thanking you for your services to the City and at such time as we have a dedication we would like to present you with this document. However, if you would like it sooner I will be glad to have it delivered to your office.

Trusting that no too many days will transpire before we are able to dedicate this facility, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

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April 20, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO : Stan Martin
FROM : Ann Moses

I have advised Carol Shure, President of the Jewels of Judea, that the Mayor will have to leave Sunday eveing to go to Washington, and asked that you attend as his personal representative to receive the check.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Fierman, manager of the Jewish Community Center, for you and Johnny to park in the front circular drive to bring in the Chimp. I would suggest you be there at 7:45, find Carol Shure and go back stage, to be able to come out of the curtin with the Chimp to receive the check before their performance begins at 8:00.

These young girls don't comprehend the organization and timing to put something like this across effectively, so don't hesitate to advise them as to how to handle the ceremony.

Thanks a million to you and Johnny for doing this.



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 19, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. William F. Wall, President
Cascade Little League
1807 Willis Mill Road, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wall:

On April 11, 1967, a delegation appeared before the Aldermanic Parks Committee to vigorously protest the cutting off of a large corner of the Cascade Little League area thereby excluding the West Manor Elementary School section and prohibiting children in that section from participating in the Little League program this summer. We were told by this delegation that the area cut off is bounded by Utoy Creek from Lynhurst Drive west to Fairburn Road, south on Fairburn Road to Cascade Road, east to Veltre Circle and Falcon Drive, and north to Gordon Road. As the Committee understands it, the ostensible reason for the above was that population had increased above the 15,000 limit imposed by Little League requirements. However, the above mentioned delegation of citizens contended that, while a group of new apartments in the southeast corner of your Little League area were included within the new boundaries, their neighborhood was omitted for ethnic reasons.

While the Committee quickly assured those present that it had no control or jurisdiction over the Little League - that, as a matter of fact, the Little League is private in all respects - the Committee does feel that since we are affording you public facilities you should reevaluate carefully your action in light of the allegations that the cutting off of the area was brought about principally due to the area undergoing a degree of racial transition. The City of Atlanta is not and will not be a party to any attempt at segregated practices where public properties are involved. The Department of Parks is under a Federal court order to fully integrate all property.

We therefore recommend, suggest and urge that you make such arrangements as are necessary to bring the area set forth above back into the Little League program.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: All Members of the Aldermanic Parks Committee
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mr. Guy L. Foster
Mr. Robert Haver



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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 17, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



Mr. Arthur Sanders
Arts Festival of Atlanta, Inc.
Box 7432, Station C
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Sanders:

It was my pleasure meeting with you and Mr. Bill Finch on Friday, April 14 to discuss the possibility of developing a master plan for the renovation of Piedmont Park and more particularly making provisions for certain facilities necessary for the successful continuation of the annual Arts Festival at Piedmont Park. It would be our pleasure to work with a group of architects and landscape architects in developing the best possible plan and design for the improvement of Piedmont Park. This department's planning staff is so over-loaded at the present time that we would welcome outside assistance; and, we would be able to defray costs of blueprinting, etc.

I believe that a permanent performing arts area which would include a stage, dressing facilities, audience seating, lighting and control features, etc. would be a valuable addition to the park in that it could serve not only the Arts Festival but many other groups throughout the year.

Just let us know when you would like to meet again and to discuss at length the development of a master plan and thanking you again for your continued interest and assistance, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Mr. James H. Finch, FAIA
Mr. Joe Perrin, Head, Arts Dept. Ga. State College
Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Mr. Eric Harkness, Planning Dept.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. A. P. Brindley





CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 18, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Eric Harkness, Planning Department
FROM: Jack Delius, Parks Department
SUBJECT: Master plan for Piedmont Park - Urban beautification program

The Parks Department is very excited about the possibility of having a master plan developed for Piedmont Park, using donated services and skills of private architects and landscapers in the Atlanta area. Your urban beautification plan could be used to its fullest extent for the restoration of Piedmont Park and at the same time we could provide badly needed facilities for the Arts Festival and other community groups. In the past, there has been tremendous opposition on the part of the public to any major change to be made at Piedmont Park. It is felt that no additional structures should be placed in the park if it should in fact jeopardize the wooded area, etc. The existing swimming pool has been condemned (along with four others) by Fulton County Health Department and we are on borrowed time as far as its operation. I feel strongly that by blending the talents and opinions of several of our better designers in the City we can come up with a plan which will be acceptable to the general public and at the same time preserve the charm of Piedmont Park.

I would like very much for you to attend any and all meetings to be called by Mr. Arthur Sanders, Bill Finch, Joe Perrin, etc. of the Arts Festival of Atlanta in reference to the park. We appreciate your efforts to date towards the urban beautification program and pledge you our full support and cooperation.

JCD:bjw

- cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
- All Members of the Parks Committee
- Mr. A. P. Brindley
- Mr. James H. Finch, FAIA
- Mr. Arthur Sanders
- Mr. Joe Perrin, Head, Arts Dept., Ga. State College



April 18, 1967

Mr. Alan Kiepper
County Manager
Fulton County
165 Central Ave., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Alan:

Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, has been quite busy all this past week preparing for the annual Tulip Festival at Hurt Park; and, in addition she and other members of her staff have been preparing for the Southern Recreation Conference to be held in Birmingham beginning April 17. As a result, Miss Carmichael was only able to give me a brief proposal for the operation of the summer recreation program at the Hammond Drive Park Site.

Miss Carmichael will be back in the City on April 20 and will be able to expand on the contents of this proposal and answer any questions you might have.

First of all, we are delighted at the opportunity of contracting with Fulton County to operate a recreation program at Hammond Drive Park. We realize the importance of making a successful venture out of this undertaking in that it would be an example of what the City of Atlanta can do in the field of parks and recreation if given the opportunity.

Miss Carmichael has surveyed the park site and has reviewed the master plan with Mr. Brindley's Park Engineering Division. Assuming that we would have access to the school building for restrooms, indoor facilities in case of inclement weather, and also a small area for storage of equipment, we feel that a program would include music, dance, arts and craft, organized games, individual and team sports. Miss Carmichael emphasizes that the program would be planned for all age levels if this is the wish of Fulton County. The staff would be staggered in order that any team sports or late afternoon activities could be carried on. The normal hours of operation would be six days a week from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. The basic staff necessary would be two Community Recreation Leaders, at a salary range of \$340 - \$420 per month. If we should recruit entrance level employees for this position, two Community Recreation Leaders at \$340 each for a three month period from June 1st

Mr. Alan Kiepper

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If you should need additional information please do not hesitate to advise and thanking you again for this opportunity, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. R. E. Landers
Miss Virginia Carmichael



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 19, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. R. Earl Landers

FROM: Jack Delius

SUBJECT: Development of Allatoona Camp

You recently asked me in my office what plans we might have to start development on the 470 acres of leased property at Lake Allatoona. I advised you we would like to do some trail blazing and other basic improvements this summer. I have recently talked with Dan Sweat and we have computed that for \$96,000 we could employ a total of 800 young men on the project, using a 100 per week for an eight week period. Dan has incorporated this proposal into some information given to the Mayor which is to be presented to Vice President Humphrey. If no funds materialize, we could of course greatly reduce the number of people involved. It is felt that the Nelson Amendment people could be utilized at \$1.40 per hour. We would have to have proper supervision of these young men. We would need stoves, tents, etc.

JCD:bjw



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April 18, 1967

Mr. Carl T. Sutherland, Director
Personnel Department
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

On Wednesday, April 12, I was asked to meet with Mr. Allison of EOA along with Mr. Tucker of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and several representatives of the Department of Labor. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the so-called Nelson Amendment which apparently enables municipalities and other non-profit organizations to employ the chronically under employed and unemployed in public work projects. I asked Mr. Ed Farrow of your department to be present in that I had a feeling that the program would be applicable not only to the Department of Parks but to many other divisions of City government.

As Mr. Farrow perhaps has already advised you, the program has many of the features of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. The basic difference appears to be that the rate of pay will be \$1.40 per hour, there is apparently no age limitation, their program is aiming towards developing skills in the unemployed and providing them with an opportunity for a promotion and permanent employment with the respective non-profit agencies, etc. It appears that the City of Atlanta would be expected to at least give a promise that an attempt would be made to place in permanent positions after a one year period of time those individuals recruited under this program. Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. would be the prime contractor and has the rather staggering responsibility of placing some 6400 individuals in various jobs.

You will recall that when the NYC first started off in Atlanta, the Department of Parks was the only division of City government that was involved; eventually, the entire City became involved due to your good efforts in drawing up a contract for all departments in City government. I think that the Personnel Department should assume the leadership responsibility in the coordination necessary to make this an effective and worthwhile project.

Mr. Carl T. Sutherland
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If I may be of any service to you do not hesitate to advise and I remain

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Mr. R. E. Landers ✓
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.
Mr. Ed Farrow
Mr. William W. Allison, EOA

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April 18, 1967

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County Manager
Fulton County
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Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. R. E. Lenders ✓
Miss Virginia Cermichael

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MAYOR
PARKS Comm
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COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

JAS. H. ALDREDGE

April 18, 1967

TELEPHONE 572-2791
AREA CODE 404

Mr. Jack Dellus
General Manager
Parks & Recreation
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia



Dear Jack:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 17, 1967 in which you express the cooperation of the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Dept. with Fulton County in carrying out said program. The Commissioners deeply appreciate your willingness to assist us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jas. H. Aldredge

Jas. H. Aldredge, Chairman

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TO: JED

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MAYOR
PARK Comm,
MR. LANDERS ✓



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING ROOM 305 • 165 CENTRAL AVENUE, S. W. • 30303
TELEPHONE: AREA CODE 404 572-2781

April 18, 1967

Mr. Stanley T. Martin, Jr., Administrative Assistant
City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department
City Hall Annex
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your assistance and for the helpful information you
supplied today on Urban Trails.

Enclosed are the two photostats you requested of the Bob Harrell article
on Urban Trails in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Galen E. Ramser
Planner

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Enclosure

cc: F. John Devaney, Director

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JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303



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should be protected for all time.
is the way to do it.

Drought and Trees

WE HAVE had a dry spring, broken by only a few damp and cool spells. This could forecast a long summer drought.

Droughts are uncomfortable things to a city dweller and down-right tragic to a farmer. Dry years usually are very hot, and we suffer financially and physically.

You can prepare for a drought by mulching your garden and your shrubs in order to conserve moisture.

Whoever takes care of the trees along downtown streets can start getting ready right now. In a normally wet year these trees need more water and attention than they have been in the habit of getting. They need cultivation and more frequent watering than we have been giving them.

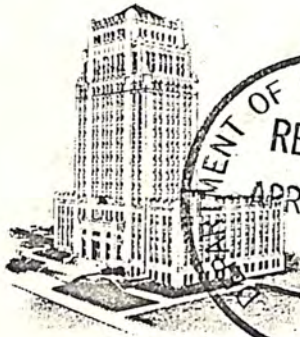
In a dry year this sort of care is imperative. Else a substantial investment is going to be lost.

**EARL: PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS
WILL HAVE TO MAINTAIN
THESE TREES.**

We were not authorized any personnel or equipment to maintain these trees. More are being planted everyday.

Joan





CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Atlanta Parks Department
1085 Piedmont Ave. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

FORESTRY DIVISION

Entomologist's Report

Date April 13, 1967

Dear Mr. Delius:

Today I went to the home of Mrs. Berrien Moore-3648 Kingsboro Rd. N.E. where I found the following:

1-Sapsuckers have made many holes in the trunks of loblolly pines in 4 or 5 trees in her front yard. No evidence of insect attack exists, and there is no danger that the trees will die from the sapsuckers work. The trees are mature, but should live for years.

2-Oak trees in the yard were found to be free of any serious problem-one tree appears to have been struck by lightning some years ago, but the area is being enclosed by wound tissue, and should live for years.

3-It seems that some self styled "tree expert" recently told Mrs. Moore that she should have her pine trees removed because they are filled with bugs that could emerge and kill the trees in neighbors yards. The same person also told her that her oaks are in danger of falling and need to be removed. I assured her that neither is a likely thing. This points out the great need we have in Atlanta to have a tree ordinance that would provide supervision of these so called "tree experts" and prevent them from preying upon the uninformed public. We have had several reports about unfounded insect and disease problems given to property owners by the organization that contacted Mrs. Moore as well as other groups.

Mud to Mrs Berrien Moore

Distribution:

FORM 34-22



Signed W. D. Buchanan
W. D. Buchanan, Entomologist

April 14, 1967

W.K.

Mrs. W. M. Ellis
Ellaville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ellis:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11th telling me of your plans to bring a group of Brownie Scouts to Atlanta on Friday, April 21st, and your desire to visit the Cyclorama.

Our Parks Department has a policy of allowing groups of 25 or more a group rate admission of half price, which is 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. They have agreed to allow this rate for your group of 20. The Parks Department will send you a permit.

Lectures at the Cyclorama are given every hour on the half hour.

With best wishes for a most pleasant visit to Atlanta, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mrs. Barbara Wilkins



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

April 14, 1967



Mr. J. C. Barrett
J. C. Barrett Construction Company, Inc.
3455 Sexton Road
Chamblee, Georgia 30005

Re: Concessions Building - Grant Park

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I thank you for your letter of March 29, 1967 and am genuinely pleased and relieved that a target date for completion of the above project has been determined. I still feel that July 1st is too late to complete this project particularly due to the fact that we will be in the midst of our most busy season. I managed to inspect the building every weekend and sometimes find it difficult to determine that any work has been done. I strongly urge that you fulfill your contract with the City of Atlanta by completing this building as rapidly as possible and I am assured by the Architects involved, Tucker and Howell, that they have in no way delayed making decisions on changes, modifications, etc.; and, from their statements in writing, I assume that they are presently not holding any decisions that would delay you proceeding with the project.

The undersigned would particularly appreciate being kept advised if anything should develop to delay this project further and I am

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. Thomas F. Choyce
Hon. William B. Hartsfield
Mr. A. P. Brindley
Mr. W. O. Street
Tucker and Howell



cc: ACC. MILLER AN. WILLIAMSON, FOWLER

MAYOR ALLEN;

April 3, 1967

*Zoo Dir
File*

Mr. Carl T. Sutherland
Director of Personnel
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

It is becoming increasingly more apparent that salary Range No. 54 (\$9438 - \$11,622) is not sufficient to attract a large number of qualified applicants for the position of the Zoo Director. To date, we have had three legitimate applicants; one of them withdrew his name at the last moment, a second one said he would consider the position if it paid more money, and the third one is interested in the job at the range now presently offered. The third applicant appears to be qualified eventhough he is only twenty-six years of age. We were hoping for an older and more experienced individual but possibly may have to make an ultimate selection of this single applicant.

I feel very strongly that two things should be done. 1, that the Personnel Board should pass a resolution authorizing the General Manager of Parks to start the Zoo Director at any one of the six steps in Range No. 54. 2, and more important, I recommend and urge that consideration be given to placing this position on Range No. 60, which will be \$12,116 - \$14,924. This appears to be the minimum range necessary to attract a fully qualified individual and I feel very strongly that if we can't get someone who is competent in all respects we would be just as well off without anyone.

Thanking you for your continued assistance and consideration to this department, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Mr. Ed Pritchett, Personnel Dept.
Hon. Charlie Leftwich, Chairman, Parks Committee

April 13, 1967

Mr. Wendell Campbell, Office Manager
Water Works Department
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wendell:

Thank you very much for your telephone call of April 11, 1967 inquiring if water supplied by your department should be placed on a non-revenue basis when used by private individuals to care for the trees planted in the downtown area.

I firmly believe that these accounts should be placed on a non-revenue basis in that the tree planting program by private individuals is in fact part of the City's overall beautification plan. However, at the present time, the Department of Parks is not responsible nor does it have the capacity to maintain these trees. We have requested the beautification crew for several years but it has not been possible for one to budgeted in our general appropriations. However, I am of the opinion that ultimately these trees will become the City's responsibility.

Trusting the above information will suit your purposes in discussing this matter with the Water Committee, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Chief Ray A. Nixon

April 13, 1967

Mr. George W. West
West Lumber Company
1491 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of April 12th and the
copy of your letter to Jack Delius.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br



WEST LUMBER COMPANY

1491 PIEDMONT AVENUE, N.E.
ATLANTA, GA.

OFFICE OF
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

April 12, 1967

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I know you are a busy man but I hope you agree with my brief explanation to the Parks Department Manager.

I have managed to fuss about signs on my end of the park along Ponce de Leon Avenue, which is in the county, and I can assure you it has taken some right cute police work to get it done.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


George W. West

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April 12, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius, Manager
Parks Department
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Manager:

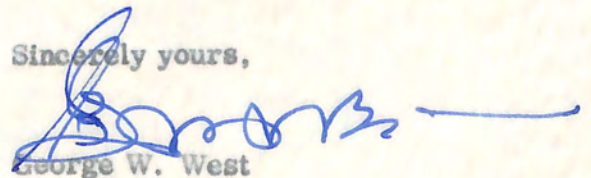
I have lived on Ponce de Leon Avenue, outside the city, for nearly forty years, and I am wondering if you will not agree with me that these parks afforded by Druid Hills, Inc. many years ago, should be kept free from all kinds of signs, and agree that all these miscellaneous signs do not benefit the parks' appearances, and this goes for automobile advertisements on benches, church and revival signs, and even to the signs of "my" Druid Hills Civic, Assn.

It seems to me these people who live on the right hand side of Ponce de Leon going out only spoil the parks by attempting to place all sorts of signs in the parkway.

I hope you do agree .

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



George W. West

GWW:sac

April 17, 1967

Hon. James H. Aldredge, Chairman
Fulton County Board of Commissioners
2409 Court House Annex
165 Central Avenue, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Aldredge:

The Aldermanic Parks Committee at its April 11, 1967 meeting suggested that I write the Fulton County Commissioners advising them that the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation wishes to cooperate in any way possible with Fulton County in carrying out a park and recreation program. Already, as you know, we are working under contract in the design of Hammond Drive Park Site and have been requested by the County Manager to submit a proposal for the operation of it this coming summer.

If we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us and I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
All Members of the Parks Committee

NOTE: Same letter also sent to: Hon. Charlie Brown, Vice Chairman
Hon. Walter Mitchell, Member

File

April 14, 1967

Honorable John H. Markland
City Manager
City of Decatur
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Markland:

Mr. R. Earl Landers of the Mayor's Office has referred to me your correspondence of April 11, 1967 in which you raised the possibility of the City of Decatur procuring plants from the City of Atlanta's Greenhouse on a contractual basis. I believe you are also interested in having the advice and recommendations of our Horticulturist.

Nothing would suit me better than to cooperate with the City of Decatur since that is where I was raised and attended school; and, I have noticed your lovely triangle in downtown Decatur near the Court square. You are to be commended for your efforts.

Presently, we have only two Greenhouses in production. We have plans to build two additional units sometime in the next five years, but at the present time it is all we can produce border plants and other materials for our own parks system. As a result, many plants are purchased from private sources such as Monroe Nursery, Golden State Roses, etc. Of course, all are bought on low bid through our Purchasing Department.

It would be our pleasure to send our Horticulturist, Mr. Oortman, out to Decatur to discuss your plans and objectives. Mr. Oortman is more of a grower than he is a designer; however, he has an excellent eye for arrangements and planting schemes.

By copy of this letter, I am asking Mr. Oortman to contact your office and arrange to meet with you at your convenience.

Again, I wish we could be of more assistance and we do appreciate the request and I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. R. Earl Landers
Mr. B. H. Oortman

April 12, 1967

Atlanta Board of Aldermen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

ATTENTION: Chairman of Parks Dept.

Dear Members of the Board:

It gives us at Pop Warner Junior League Football National Headquarters great pleasure to write to you in praise of one of our long affiliated Pop Warner Junior League Football organizations, the Northside Youth Organization, Inc., sponsors of the outstanding Buckhead "Red Devils" football team of your city.

The Buckhead "Red Devils" and their head coach, Mr. Robert Blackwell, of 4545 Powers Ferry Road, N.W., Atlanta, have been affiliated with our nationwide Pop Warner safety-first, academic football program for the past ten years.

In each of those ten years their team has always been one of the top examples of the Pop Warner philosophy of combining outstanding football with the scholastic achievement and sportsmanship of each and every one of its boys.

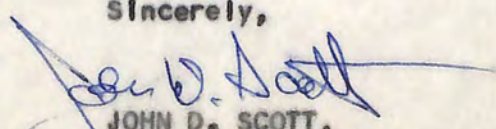
Last year this continuously outstanding record was capped with national success when the Buckhead "Red Devils" won the 1966 Pop Warner Scholastic-Football World Championship over all other Pop Warner teams in their age and weight division in the nation.

Because of this, and because of their years of exemplifying the best qualities of Pop Warner Junior League Football, last September the Buckhead "Red Devils" were invited to Philadelphia to play an exhibition of Pop Warner football on Franklin Field before 60,000 fans following the inaugural game of the Atlanta "Falcons" in the National Football League, played against the Philadelphia "Eagles"

The "Red Devils" have also placed a youngster on the Pop Warner "All-America" Team of Little Scholars in most of their years of affiliation with the National Pop Warner program. The most recent "Red Devils" Pop Warner "All-America" Team member was 14-year-old Robert Jameson who was named to the 15th Annual Pop Warner All-America Team of Little Scholars last June.

In conclusion, we feel certain that any youth activity the Northside Youth Organization, the Buckhead "Red Devils" and Mr. Robert "Bob" Blackwell would undertake, whether in be football, some other sport or even some non-sport activity, would have to be a success.

Sincerely,


JOHN D. SCOTT,
National Executive Director

JDS/rn

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Atlanta; Parks Supt. Jack Dellus, Atlanta,
President Joseph J. Tomlin, Pop Warner.

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April 11, 1967

Director of Plant Importations
United States Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Sir:

I am aware of the project of the Atlanta Bonsai Society to bring a 100-year old *Pinus pentaphylla* in its container and soil from Japan and that the City of Atlanta as well as our Chief Horticulturist, Mr. B. Coertman, will be responsible for the USDA post-entry requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJrbr

CC: Mr. Jack Delius



Atlanta Bonsai Society

Atlanta, Georgia

10 April, 1967

Mrs. Anne Moses
Secretary to the Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Moses,

Larry Williams asked me to send this rough draft (below) to you as he is very anxious to get speedy action on the permit and your help will be greatly appreciated!

I enclose copy of the letter sent directly to the Director of Plant Importations.

Thanking you, and sincerely,

Paula Busch

Mrs. Charles Busch, Secretary to the Chairman
Committee for Dr. A. Leslie
Stephens, Jr. Memorial Bonsai Garden

cc. & Delius

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mr. Ivan Allen, Mayor of Atlanta

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ATLANTA BONSAI SOCIETY

Director of Plant Importations
United States Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear sir,

The Atlanta Bonsai Society has talked to Dr. George Avery of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and he has informed us that we can get permission to import a 100-year old Pinus pentaphylla from Kyuzo Murata of Kyukaen Bonsai Garden, Bonsai-cho, Omiya Saitama, Japan.

Because of the great age and high cost of this bonsai-tree we would like to have it shipped direct to Atlanta, Georgia, in its container with soil not removed, via Air Express.

We feel that you will grant such a permit in view of the fact that this tree will be placed in the newly constructed "Dr. A. Leslie Stephens, Jr. Memorial Bonsai Garden" at Piedmont Park and tended by competent members of the Atlanta Bonsai Society.

Mr. Berend Oortman, Chief Horticulturist for the City of Atlanta will be directly responsible for the health of the tree as per the post-entry requirements. The City of Atlanta is aware and cooperating in this project.

We would like to ship this tree from Japan during the month of May, so your soonest cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance,

Your sincere,

(Signed) Mrs. Charles Busch
Secretary to the Chairman of
Dr. A. Leslie Stephens, Jr.
Memorial Bonsai Garden Committee

Copies sent to:

Senior Senator Richard B. Russell
Mrs. Grace P. Wilson, American Horticulture Society

April 10, 1967

Mr. Frank H. Neely, President
Mr. Richard H. Rich, Vice President
The Rich Foundation, Inc.
Post Office Box 4539
Atlanta, Georgia 30302

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 4, 1967 and for the enclosed check in the amount of \$28,500 made payable to the City of Atlanta for the purposes of purchasing and installing at least four portable swimming pools in the hard-core poverty areas in our city.

We deeply appreciate this generous gesture on the part of The Rich Foundation and look forward in the next few days to supplying you with a framed copy of the resolution accepting this gift.

We will keep you informed as to the progress being made on the purchase and assembly of these pools and anticipate with pleasure dedication of these new facilities in the four respective areas selected.

Thanking you again, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

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THE RICH FOUNDATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 4539

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

TRUSTEES
FRANK H. NEELY
RICHARD H. RICH
OSCAR R. STRAUSS, JR.
JOSEPH K. HEYMAN

April 4, 1967

Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager
Parks Department
City of Atlanta
260 Central Avenue, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

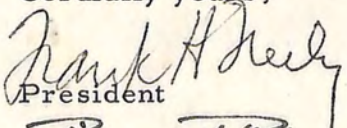
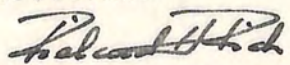
The trustees of The Rich Foundation, organized in 1943 for the promotion of religious, educational, and charitable facilities, and in recognition of the splendid contributions you have made in your field of endeavor, have voted to aid your activities to the extent of \$28,500.00. It gives us great pleasure to enclose herewith a check from the Foundation in that amount.

It is our understanding that this gift will be used for the installation of swimming pools at the following locations, at the price you quoted to us:

- Rhodes Street Play Lot
- Merritts and Bedford Play Lot
- Connally Street near Richardson
- 196 Savannah Street, S. E., or
- 373 Thurmond Street, N. W.

This gift is made in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen on Monday, April 3, 1967.

With best wishes, we are

Cordially yours,

 President

 Vice President

Enclosures

April 5, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Peggy Baker, Mr. Dan Sweat, Miss Virginia Carmichael and Mr. Stanley T. Martin

FROM: Jack Delius

SUBJECT: Summer recreational program - possible Federal and private assistance

To solidify our thinking on what transpired at the meeting called by Dan Sweat on April 3, 1967 I am under the following impressions.

I will write a proposal for a city-wide "Operation Champ" program to begin June 1st and go through Labor Day. I will submit this proposal to certain officials at HEW. Their names will be supplied to me by Dan Sweat or others.

Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, will compile a comprehensive list of playground equipment and supplies she needs to properly operate the proposed 21 playlots. This list will be given to the Federal Executive Committee for screening purposes and hopefully various agencies such as U.S. Forestry Dept., etc. will come forth with ice chests, shelter halves, playground apparatus, etc.

I will have my proposal on "Operation Champ" ready by Friday, April 7, 1967.

For your information, we have already submitted to Mr. Emmerich several months ago a proposal for the operation of playlots in Atlanta this summer. Mr. Emmerich has been supplied a comprehensive report on the success of last summers playlots as well as "Operation Champ" program. I will send Mr. Emmerich, shortly, a proposal on "Operation Champ" - I could probably make a Xerox of the proposal to HEW. Both neighborhood playlot and "Operation Champ" proposals are being submitted to EOA eventhough we are informed that no funds are available. We merely wish to be in a position to avail ourselves of anything that might materialize at the last minute.

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to: IVAN ALLEN, JR.
FR: JACK DELIUS



STATEMENT BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION
ON THE
FULTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

APRIL 6, 1967

The 1967 Session of the General Assembly of Georgia adopted an amendment authorizing Fulton County to conduct recreational activities in unincorporated areas using County personnel. The Bill has now been signed into law by Governor Maddox. There has been some speculation in the press and elsewhere regarding the intentions of the Fulton County Commission in this matter, and we are issuing this statement to clarify our position.

It is not the intention of the Fulton County Commission to establish and operate a comprehensive program of supervised recreation under the sole jurisdiction of the County government. We believe that the best interests of all citizens will be served if duplication of services between the City of Atlanta and Fulton County are kept to a minimum, consistent always with good operation.

It is our purpose to provide park and recreational services as follows:

1. The County will try to provide suitable neighborhood parks and playgrounds in the unincorporated area of Fulton County, including ball fields, picnic areas and playground equipment. We recently submitted an application for Federal assistance in the purchase and development of neighborhood and community parks.

2. The Commission has also recently approved a long-range comprehensive plan for the purchase and development of large tracts of open space suitable for future use as regional parks and recreational areas. It is our intention to implement this plan as rapidly as funds, including State and/or Federal grants, are available.

3. We do not plan an elaborate supervised recreational program. A possible exception will be the limited program at Hammond Drive Park in Sandy Springs where the County has already requested the City of Atlanta to plan and submit a proposal for the operation of this facility when completed.

4. It is our intention to cooperate fully with the six municipalities in Fulton County having populations less than 5,000 people, in accordance with the Constitutional Amendments approved by the voters of Fulton County last November. This amendment permits the County government to provide not more than one-half the cost (not to exceed \$5,000.00 for each municipality) of the annual cost of recreational programs within these municipalities. General guidelines for these programs are being developed in cooperation with the municipalities which have requested same.

5. The physical development of parks and playgrounds will be handled by the Department of Public Works with the assistance of the Department of Planning. The advisability of contractual arrangements with the City of Atlanta for the operation of recreational programs will be explored in each instance, as in the case of Hammond Drive Park. Where the cost is acceptable and the particular operation most efficient, we will request the City to provide services.

The Commission is aware of the county-wide need for improved recreation and park facilities and services. We are attempting to meet these needs in an orderly and economical fashion within the framework of applicable laws. The newly enacted statute will provide greater flexibility, especially in the outlying communities where there are few recreational facilities of any sort. The Commission has no intention of frustrating or violating the basic objectives of the Plan of Improvement, namely, that duplication of services between Atlanta and Fulton County should be kept to a minimum. We heartily support this objective and are doing all in our power to provide services necessary to our citizens, with a minimum of cost and duplication.

FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Jas. H. Aldredge, Chairman
Charlie Brown, Vice Chairman
Walter M. Mitchell

April 4, 1967

Mr. George W. Pope
Raley Brothers, Inc.
Post Office Box 4501
Atlanta, Georgia 30302

Dear Mr. Pope:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 3rd regarding the proposed park development at the site of the old Fire Station #5.

I am forwarding this information to the Parks Department as I am sure they will appreciate your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

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April 7, 1967

MEMORANDRUM

TO: Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation

FROM: Jack Delius

SUBJECT: Hammond Drive Park Site - Guy Webb School -
Fulton County Park System

I received a telephone request from Mr. Alan Kiepper, the County Manager, asking that we at the earliest date possible submit to his office a proposed program for the operation of the Hammond Drive Park Site adjacent to the Guy Webb School for this coming summer. Fulton County's department of Public Works under Mr. A. T. McDonald are proceeding to develop the driveways and parking area of the park and I assume will do certain underbrush clearing. Stan Ayer of our Park Engineering Division is rapidly completing the working drawings on the walks in the park as well as grading scheme for the tennis courts and amphitheater. I understand that Fulton County School authorities will make available two baseball diamonds adjacent to the site which are connected with Guy Webb School.

Mr. Kiepper would like a complete proposal including the dates the programs could start and the suggested ending date; the type and number of staff, salary expenses, supply expenses, etc. Please work up an adequate and complete proposal for supervised recreation at your earliest convenience. I would suggest that possibly the program would have to be in the nature of a day camp activity since facilities would not be completed this summer.

Thank you very much.

JCD:bjw

cc: All Members of the Parks Committee
Hon. R. Earl Landers ✓

April 4, 1967

Mr. Charlie Leftwich
1665 Jonesboro Rd., S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

You probably have noticed, more and more trees are being planted in the downtown area by private property owners. No provision was made in the 1967 Budget granted this department for personnel or materials to maintain these trees in a proper fashion. Already, several have died because of the lack of watering or because of the intense heat being reflected off of light colored buildings, etc. When the trees died, it seems that this department receives criticism from the general public when in fact we had nothing to do with planting the trees. I just wish to make it clear that we did ask for sufficient help and equipment to adequately maintain the downtown tree planting program but it was not possible for it to be budgeted and our request was not granted.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. Eric Harkness, Planning Dept.

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8350 Marmont Lane
Hollywood, California. 90069
January 16th, 1967

Dear Sirs:

In Record at Fulton County Fulton, Georgia in book number 128 and Page 761 it states clearly that a nominal fee be charged not to exceed ten cents to see the Cyclorama. This has been broken and as only living heir to my father the late G.V. Gress . If restitution is not made immediately I will offer the Cyclorama to be moved from Atlanta, Georgia and make it a National Monument in Washington, D.C. of the Civil War.

John H. Gress

John H. Gress.

FILE PERMANENT - Cycloorama -

January 26, 1967

Mr. Thomas P. Choyce
Associate City Attorney
City of Atlanta Law Department
2614 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Tom:

On January 25, 1967, I received in the mails a letter from Mr. John H. Gress, dated January 16, 1967.

For your information, I am quoting verbatim his letter:

"8350 Marmont Lane, Hollywood, California 90069, January 16, 1967. Dear Sirs:

In record at Fulton County, Fulton Georgia in book number 128, and Page 761, it states clearly that a nominal fee be charged, not to exceed ten cents to see the Cyclorama. This has been broken, and as only living heir to my father, the late G. V. Gress, if restitution is not made immediately I will offer the Cyclorama to be moved from Atlanta, Georgia and make it a National Monument in Washington, D. C. of the Civil War. John H. Gress w/signature."

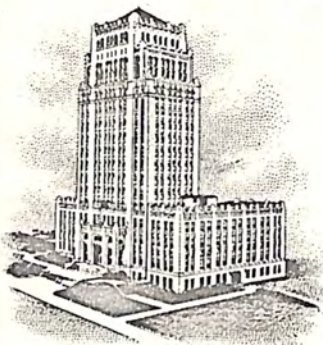
Will you please investigate this matter and reply to Mr. Gress' letter?

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: All Members
Aldermanic Parks Committee



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

1114 WILLIAM-OLIVER BUILDING
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

February 1, 1967

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Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager
Department of Parks
and Recreation
City Hall Annex
Atlanta, Georgia



Dear Jack:

The attached opinion is a bit more formal than I normally get with you as you may wish to write Mr. Gress or contact the members of the Parks Committee.

Inasmuch as I do not feel that I should go into direct communication with Mr. Gress, I respectfully request that you forward a copy of this opinion to him if, in your good judgment, you wish to do so after reading this.

Let me know if you need anything else with respect to this opinion.

Jack, I am of the opinion that the next step belongs to Mr. Gress and not to the City of Atlanta; however, I am not attempting to over-ride your judgment with respect to sending Mr. Gress a copy.

Yours very truly,

Thomas F. Choyce

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Mr. Jack C. Delius
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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 26, 1967 in which you advised me that you received a letter from Mr. John H. Gress, dated January 16, 1967. You then go on to quote the letter and end up by requesting an opinion from me as to the contents of the letter and such other germane documents and consequences I find necessary to investigate in the premises.

To begin with, Mr. Gress is correct when he states that the original deed of conveyance from G. V. Gress to the City of Atlanta did make a recitation such as the one he alludes to in his letter. More specifically, the recitation is made in a deed of conveyance, dated April 14, 1898, between Mr. Gress and the City of Atlanta, and reads in part as follows:

"It is understood and agreed that the said picture shall be used for the benefit of the whole people, and shall be kept open the year round, subject to reasonable rules and regulations, and that only a nominal entrance fee shall be charged, not to exceed ten (10) cents for each person, and that the said building shall bear an appropriate sign indicating the battle which the painting represents, and also that it was presented to the City of Atlanta by the aforesaid party of the first part."

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I have a photostatic copy of this deed in the event you require further inspection. With respect to the deed itself and besides the provision above quoted, the deed is what is referred to as "honest on its face", that is, we have no reason to doubt the validity of the instrument nor should we doubt its validity. Also, I am of the opinion that not only a nominal consideration was given for the picture (stated to be One (\$1.00) Dollar in the deed), but also that the additional consideration is sufficient to give rise to the theory of a deed of gift which was duly accepted by the City of Atlanta.

With this in mind, the first question that poses itself is whether or not Mr. John H. Gress, who purports to be the "only living heir" of G. V. Gress, has the right to bring about a forfeiture of the picture in question. I am assuming that the portion of the letter from Mr. Gress that he is the only living heir of G. V. Gress is correct. With this as an assumption, I am of the legal opinion that no one, including Mr. John H. Gress, has the right to create a forfeiture such as he envisages in his letter.

My basis for this opinion is found in the case of City of Atlanta vs. Jones, et al, 135 Ga. 376 (1910), at page 379, wherein it was in part held:

"The language of the deed constituted a covenant, rather than a condition subsequent. Where an owner of land conveys it to a city, and states in the deed that it is to be used for a specified purpose, he may have such an interest as to prevent its sale or diversion from that purpose to others, or perhaps he may have an action of covenant. But such language alone does not create a condition subsequent, on breach of which a forfeiture results and the original owner may recover the land. Devlin on Deeds (2d ed.), 978 and notes; Warvelle on Real Property (2d ed.), § 317; Thompson v. Hart, 133 Ga. 540 (66 S. E. 270). It may be thought by many laymen that such language creates a condition subsequent, but it is well settled in law that it does not do so. If parties desire that a forfeiture shall result, or that an estate shall terminate because of the breach of a covenant or failure to use

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the property for the purpose mentioned in the deed, they should so state."

It is my opinion also that there is no language with respect to that portion of the deed dealing with the nominal fee which would give rise to a forfeiture inasmuch as no reversionary provision is contained in that portion of the deed.

We now have disposed of the easy part of the opinion.

The hard part is, what consequences, if any, arise from the City of Atlanta's maintaining the current admission price to see the Cyclorama? Once again, we refer to the language in City of Atlanta vs. Jones, et al, wherein it was in part held that the grantor "... may have an action of covenant."

There is very little law with respect to a breach of covenant in Georgia and it is necessary for me to refer to other legal precedents to determine what the consequences of a breach of covenant are under these circumstances.

With this as a background, I am of the opinion that the ordinary remedy for breach of a covenant is by an action at law for damages. (20 Am Jur 2d 589). However, in a proper case, equity will sufficiently enforce covenants or grant an injunction to restrain their violation. (Ibid.). Therefore, I am of the opinion without more, as will more fully be hereinafter set forth, that a proper party might bring an action against us to enjoin us from charging the fee we are now charging.

The next question which addresses itself to us is: "Who are proper parties to enforce the covenant?"

Please bear in mind that the language of the above quoted portion of the deed states, "... the said picture shall be used for the benefit of the whole people, and shall be kept open the year round,... and that only a nominal entrance fee shall be charged, not to exceed ten (10) cents for each person...." With this in mind, I am of the opinion that this is the type of a

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situation which permits a third party to enforce a promise made for his benefit, and a covenant made for the sole benefit of a class of persons not parties to it may be availed of by an individual of that class. (20 Am Jur^{2d} 592). In other words, we have a third party beneficiary contract which can be maintained in the name of any person who constitutes not only a citizen of Atlanta, or Fulton County, or the United States, but anybody in the world; which, being a rather large class, is, in my opinion, a beneficiary of the Cyclorama. Therefore, I am of the opinion that an injunction could be maintained by anybody in the world to enforce the covenant as written.

I do not know exactly how long we have charged more than a ten cent admission fee to the Cyclorama. I trust that you will use your good office to determine when this practice began. This factual determination by you is very important in the light of the next portion of this opinion.

Although we have a technical breach of a covenant, as set forth above, I am of the opinion that the doctrine of estoppel is applicable to the situation here involved with respect to the enforcement of covenants. By this I mean that a person, or a class of persons, may be estopped by conduct from asserting a right to enforce a covenant. (20 Am Jur 2d 590). By this I mean that if we could satisfy a Court of Law that the beneficiaries of this covenant, by their inaction, acquiesced in the charge of more than a dime, this would act as estoppel to prevent them from enforcing the covenant. While acquiescence is spoken of as estoppel, strictly speaking, it is no more than a part of estoppel. By this I mean that I am inclined to believe that a Court of Law would prevent anybody from initiating an injunction against us because the entire class of beneficiaries had acquiesced to increased charges. Legally speaking, no set time is necessary to constitute estoppel such as we have in this case; rather, it would be that amount of time which induced us to act to our detriment. It is my thought that ten years would be sufficient, although I am reluctant to determine what a Court would determine to be sufficient.

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I know that this has been a lengthy opinion and one on which you will probably need further elaboration; however, for the purpose of recapitulation, my opinion is as follows:

(1) There are no words in the deed which would give rise to a forfeiture;

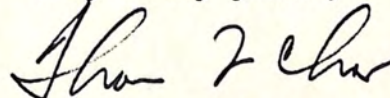
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(3) In the event such a suit is filed seeking an injunction, I am of the opinion that we could plead estoppel in this case due to the acquiescence by the general public from asserting the breach of the covenant at the time of its breach.

Should you need any further elaboration in this matter, please feel free to call upon me.

With my kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. Choyce

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February 3, 1967

Mr. Thomas F. Choyce
Associate City Attorney
City of Atlanta
Department of Law
2614 First National Bank Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 1967 and the attached opinion regarding the Cyclorama and its gift to the City.

A search of our records reveal that the last year a .10¢ admission charge was made was 1916. Starting in 1917 the admission fee was increased to .15¢ and has consistently risen over the years to the present cost of \$1.00 for adults and .50¢ for children. Group rates of course are .50¢ for adults and .25¢ for children. Therefore, it appears that for at least 51 years we have been charging in excess of .10¢ per person to see the Cyclorama.

I do not believe I will reply to Mr. Gress' letter unless I hear further from him and if I should I will merely advise him that for 51 years we have been charging fees in excess of .10¢.

Thank you for your obviously very thorough research and trusting we might reciprocate, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: All Members of the Park Committee (w/attach.)

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J. C. BARRETT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.



3455 SEXTON WOODS DRIVE
CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA 30005
TELEPHONE: 451-5416

March 29, 1967

Mr. Jack C. Delius,
General Manager of Parks and Recreation
Department of Parks
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Grant Park Concessions Building

Dear Mr. Delius:

I think that we should establish July 1, 1967 as a target date for the completion of the Grant Park Concessions Building. I sincerely believe that this could be improved a great deal if we can obtain immediate approvals or disapprovals for the changes now in question. At this time, we are waiting for approval of change orders to revise sewer work, concrete walks, curbs, paving, waterproofing, concession stand, electrical and plumbing work.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a carbon copy of a letter of this date to Tucker and Howell requesting immediate decisions for these changes. Any influence that you may exert to expedite these changes will be appreciated. We also appreciate your attitude on all previous matters, and I must apologize for not having given you an estimated completion date in my letter of March 20, 1967.

We trust that this will be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Barrett
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March 29, 1967

Mr. M. A. Tucker
Tucker and Howell
815 Rhodes-Havarty Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Grant Park Concessions Building

Dear Mr. Tucker:

We urgently request immediate decisions made for Items 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of Proposal sent to you on March 6, 1967. These items are and have been delaying construction.

Also, we would appreciate it if you would prepare a Change Order for the other items of the same breakdown, along with these mentioned above.

Please note that we had requested ninety (90) days time extension. Please allow another thirty (30) days, plus whatever time is required for you to issue us the instructions necessary to proceed with this work.

Also, we have not received a reply to the Change Order which I signed on March 27, 1967, revising the concrete walks and adding some sewer work.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Barrett

JCB:mb

cc: Mr. Jack C. Delius,
General Manager of Parks and Recreation

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CITY OF ATLANTA
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
1114 WILLIAM-OLIVER BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

March 24, 1967

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
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City Hall Annex
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Dear Jack:

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As you know, the City of Atlanta was recently given the power to alienate interest in parks' property. This bill,

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passed during the 1967 Session of the Georgia Assembly, is known as House Bill No. 299. I enclose herewith a copy of said House Bill for your further perusal. Please bear in mind that this opinion is predicated upon the Governor signing this Bill into law. Absent the Governor's approval of this Bill, the answer to the question posed by you is in the negative.

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"As regards the income from a lease of lands acquired for a public park, the rule has been declared that such income must be devoted to public uses."

39 Am Jur 810, 811.

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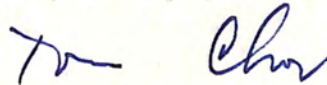
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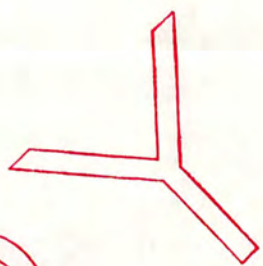
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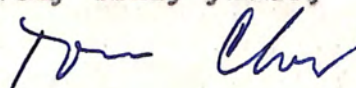
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cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
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Mr. R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 27, 1967

Mr. Dick Denny
King & Spalding
434 Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Denny:

I attach hereto a rough draft of the Resolution which we hope to introduce to the Board of Aldermen on Monday, April 3, 1967, at 2:00 P.M., City Hall.

Please feel free to make any suggested changes. By copy of this letter, I am sending a draft copy to Miss Anne Poland for any comments Mr. Rich might have.

I enjoyed talking with you this morning, and I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:mjh
Encl.

cc: Miss Anne Poland
Director of Public Relations
Rich's Inc.
Atlanta, Ga.

cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.

March 17, 1967

Mr. Thomas Choyce,
Associate City Attorney,
City Law Department,
2614 First National Bank Building,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Contract Between
J. C. Barrett Construction Co.
& City of Atlanta

Dear Tom:

Confirming our verbal conversation, I wish for you to place on notice the above contractor that he is drastically behind in his schedule of construction. The contract, date, I believe, November 4, 1965 calls for the work to be completed in no more than 270 consecutive calendar days. Of course, there have been several change orders to the contract, and they have necessarily caused slight delays. By copy of this letter I am requesting the Comptroller to forward to your office the original contract with all supporting documents, change orders, etc.; when you are finished with them, please return them to the Comptroller's office.

Thanking you for your continued assistance, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of Parks
and Recreation

JCD:mjh

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

March 21, 1967



TO: HONORABLE IVAN ALLEN, JR.
FROM: JACK C. DELIUS

Further Information on
Gun Club Park - Perry Homes
Robert Dobbs

We will shortly start Phase 2 of Gun Club Park Site, and as my previous memorandum pointed out, this will include two baseball fields and a football field. Presently, all of Perry Homes is north and east of Gun Club Park and is physically separated from it by Proctor Creek. The Housing Authority plans to build on the park side of the creek the Perry Homes Extension and will involve putting in a bridge across Proctor Creek, making it readily accessible. Until this bridge is built, access to Phase 2, which is on the low lands, and visible to Perry Homes, and access to Phase 1, which is on the high lands, and some distance from Perry Homes, will be rather difficult, except by a round-about route.

I have discussed these problems in detail on several occasions with the Project Manager and tenants and they seem to fully appreciate the difficulties.



March 21, 1967

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Miss Anne Poland
Director of Public Relations
Rich's, Inc.

FROM: Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

In reference to a proposed donation from the Rich Foundation, I am pleased to submit the following proposal.

We propose to purchase four portable swimming pools and install them on playlots located in four poverty neighborhoods of our City. This will not only provide wholesome, healthful recreation for these underprivileged communities, but will also enable us to teach many underprivileged children to swim.

Details of our plan are as follows:

LOCATION AND ATTENDANCE

The four locations we have selected for the pools are:

1. Rhodes Street Playlot between Sunset and Vine in "Vine City".
2. Merritts and Bedford Playlot in "Buttermilk Bottoms".
3. Connally Street Playlot near Richardson in "Summerhill".
4. 196 Savannah Street, S. E. in "Cabbage Town".

We are attempting to secure a lease on the Savannah Street property at this time. In the event that we are unable to secure this lease, we have selected an alternative location of an existing playlot on 373 Thurmond Street, N. W. in the "Lightning" area.

Based on actual attendance figures for the first three playlots during the Summer of 1966 and estimated attendance for the Savannah Street location, we anticipate a total attendance figure of 65,971 for the entire summer at all four locations. A breakdown of the total estimated attendance for each playlot is as follows:

Rhodes Street	12,600
Merritts and Bedford	19,403
Connally Street	16,968
Savannah Street	<u>17,000</u>
Total	65,971

For teaching purposes, one portable swimming pool can accommodate 260 students in a 6½ hour daily schedule. It is possible to teach 1300 children to swim during a single ten week summer vacation with each pool. (By case study, Los Angeles City Board of Education)

COST, DELIVERY, SIZE

The pool under consideration is manufactured by the Port-A-Pool Corporation of Los Angeles, California and is made of structural steel, plywood panels and a vinyl lining. The basic Port-A-Pool with standard equipment includes a filter system, maintenance care, safety steel cover, ladder and security box for filter system. The total cost of purchasing and installing each pool is as follows:

Port-A-Pool With Standard Equipment	\$ 4,175.00
Approximate Freight	450.00
Chain-Link Fence Around Pool Area	1,000.00
Shower Installation, Drainage, Electrical Hookup, Boardwalk, Chemicals, Locks, Etc.	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Cost For One Location	\$ 7,125.00
\$7,125.00 x Four Locations =	\$28,500.00

The inside dimensions of the pool are 16 feet x 24 feet x 3 feet. The pool can be filled with 7200 gallons of water. Filtering requires approximately two hours and the process continues while the pool is in use. At day's end, only fifteen minutes time is required to secure the pool cover. The limited, uniform, water depth of thirty inches gives every new swimmer the assurance that wherever he steps there will be a pool bottom.

Delivery of the pools could be made within 30 to 45 days, depending on the number of orders received by the manufacturer prior to our order.

SUGGESTED DEDICATION

An appropriate dedication and ribbon-cutting will be planned for the opening of the pools with Mr. Rich, the Mayor, and other officials present. Also, we plan to have representatives of the people in each community to accept the pools on behalf of their communities.

We are extremely grateful to the Rich Foundation for considering such an outstanding gift to the underprivileged citizens of our great City.

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March 15, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO : Jack Delius
FROM : Ivan Allen, Jr.

Upon your return, please see me about the attached information.
It is not sufficient.

Attachment

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 10, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
FROM: Jack Delius
SUBJECT: Mr. Rich's donation to equip four playlots

The Land Agent is attempting to secure leases on a number of new playlots. Until we have the land in hand - and I have urged the Land Agent to proceed with all possible speed - we can't really give Mr. Rich any locations or equipment needs.

However, we do need the following equipment for existing playlots:

373 Thurmond (Lightning) ---- Utility pole, lights and reflectors, outdoor electrical receptacle.

Gillham Park (Blue Heaven) --- Utility pole, lights and reflectors, outdoor electrical receptacle.

Haygood and Crew (Summer Hill) ---- Utility Pole, lights and reflectors, outdoor electrical receptacle and water fountain.

255 Dodd Avenue (Rented house for recreation) ---- Pool table, electric water fountain, outdoor water fountain.

Windsor Street near Richardson ---- Swings, slides, basketball goals, sand box, utility pole, lights and reflectors and outdoor electrical receptacle.

Park Avenue & Lansing S.E. ---- Utility Pole, lights and reflectors, outdoor electrical receptacle, water fountain.

Arlington Cir., N.W. ---- Utility pole, lights and reflectors, outdoor electrical receptacle and water fountain.



We are trying to lease a house at 81 Little St., S.E. (Summer Hill) as a Recreation Center. We are attempting to locate land on Bender St., S.W. near the Candler Warehouse. The Land Agent is also trying to locate land in Plunkett Town which is in extreme southeast Atlanta near the Airport. We propose a new playlot on Hardee Street at Aberdeen (Blue Heaven) as well as a playlot at Perry Blvd. and Lively St., N.W. (Perry Homes) and another playlot for Haynes and Foundry Sts. (Lighting).

We deeply appreciate Mr. Rich's offer and we shouldn't look a gift horse in the mouth. But, if it would be possible, we would appreciate having the funds donated for supplies, milk for the children that come to the playlots, equipment, and the expense for renting busses for transportation to the swimming pools, Stone Mountain, Mathis Dairies, the State Capitol, etc. Of course, you have already advised me that Mr. Rich is interested only in equipment. We appreciate this very much. We estimate a cost of \$2900. to equip the existing lots as outlined above. If we are successful in leasing six additional playlots, it would cost us roughly \$800 per lot to grade, equip, install lighting and water fountain.

JCD:bjw

March 15, 1967

Mr. Richard H. Rich
Rich's, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dick:

Jack Delius is out of the city and I haven't yet been able to get the specific information you have asked for.

As soon as he gets back I will see that the information is accumulated.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:sm

March 21, 1967

Mr. Robert Dobbs, Chairman
Northwest Coordinating Council
2455 Abner Place, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

I appreciate your letter of March 16th and I am attaching a summary report from the Parks Manager of the action being taken at the Gun Club Site Park.

I am sure that after you receive this information, you will see the vigorous efforts the city is making to improve the original park plan. I am sure you will feel very much better about the whole matter.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

IAJr:am

cc: Mr. Jack Delius



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 20, 1967

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



INFORMATION ON GUN CLUB PARK SITE

The first phase of construction began April 11, 1966 and was concluded in February, 1967. It amounted to \$83,456. and included the following thirteen items:

1. Clearing and Grubbing
2. Rough Grading - West Area
3. Utilities - Water - Sewers - Lighting
4. Drive and Parking
5. Sidewalks
6. 2 Tennis Courts
7. Play Mound
8. Fencing and Retaining Walls
9. Restrooms
10. Storage Building
11. Concrete Benches
12. Landscaping - Trees and Shrubs
13. Grassing and Finish Grading

We received the first HUD development grant in the nation on this project. We are preparing an application for Federal assistance to begin Phase II; we expect this application to be submitted to the Regional HUD office by the end of this week. Working drawings for design have been finished and only the specifications need to be written. Phase II includes an athletic field with two baseball diamonds and football field, an entrance drive and parking, utilities for camping, playground equipment for Phase I, and necessary site work such as grassing and grubbing, finish grading, etc. We estimate the cost of these few items at \$77,542. The Parks Committee has appropriated \$80,000. for Phase II. We have been notified by HUD that the 50% assistance for park development has been cut to 12½% of acquisition cost. We paid less than \$50,000. for Gun Club.



NORTHWEST COORDINATING COUNCIL
2455 Abner Place, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

March 16, 1967

Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing with reference to the Gun Club Park Site located near Gun Club Drive, N.W., and the total lack of recreational facilities in the Northwest Perry Homes Area of Atlanta.

I don't believe the Parks Department and the Board of Aldermen has acted in good faith toward the citizens living in Perry Homes, Scottscrossing, Carver-Hollywood Hills, Lincoln Homes and the Bankhead Road area.

Funds for the Gun Club Park Site were approved three years ago and additional Federal funds have been approved for Parks construction, however, there are only four (4) finished Tennis Courts on this site.

I am sure Parks Director, Jack Delius and members of the Board of Aldermen are aware of the fact that over fifty-seven (57%) percent of the population in these communities are below the age of eighteen.

Atlanta was able to build a Stadium in one year, but it has required three years to build four (4) Tennis Courts on a Park Site which will serve a predominate Negro population. The Gun Club site would be adjacent to the huge Perry Homes Housing Project.

The Citizens of these communities would appreciate a personal investigation by the Mayor concerning the reason for the serious delay in completing this very important public facility.

We will be looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Dobbs
Robert Dobbs, Chairman
Northwest Coordinating Council
Member of Community Relations Commissions

RD:jjj
CC: Jack Delius
Authur H. Smith
Mrs. Eliza Paschall

J. C. BARRETT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.



3455 SEXTON WOODS DRIVE
CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA 30005
TELEPHONE: 451-5416

March 20, 1967

Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager of Parks and Recreation
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

We appreciate your letter dated March 9, 1967 expressing your concern of the progress made on the Grant Park Concessions Building.

On July 11, 1966, we mailed Mr. Ma A. Tucker a letter in response to your letter to him dated July 7, 1966, regarding the progress at that date. We pointed out that the construction of the parking lot had been stopped due to the fact that additional sewers were being designed to be installed in this area. Mr. Tucker ordered this work stopped until the sewer had been installed. Approximately 30 days were lost while this system was being designed, and an additional 71 days were lost before we obtained a change order for this work. We complained vigorously to Mr. Tucker and Mr. David Lee for delaying the job during good weather, and we warned them that it would probably be next spring before the weather would permit the curbs and paving to be installed as the ground must be dry to perform this work.

In response to your phone call today, at which time you informed us that our bonding company may be called in to complete this project, we would like to point out that time extensions have been approved to extend construction through May 20, 1967. Also, we are entitled to extensions as outlined below:

1. Additional time, 71 additional days while waiting on Change Order No. 3 to be processed.
2. Since the sewer contract was not approved until approximately 2 weeks before bad weather began, the new deadline should be adjusted after dry weather occurs this spring.
3. Additional time should be granted for alternates that were accepted.
4. Additional time should be granted for bad weather, which is out of our control, and provided for in the contract.

MR. JACK C. DELIUS

March 20, 1967

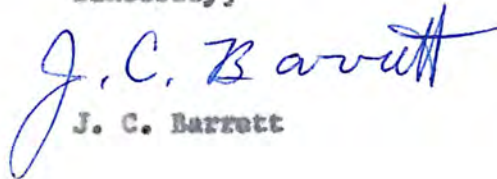
5. Numerous other delays have been encountered, due to changes, decisions, etc.

The curb and walk sub-contractor has resumed his work now under protest, as he desired to complete his work in one trip, but he can not, as we are awaiting approval of a change order to add additional drainage and walks. This delay and many others could have been avoided if the planning had been completed before the time the work was ready to be installed.

We have endured numerous hardships on this project, due to delayed decisions, change orders and payments. Since payments are seldom made to us on or before the 15th of each month as provided for in the contract, we have to keep additional capital available for this project.

We would like to assure you that we are, and have been most anxious to complete this project, but it has been increasingly apparent that we cannot obtain the proper cooperation necessary to help expedite this work.

Sincerely,


J. C. Barrett

JCB:mb

cc: Mr. A. P. Brindley
Tucker and Howell



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 16, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Allen:

Some months ago we employed two experts to evaluate the canvas painting of the Cyclorama of The Battle of Atlanta. At that time, we were advised that the painting could possibly fall in the next four or five years. Already, two years of that time has passed. The City of Atlanta has not reached a decision on whether to remodel the existing building or replace it with a new one and, if the latter course is followed, where the new location should be.

The undersigned is of the opinion that a new building is needed and that it should be placed in Grant Park. Based on preliminary figures supplied to us by an architectural firm, plus the cost rendered to us by the art experts, Charles Davis has computed that it would take \$3,000,000 to adequately finance a new structure.

Alderman Leftwich and I wish to urge the City that if a future bond issue is offered to the public that one of the high priority items to be funds necessary for the restoration of the painting and the proper housing of it.

Thanking you for any support you can give this, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: All Finance Committee Members
All Park Committee Members
Mr. C. L. Davis, Comptroller



March 9, 1967

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Mr. Bruce A. McNaughton
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

Thank you very much for your contribution for a new home for the Cyclorama painting. This is indeed a splendid gesture on your part and I hope that within the near future the new home will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Wilbur George Kurtz, Jr.

Wilbur George Kurtz, Jr.
Atlanta

P. O. Box 1734
March 8, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius, Director
City Parks Department
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

*Any
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Cappuccini's fur to
donor*

Jack. . . .

Attached is a letter which I received March 6th from Bruce A. McNaughton of 230 Park Avenue, New York City. You can see from the letter he has an intense interest in the Cyclorama painting, and because of this, he enclosed a check in the amount of \$10.00 which is to serve as a contribution toward the new home for the Cyclorama painting . . . in behalf of the great, great grandchildren of Andrew Jackson McNaughton, 8th Wisconsin Regiment, Army of the Cumberland . . . which unit participated in the Battle of Atlanta and is indicated on the canvas.

This is a fine gesture, indeed, and I think it should be acknowledged by you and Mayor Allen. Inasmuch as the check is made payable to me, I wish to be advised by you as to how to endorse it so it can be deposited in an account which is earmarked for the new home of the Cyclorama painting.

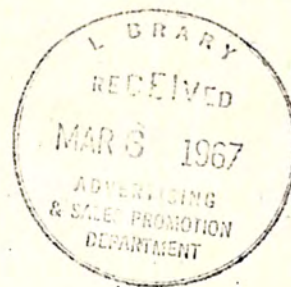
I will hold the check until I hear from you. Thanks very much.

Cordially,

W. G. Kurtz

cc: Mr. Charles Leftwich...Chairman, Parks Committee
Mr. Ivan Allen...Mayor, City of Atlanta

Bruce A. McNaughton
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017



February 28, 1967

Mr. Wilbur Kurtz
The Coca-Cola Company
P.O. Drawer 1734
Atlanta, Ga. 30301

Dear Wilbur,

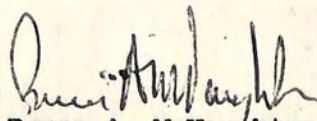
Thank you so much for taking time to see us last Friday. Of course I'm sorry to learn of your father's passing but he certainly lived a rich, full productive life.

The Cyclorama was all you said it was and more. It is really impressive. As a Damn Yankee from Wisconsin you can imagine the joy at seeing Old Abe who my great grand-daddy told me about. Thanks to men like you and your Dad someday soon I'll be able to show my children a living part of their family's and country's history.

Towards the new home for the Cyclorama, would you please see that the right folks get the enclosed small contribution on behalf of the great great grandchildren of Andrew Jackson McNaughton, 8th Wisconsin Regiment, Army of the Cumberland.

If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Regards as ever,


Bruce A. McNaughton

BAMcN/rs
encl.

March 10, 1967

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Mr. Wilbur G. Kurtz, Jr.
Post Office Box 1734
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 1967 and advising that Mr. Bruce A. McNaughton of New York City has forwarded to you a check in the amount of \$10. which is to serve as a contribution towards the new home for the Cyclorama painting.

I agree this is a very fine gesture and I will immediately acknowledge it on behalf of the City. It will be necessary for a resolution to be passed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen authorizing the acceptance of this check and the creation of a special account; however, this is simply routine paper work so don't concern your self about it.

Please endorse your check as follows: "Pay only to the order of City of Atlanta" and mail to my attention and I will handle the ball from there.

We were all deeply saddened by the passing of your father who has certainly left his mark on Atlanta. Anyone would be proud to say that they had known him, that he was a friend or relative.

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. Charlie Leftwich
Hon. Charles L. Davis



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 8, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Stan Martin and I will be out of the city from Saturday, March 11 through Friday, March 17, 1967 attending the Revenue Sources Management School at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia. If you should need to reach me you could call Wilson Hall at Oglebay Park.

In my absence, Mr. Pierce Whitley, Assistant General Manager of Parks, will be in charge of the Department of Parks.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: All Members of the Park Committee
Mr. Pierce Whitley
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mr. Henry Lovett



March 9, 1967

Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.
Governmental Liason Officer
Office of the Mayor
City of Atlanta - City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Dan:

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I believe that you mentioned in the Demonstration City's Bill there is a provision for the restoration and preservation of historical buildings, etc. Since Grant Park lies in the very heart of the model city area I wondered if you would research the situation a little further and see if conceivably we could receive Federal assistance. It appears that a General Bond issue is out for this project.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. R. Earl Landers

March 9, 1967

Mr. Thomas F. Choyce
Associate City Attorney
City of Atlanta
Department of Law
2614 First National Bank Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Tom:

Please keep this matter confidential for the time being.

At your earliest convenience please renderme an Opinion if it would be legal for the City of Atlanta to lease part of Grant Park to the Atlanta - Fulton County Stadium Authority. More specifically, the leasing of the Cyclorama Building and immediate grounds thereof. We might possibly use the Authority as a financing vehicle, and the operation of the Cyclorama, its service to thepublic, etc. would not be changed. I advised Mayor Allen and Mr. Landers yesterday that you had informed me that the House had reported out the Bill which would correct the 1958 law which prohibits our leasing or selling park dedicated land.

Please do not discuss these very tentative plans with anyone and thanking you for an early reply, I am

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. R. Earl Landers

March 2, 1967

Mrs. Charles E. Clark
684 Hillpine Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 23, 1967 addressed to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. His honor has forwarded your correspondence on to me for reply.

I have inspected the strip of woods on Monroe Drive to which you refer and think the best thing to do would be to retain the area in its natural condition. Unfortunately, the City Parks Department does not have any money remaining in its Bond Fund for the purchase of additional park land.

Your suggestion that Mr. Wilbur Kurtz, Sr. be memorialized in some appropriate manner is well taken - and I personally feel very strongly that we must acknowledge all that this fine gentlemen did for Atlanta.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. Richard C. Freeman

~~Barbara Wilkins
to send original
letter back to
me~~

684 Hillpine Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30306
February 23, 1967

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

As you know Atlanta was saddened by the recent death of Mr. Wilbur Kurtz, Sr., who had been so outstanding in our City's history and it occurred to me what a wonderful tribute to his memory if the City could obtain the little strip of woods on Monroe Drive, which is up for re-zoning now, Petition Z-66-260-B, and convert this into a "Confederate Memorial Park."

Our Alderman, Hon. Richard C. Freeman, has fought so hard to try and keep this property from being re-zoned for apartments and before it becomes a losing battle I humbly ask that you toss this idea around and I'm sure there are hundreds of people willing and ready to contribute to a memorial to Mr. Kurtz.

Unfortunately, the City refused to accept this property years ago when it was offered as a park area, and I am under the impression that there is very little money tied up in it now. It would be most fitting as a "Confederate Memorial" as I understand the Civil War was fought hard in this vicinity and even today trenches can be found testifying to the battle.

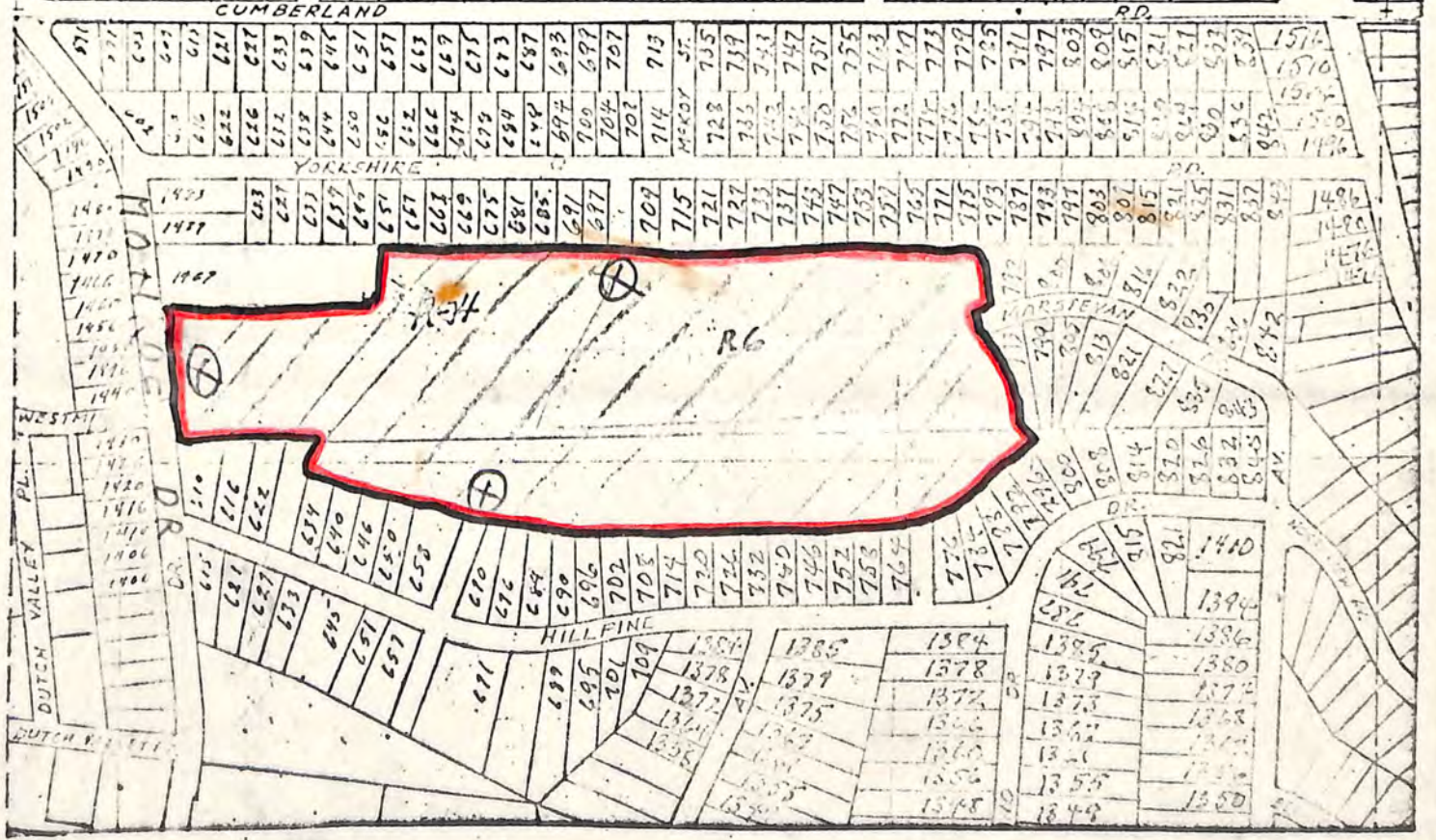
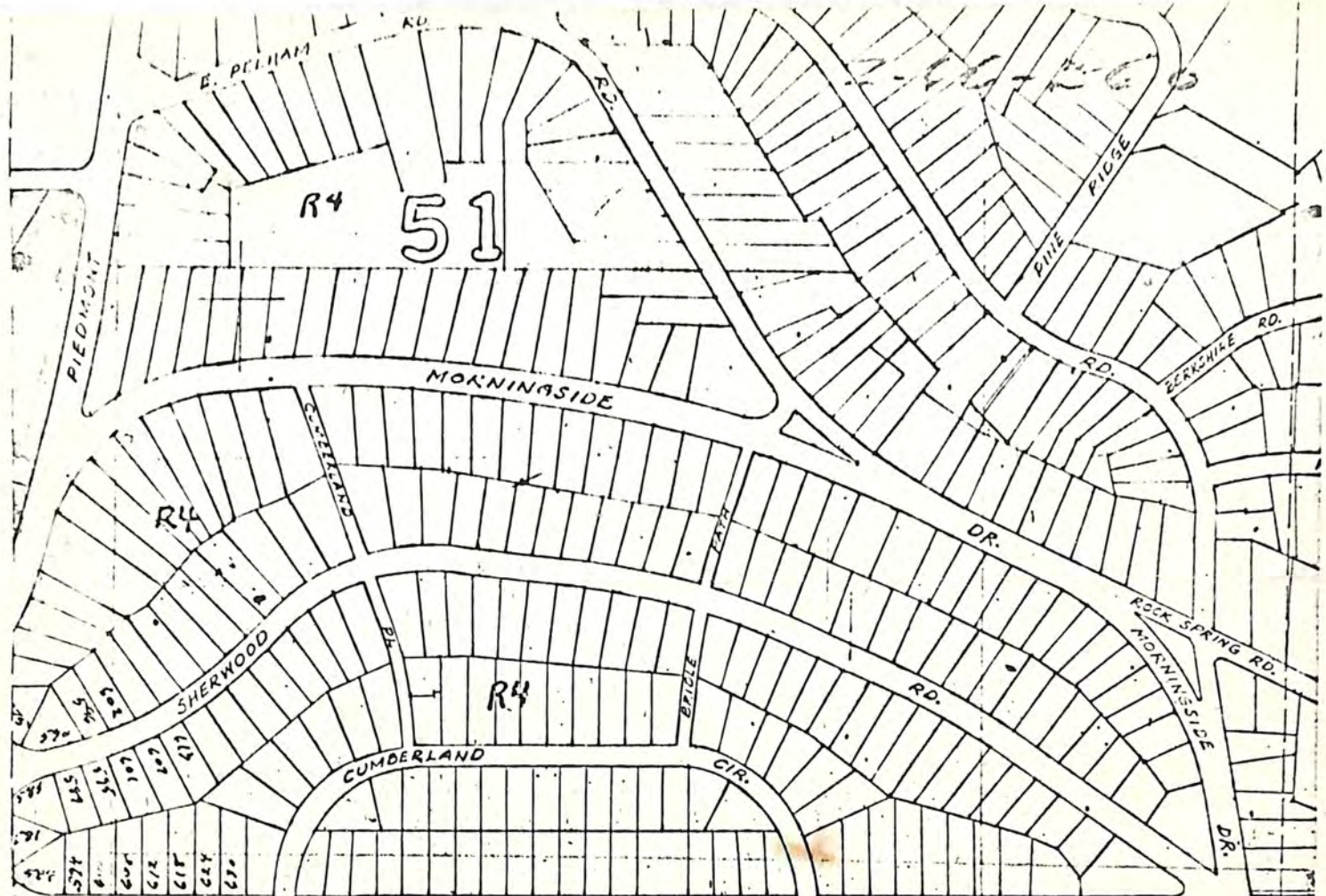
If there is any spark of interest on your part, I hope you will act promptly, as this matter will be decided by the Zoning Committee very soon.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Chas. E. Clark

Mrs. Chas. E. Clark

cc: Hon. Richard C. Freeman
1650 Sussex Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia



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March 9, 1967

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City of Atlanta
Department of Law
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General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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March 9, 1967

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Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Hon. R. Earl Landers ✓

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March 9, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius, Manager
Atlanta Parks Department
City Hall Annex
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Jack:

As a result of our conference yesterday afternoon, it was my understanding that you are again to check with the City Attorney to determine the City's legal rights to lease or sell park properties for the purpose discussed.

When you have made this determination, please advise so that we may know how to proceed.

Sincerely yours,

R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 2, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Donald R. Dietlein
National Zoological Park
Washington, D. C. 20009

Dear Mr. Dietlein:

Along with a number of other people, I have received a Xerox copy of your report of February 8, 1967, dealing with the Zoo at Grant Park.

I appreciate your opinions and conclusions and feel certain that when I select a Zoo Director that your report will serve as valuable background information on some corrective action which may be needed.

The undersigned is relatively new in his job, having become General Manager in March of 1964; at a time when all of the major zoo buildings were completed or substantially underway. I immediately began to request a Zoo Director and, as you may know, I have only recently met with success when the position was created by the City effective January 1, 1967. We were disappointed at the pay range; however, we will make every effort to select the most qualified individual for this most vital position. I have written Dr. Reed, along with thirty or forty other Zoo Directors, asking and advising him to pass along to any of his interested staff the application for Zoo Director. It may be that one of you gentlemen may be interested in this position and I trust that I might hear further from you.

I am reluctant to make any change in the Zoo until I have an individual in charge since I am an administrator of eleven divisions of City government and certainly do not profess to be a specialist in horticulture, zoology, forestry, recreation, etc. A Zoo Director will be able to organize and operate the Zoo to serve recreation, preservation, conservation and education.

After considerable thought, and trusting that you will accept my remarks in the same context which I accepted your report, I would like to comment on your conclusions reached on Page 3, paragraph 3 in reference to the Reptile House. First of all, we are not remodeling the Reptile House. It would take several



pages to describe to you the difficulties involved in the cages of this building but basically the facts are these. The same Architect designed the Reptile House as did the Primate and Feline Buildings. About the time the Reptile House was nearing completion, we noticed a strong irritant in the air which caused one's eyes to water and a burning of the throat. It smelled like formaldehyde to me but we engaged a toxicologist at the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta to verify this. The next problem was of course what was causing the formaldehyde. We employed a wood technician, a Dr. James Rice at the University of Georgia. Dr. Rice has spent most of his academic career working with particle and chip board. The cages were made of particle board and it was a natural thing for Dr. Rice to investigate the problems encountered with this material. About this time, the cages began to swell and bloat and materials which were one inch thick expanded to 1½ inches. The dimensional integrity of the cages simply collapsed. We refused to open the building to the general public in that, in the opinion of our legal counsel, to do so would be evidence of acceptance of the building. The Architect blamed the builder, the builder blamed the Architect, and the subcontractor blamed the supplier. We have had several dozen meetings over this problem and have called in experts in several fields. The end result is that we are replacing the cages with ones built of fiber glass to be enclosed in an exterior grade plastic impregnated plywood. I can assure you that so much money is involved and the legal entanglement is so complicated, that as Director of this department I would not be so foolish as to allow a "lay curator" "carte blanche" privileges to reorganize and remodel a \$380,000 building. I don't have that type of authority - thank goodness - and don't desire it. Cage replacement is being supervised by the City's Building Inspector, Law Department, and this department.

Now as to the statement that the Curator is a lay curator or amateur. This reflects on the Civil Service department of the City of Atlanta in that Mr. Dobbs scored the highest among the approximately 16 applicants for the job. The test was conducted by a doctor of veterinary medicine, a PhD with his doctorates in Zoology (Reptiles), and a clinical psychologist trained in testing. Of the 16 applicants, several had Masters Degrees but no practical experience. Mr. Dobbs is young and has only a high school diploma. However, he seems to hold his own with people in similar positions and has made quite an impressive record for the short time he has been in Atlanta. He is completely dedicated to his work, was reared in a zoological environment since his parents are in the business, and has in every way attempted to be professional as far as I am personally concerned. He plans to enter evening college in the near future. Of course, he too received a copy of your report and, to say the least, your remarks that he was a "lay Curator" were cruel, excessive, unnecessary, and completely inaccurate. The damage is done, the word is out and I can only say that it is a surprise to me that three gentlemen representing the National Zoological Park would make such a capricious remark without thoroughly investigating

Mr. Donald R. Dietlein
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the background of the circumstances of the building and the qualifications of the Curator. You have, in all fairness, been given some erroneous information.

As to Page 4, paragraph 7, I am at a complete loss as to how you determined that there is a need to improve the cooperation between the Zoo and educational system that controls the science room in the Primate House. I believe you made your inspection on a Saturday and therefore would not have had an opportunity to meet the Teacher assigned to the science room. I have contacted the instructor and she is at a complete loss to know exactly what you are talking about. She also wonders as to where there is a lack of cooperation between the Zoo and the educational system. She suggested that possibly that it may be at a higher echelon since it certainly does not exist at her level. I have contacted the Superintendent of Schools and he too is at a loss. Needless to say, vast improvements can be made in the utilization of the Zoo as an educational tool and as soon as we have a qualified Director one of his duties will be to develop a complete educational program. I think it is worth noting that at the convention held at Houston, Texas two years ago, the AAZPA recommended our educational system as a guide and we were flooded with questionnaires from interested zoos who wanted to include a science room in their zoological complex. Again, in all fairness to you, I believe you have been given some erroneous information.

The individual who is distributing your report transmits it with a cover letter stating that the three of you are very brilliant men. I am sure this is the case or you wouldn't be associated with our national zoo if you were not top notch. I hope you are also men enough to apologize to our Curator of Reptiles, and retract your statement concerning the blank check approach to "remodeling" the Reptile Building.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Mr. W. J. Armstrong
Mr. W. A. Xanten
Mrs. Margaret A. Dankworth, Executive Sec. AAZPA

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 6, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
FROM: Jack Delius
SUBJECT: Piedmont and Harris Triangle - New Fountain

Thank you for my copy of your letter to Mr. Jack Adair of March 2, 1967, regarding the plaque and the dedication of the above park.

We are proceeding to have the plaque cast and it will take several weeks. The trees and other plants have been hand picked by A. P. Brindley, our Parks Engineer, and we hope the Purchasing Department will release the purchase order to Monroe Nursery this date.

We have requested the fountain supplier to expedite the shipment of the mechanism that goes in the basin. Delivery is being quoted to us from 4 to 6 weeks. I think it would be advisable to have the park completely planted, the fountain in operation, and the plaque installed before having a formal dedication.

The Parks Committee has not decided on a name for the triangle but we are referring to it in our resolutions and in our departmental files as the Piedmont and Harris Triangle. I think it would be best if we would officially name it this but refer to the fountain as the "Adair Fountain". We already have an Adair Park.

I have asked Jimmy Little to have a formal resolution with the seal of the City framed for delivery to Mr. Adair.

JCD:bjw

Jack



684 Hillpine Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30306
March 6, 1967

Mr. Jack C. Delius, General Manager
Parks and Recreation
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Delius:

Thank you for your promptness in looking into my suggestion to Mayor Allen that Mr. Wilbur Kurtz, Sr. be memorialized with a little "Confederate Park".

This little strip of woods (some six acres) running parallel to Hillpine Drive was offered free to the City years ago, but it is my understanding that it was never accepted by the City. Now that the adjacent land is up for re-zoning, Petition 2-66-260-B, and the developers seem to be encroaching on the park area, this is to ask that you please accept it for the City. Other than back taxes there is no money tied up in this six acres and the developers, by claiming this, gives them a greater density than should be allowed in this congested area.

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter wherein you state that you think the best thing to do would be to retain the area in its natural condition encourages me to believe that the City actually has this park area under its jurisdiction, and in which case we property owners have nothing to worry about!

We were assured at the time we bought our little home here some twenty-one years ago that this area in back of us had been designated as a park area and would always remain that way, however, as a neighborhood group we had to take out an injunction upon one occasion against a certain party for cutting trees on this property, and I am under the impression that the injunction is still in effect.

To wrap it all up Mr. Delius, as a humble property owner, I would appreciate anything you can do to help us preserve this six acres as is and maybe some day it could be converted into a little park in memory to Mr. Kurtz, and too it would make an ideal bird sanctuary! There could be an entrance on Hillpine under the power line.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles E. Clark

Mrs. Charles E. Clark

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. Richard C. Freeman
Atlanta Bird Club
Atlanta Historical Society

March 1, 1967

Mr. Beverly M. DuBose, Jr.
627 Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Beverly:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the location of the "General."

I am asking Jack Delius to give consideration to your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

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March 1, 1967

Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Thank you very much for establishing Account G34-62-780C-1, Salaries, Playlot Program, in the amount of \$48,000. I am now faced with another problem and its simply this; EOA had several very fine recreation workers in hard core poverty areas such as Vine City who were closely in touch with the population and had won the confidence of the young teenagers. Such an individual is Eddie Murphy who is now working for the YMCA at \$5600 a year. He is willing to take a cut, and come with us, as a Community Center Director, for \$5044 a year if he can be assigned to Vine City and continue to work out of the recreation office rented for and paid by EOA.

I am on the verge of giving him the job and am of the opinion that his salary should be charged to the above. In order to make the \$48,000 stretch far enough, this summer we will employ playlot personnel using the old City title of Recreation Leader at \$12.75 per day or \$1.59 per hour. We had originally programmed our budget at \$1.96 an hour; thus, we are saving .37¢ an hour for a total of \$14,760 man hours which amounts to \$5361.20 a year.

The problem, we have now got Vine City mostly solved and we have taken care of, to a limited degree, Mechanicsville by employing Edward Moody and renting a house at 255 Dodd Ave. as a Recreation Center. The rent has to be paid and Moody's salary will be charged to the above account. However, we are now receiving requests to move into Summer Hill which is on the east side of the south expressway and most likely will have to set up some type of operation at Perry Homes.

Mr. Charles L. Davis
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It may well be that I will have to come back to you and ask for you to freeze additional positions so as to accrue more than \$48,000 in order to carry on these various new and unorthodox programs.

I want to have everything lined up for this summer so that they come off vdry smoothly and thanking you for your assistance and help, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mr. Carl Paul
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mr. Stanley T. Martin, Jr.
Mrs. Jo Ann Guest
All Park Committee Members

January 16, 1967

Miss Melanie Moore
215 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.
Apartment 701
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Miss Moore:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1967 to the Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. regarding the possibility of saddle horses at Piedmont Park.

The stables you refer to at Piedmont Park are used for workshop and storage. We desperately need additional areas and could not imagine giving up this space at the present time unless it could be replaced by a modern adequate warehouse.

Horses are provided at Chastain Memorial Park but even this far out are posing serious problems which at this moment are causing the Aldermanic Parks Committee to consider the elimination of horses from all park areas.

We realize the recreational value in horse-back riding but regret that we cannot accommodate you at Piedmont Park.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 30, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: EOA's Recreation Funds

Dear Charles:

As you know by now, Economic Opportunity Atlanta has had slashed from their budget appropriation all funds pertaining to Recreation and therefore cancelled as of December 31, 1966 the three separate and distinct contracts under which this department of City Government carried out specialized recreation programs. These programs were namely the Neighborhood Playlot Program, Summer Recreation and Job Opportunity for Youth (Operation Champ), and recreation for senior high rise apartment dwellers. It is the opinion of the undersigned and Miss Carmichael that the neighborhood playlot program takes priority over the two other projects. This opinion is one shared in by Mayor Allen.

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The number of playlots continues to grow as we attempt to meet the needs and demands of citizens in deprived areas. It is anticipated that we will shortly have a total of twenty-one neighborhood playlots, two of which involve the renting of dwellings for a year-round type operation. Since the cancellation of EOA funds, we have continued operating a few of these playlots on a part-time basis, good weather permitting. The basic expense involved is one of salaries and the rather substantial expense of renting outdoor toilets. Salaries are being charged to account 780C, Extra Help, Umpires, etc. and the renting of the portable johns is being charged to 771C. Account 780C does not contain sufficient appropriations to carry on a full time summer program at these twenty-one locations.

For your information, the following playlots either exist or are under construction or in the negotiating stage:

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1. Rhodes St. Between Sunset & Vine (Vine City)
2. Magnolia and Maple (Vine City)
3. 373 Thurmond St., N.W. (Lightning)
4. Merritts & Bedford (Buttermilk Bottoms)
5. Gilham Park on Wade Ave. (Blue Heaven)*
6. Wylie & Tye (Cabbage Town)
7. Connally St. near Richardson (Summer Hill)*
8. McDaniel at Georgia Ave. (Mechanicsville)
9. Haygood & Crew (Summer Hill)
10. 255 Dodd Ave. Recreation Center (Mechanicsville)**
11. Windsor St. near Richardson (Mechanicsville)
12. Park Ave. & Lansing St., S.E. - no lease
13. Haynes and Foundry Sts., N.W. (Lightning) - proposed
14. Perry Blvd. and Lively St., N.W. (Perry Homes) - proposed
15. Hardee St. at Arberdeen (Blue Heaven) - proposed
16. Huff Rd. area in northwest Atlanta - proposed
17. Arlington Cir., N.W.*
18. 533-539 Central Ave. S.W.
19. Plunkett Town - to be located
20. Bender St. S.W. - to be located
21. 81 Little St., S.E. Recreation Center (Summer Hill)

* These are park properties owned by the Parks Department.

** Houses and lots are leased for \$100 per month. All other playlots are leased for \$1. per year.

We wish to advise you of all the expense that we can think of that will be encountered in the operation of these twenty-one locations. Therefore, the following is our basic and minimum requirements for the successful operation of the neighborhood playlots for the summer of 1967.

Playlots, 1967
Summer only

Salaries

We anticipate operating full time, six days a week, from 9 a.m. - 12 and 1 - 7 p.m., from Thursday, June 1 thru Monday, Labor Day, September 4. This is a ninety-six calendar day or eighty-two work day program. We will staff each playlot with at least one Community Recreation Leader making Range 34, \$15.70 per eight hour day, \$1.96 per hour. All Recreation Leaders will be under the direction of a Recreation Supervisor making Range 45, \$24.95 per eight hour day, \$3.12 per hour. The Supervisor will work a total of 54 hours per week.

As the above list indicates, there are approximately twenty-one playlots to operate. Of these, a total of fourteen are existing and seven are under development or the land is in the process of being leased. Each lot will have supervision for a total of nine hours per day, fifty-four hours per week, or eighty-two work days for a total of 738 hours. A total for all lots of 14,760 man hours of Community Recreation Leaders time, amounting to \$38,929.60; plus the Supervisors time amounting to \$2,302.56 for a grand Recreation salary total expense of \$31,232.16. (830C)

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We will keep as many Recreation positions vacant as possible during the winter months, thus hoping to accrue approximately \$32,000 to hire additional Community Recreation Leaders as needed, in unnumbered positions, plus limited maintenance expense, during this summer.

Auto Allowance:

The Supervisor will draw \$50 per month car allowance. A total car allowance will be for 96 calendar days times \$1.66 per day for a total of \$159.36.

Transportation:

Last year we spent approximately \$4600 on transportation in the playlot program alone not counting "Operation Champ". This year the Parks Department's thirty passenger (for kids) bus will be used to the maximum. Children will be carried to (1) Cyclorama, Zoo, and special lecture by herpetologist; (2) State Capital, City Hall; (3) Greenhouses, Training Center, lecture on insects by Dr. Buchanan at Piedmont Park. Three trips per lot times 20 lots is 60 trips in the 82 work day program.

Games, Supplies & Rentals: (771C)

\$100 per playlot times 20=	\$ 2,000
Portable toilets at \$40 per mo. times 20 locations times 3 mo. =	<u>2,400</u>
	\$4,400

Maintenance: (813C)

\$100 per playlot x 20 =	\$ 2,000
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Equipment: (570C)

11 lots to be equipped at \$200 each =	\$ 2,200
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Special Project Expense: (771C)

Refreshments, awards day picnic - estimated	\$ 2,000
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Rentals

255 Dodd Ave. is \$100 per mo. x 3 mo. =	\$ 300
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81 Little St., S.E. (Summer Hill) rent to be paid by Citizen's Trust Co. as a donation to the City of Atlanta at \$100 per month.

Utilities: (771C) - lights

Two houses at \$10 per mo. for 3 months =	\$ 60
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Account 714C: (Fuel)

Two houses at \$20 per month for the fall and winter if the program is successful - not figured in this proposal.

We are holding to an average of 12 vacancies in the Recreation Division (Account 830C) and we should come very close to having a \$32,686 surplus for salaries. We ask that you make this money available in unnumbered positions for the individuals involved in the operation of the playlots and we also ask that you authorize expenses for automobile allowance amounting to \$159.36. We will make every possible effort to absorb the additional cost for games and supplies which we will charge to Account 771C; for maintenance to the lots which we will charge to Account 813C; for equipment which we will charge to Account 570C; for special projects expense which we will charge to Account 771C; and, for rentals which we will charge to Account 771C.

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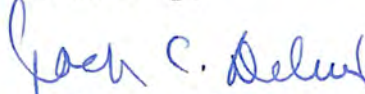
Although Mayor Allen made no commitment as to supporting us in our desire for additional funds for carrying on the neighborhood playlot program I believe I am at liberty as quoting him as saying to "Do your very best to carry out this top priority project and if you get into an impossible situation financially, let me know, and perhaps some emergency appropriations can be made, etc. ..."

The above appears to solve the problem of summer operations but leaves unanswered the long and beautiful fall and spring days - and for that matter some winter days - when the playlots should be operated. In addition, it appears we will have two houses rented which will operate the year-round as Recreation Centers in conjunction with the playlot program. We must arrive at some solution as how to fund the salary, supply and rental - utility expenses involved. I would hope that we would not have to cut back existing and regular services in order to carry out this vital program.

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Again, let me emphasize to you in writing that we are sorry to bother you as busy as you are with these details and we wish to thank you for your usual fine cooperation, and I am

Cordially,



Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
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All Members of the Finance Committee
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CITY OF ATLANTA

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February 24, 1967

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

M E M O R A N D U M



TO: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

FROM: Jack Delius

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mrs. L. W. Roberts concerning the report she had prepared on the Atlanta Zoo. I agree substantially with the report but Mr. Leftwich, the undersigned, and Steve Dobbs all take exceptions to the remarks made concerning Steve's qualifications. He is certainly not a "lay Curator" but is a professional in every sense of the word. Also, we take exception to the remark that we have given anyone a blank check to remodel the Reptile House.

We are actively recruiting for a Zoo Director and many of the changes which I realize must be made and can be made will be more easily initiated and operated with a professional director on the scene.

We appreciate your visits to the Zoo and I trust that when you next pay us a call you will find things in good order.

JCD:bjw





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February 23, 1967

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

FROM: Jack Delius

Thank you for your memorandum of February 22 concerning the cleanliness of the Children's Zoo at Grant Park. You are absolutely right that the area does become untidy particularly on the weekend.

I propose the following corrective measures. The addition of about ten to twelve trash receptacles strategically placed within the area; a prisoner or extra zoo attendant to constantly police the general area; the hiring of a building cleaner who will constantly clean the restrooms in the Children's Zoo as well as the other buildings at Grant Park.

As to the short-cutting across the grass and through the shrubbery, we have tried chain fences, signs, extra shrubs, etc. I've come to the conclusion that the smartest thing to do where practical and where esthetics will not be injured is to actually pave the paths the way people are walking. This is being done in the development of a lot of our modern parks and so we propose to try it on a limited basis of the Children's Zoo and then go into it fully if it proves practical. Again, we will proceed cautiously so as not to disturb the general design features, etc. of the Children's Zoo.

Thank you for your interest and I appreciate your visit to the Zoo.

JCD:bjw



February 20, 1967

Mrs. L. W. Robert, Jr.
#959 Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Evie:

I appreciate your sending me a copy of the report
you have had prepared on the Atlanta Zoo.

I think it is a very good report and I am sure the
Parks Committee will give consideration to the
recommendations.

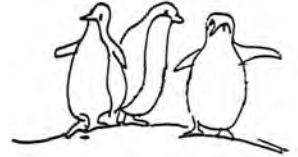
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Mayor

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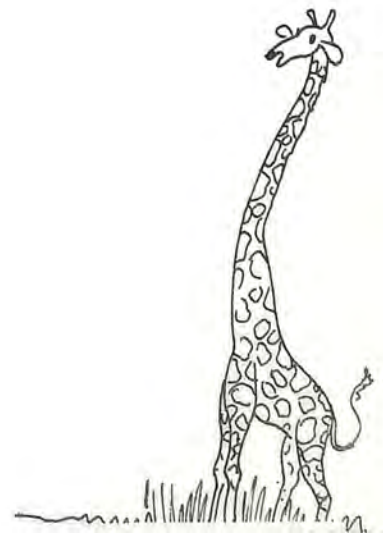
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February 8, 1967

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This report is divided into three parts: I. Physical Plant, II. Animal Collection, and III. Conclusion.

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Observations: There are definitely some animals that should be removed from display, i.e. tailless Jaguar and Black Leopard. Some animals should be off display until their health problems are solved, for example, the spotted leopard.

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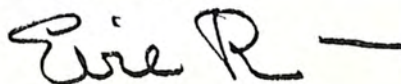
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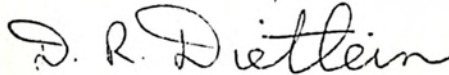
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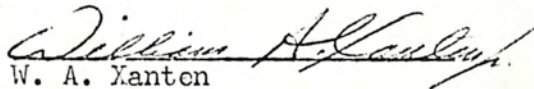
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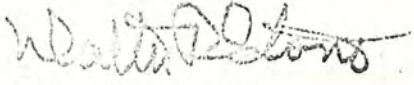
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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : Ivan Allen, Jr.

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From personal observation, I would say that it is maintained not on an unclean basis, but an untidy basis.

I think perhaps some of the untidiness is brought about by the heavy density of traffic on certain days, plus the fact that in many instances they are short-cutting across the grass and through the shrubbery, rather than staying on the walks.

I would suggest that you consider a simple single strand of link chain to prevent people from walking across certain areas. Secondly, that you institute a constant clean-up, pick-up service in these particular areas to be certain that there are never any signs of untidiness such as cigarette butts, gum wrappers, paper, etc.

IAJr:am

February 10, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO : Jack Delius
FROM : Ivan Allen, Jr.

I have a note that the Parks Committee asked that I receive a portion of the minutes held on January 10th.

Please instruct the Parks Committee that I am to receive the complete minutes from each meeting.

IAJr:am

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

STMJr:bjw



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

February 10, 1967

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I wish to advise that I will be out of the City from Friday evening, February 10 through Monday evening, February 13, 1967. I may be reached at the Sheraton Hotel in Tampa, Florida.

In my absence Mr. Pierce Whitley, Assistant General Manager, will be in charge of the department.

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: All Members of the Parks Committee



G. H.

February 10, 1967

Hon. John M. Flanigen
245 Third Avenue, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30317

Dear Mr. Flanigen:

Thank you very much for my copy of your letter to Mr. Leftwich of February 8, 1967 dealing with the needs at the Wesley Avenue Park.

Several months ago, Alderman O. V. Williamson and Alderman Buddy Fowlkes and the undersigned met with citizens of the Wesley Avenue area and discussed the needs of the park. We explained to them that the Capital Improvement Budget would be made up shortly after January 1, and we would do our very best to include some funds for Wesley Avenue.

Our total Park Improvement Budget available for Capital Improvements is only \$302,590. It was not possible to finance the Community Recreation Building for Wesley Avenue during fiscal 1967; however, \$10,500 was allocated for fencing (\$2500) and lighting of the baseball field (\$8000). We were able to out of some surplus in our 1966 Budget to buy lights for the multiple use court and tennis area in the park. By copy of this letter, I am asking Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation, to advise you as to the type of leadership and supervised recreation being offered in this neighborhood.

As to the condition of the park being deficient, mainly, because the wash of water to the area brings dirt and debris, I would like to explain that a private Landscape Contractor planted the entire park three times in grass without success. We were finally able to analyze the fact that the ground originally was occupied by a fertilizer manufacturing company and the chemical content was toxic towards the soil. We feel by this coming spring, that the excessive chemicals will leach out, and we will be able to establish a good stand of grass.

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It is certainly true that vandalism is going on at this and most other parks. Our workers have actually been shot at on two separate occasions while doing survey work within the park and our Labor Foreman was chased through the park by a local citizen who was suffering from the effects of glue sniffing.

We appreciate your interest in Wesley Avenue and wish to assure you that we too would like to have sufficient funds to build a first class community building; however, we have programed no buildings in any of our 1967 projects because of limit of funds.

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Hon. Charlie Leftwich
Mr. Charles Turner, 1567 Paxon Ave., S.E.
Miss Virginia Carmichael

CITY OF ATLANTA

February 10, 1967

CITY HALL ATLANTA, GA. 30303

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IVAN ALLEN, JR., MAYOR

R. EARL LANDERS, Administrative Assistant
MRS. ANN M. MOSES, Executive Secretary
DAN E. SWEAT, JR., Director of Governmental Liaison

Mr. John Mohr
Division of Land Development
Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Room 214
1730 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mohr:

In response to your telephone call on Wednesday, February 8, I am attaching a sheet with the run-down of parks acquired under the Open Space Program, total acreage, and annual anticipated participation.

The Parks and Recreation Division compiled these figures on the basis of actual programs in six parks which are partially developed and by estimated annual participation figures of undeveloped parks. The figures on anticipated participation were developed from actual participation figures of existing recreation programs in established parks using all aspects of public recreation. Some examples of types of recreation used are: low organized games, organized athletics and league play, music, dancing, arts and crafts, teen clubs, Golden Age activities, camping, etc.

Six of the parks acquired under the Open Space Program are partially developed and serving the public now. In addition, the Parks Department currently has under development in 1967 Cleveland Avenue, Benteen, Shady Valley, Waters, Collier Driver, and Empire Boulevard Parks. After calendar year 1967 only two parks will remain with no development, Gun Club and Browns Mill. Planning for the development of these two

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parks is going ahead and they will be scheduled for development at an early date.

If you require any other information regarding the Open Space Program in Atlanta, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Sweat". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Sweat

DS:fy

cc: Mr. Jack Delius
Parks Manager

	Parks Acquired Under Open Space Program	Total Acreage	Anticipated Annual Participation
x	Daniel-Stanton	7.9	29,981
	Peyton Road	15.69	42,320
x	Harper	17.76	38,957
	Cleveland Avenue	5.86	18,430
	Benteen	9.81	28,644
	Shady Valley	11.08	30,222
	Waters	4.07	15,750
*	University	4.26	19,345
*	Butler	3.36	20,756
*	Thomasville	18.84	57,653
*	Gun Club	42.9	79,872
	Collier Drive	14.58	40,155
	Empire Boulevard	10.0	25,260
	Brown's Mill	158.8	110,168
	Totals	324.91	557,513

* First phase development recently completed

x Some improvements made - ball diamonds, play grounds, etc.

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February 3, 1967

C
Mr. Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Delius:

In response to your letter dated January 19, 1967 regarding the wording to be used on the plaque for the park at Piedmont and Harris, we suggest the following wording which changes yours only a little:

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"The City of Atlanta gratefully acknowledges a donation by Jack Adair for this fountain in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Adair Realty and Loan Co."

Cordially yours,

Jack Adair

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cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓

February 7, 1967

Mr. J. Carruth Stokes
Citizens Trust Company
965 Hunter St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Mr. Stan Martin, Parks Administrative Assistant, has advised me that your institution is interested in a joint venture with the Atlanta Jaycees and this department of the City of Atlanta to provide a Recreation Center in the Summerhill area and more particularly located at 81 Little St., S.E.

We are indeed pleased and indebted to your fine organization for your willingness to renovate the structure and to provide as I understand it some of the needed equipment.

Mr. Martin has advised me that you wanted in writing our offer to furnish one full-time Recreation Leader to operate the Center during the hours that the Jaycees cannot staff it because of their business commitments, etc.

Therefore, I wish to formally advise you that the Recreation Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation will furnish one full-time Recreation Leader during the duration of the operation.

Thanking you again for your assistance and help, I remain

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr., Dir. of Governmental Liason
Miss Virginia Carmichael, Dir. of Recreation
Mr. Stan Martin



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 30, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: EOA's Recreation Funds

Dear Charles:

As you know by now, Economic Opportunity Atlanta has had slashed from their budget appropriation all funds pertaining to Recreation and therefore cancelled as of December 31, 1966 the three separate and distinct contracts under which this department of City Government carried out specialized recreation programs. These programs were namely the Neighborhood Playlot Program, Summer Recreation and Job Opportunity for Youth (Operation Champ), and recreation for senior high rise apartment dwellers. It is the opinion of the undersigned and Miss Carmichael that the neighborhood playlot program takes priority over the two other projects. This opinion is one shared in by Mayor Allen.

The number of playlots continues to grow as we attempt to meet the needs and demands of citizens in deprived areas. It is anticipated that we will shortly have a total of twenty-one neighborhood playlots, two of which involve the renting of dwellings for a year-round type operation. Since the cancellation of EOA funds, we have continued operating a few of these playlots on a part-time basis, good weather permitting. The basic expense involved is one of salaries and the rather substantial expense of renting outdoor toilets. Salaries are being charged to account 780C, Extra Help, Umpires, etc. and the renting of the portable johns is being charged to 771C. Account 780C does not contain sufficient appropriations to carry on a full time summer program at these twenty-one locations.

For your information, the following playlots either exist or are under construction or in the negotiating stage:

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1. Rhodes St. Between Sunset & Vine (Vine City)
2. Magnolia and Maple (Vine City)
3. 373 Thurmond St., N.W. (Lightning)
4. Merritts & Bedford (Buttermilk Bottoms)
5. Gilham Park on Wade Ave. (Blue Heaven)*
6. Wylie & Tye (Cabbage Town)
7. Connally St. near Richardson (Summer Hill)*
8. McDaniel at Georgia Ave. (Mechanicsville)
9. Haygood & Crew (Summer Hill)
10. 255 Dodd Ave. Recreation Center (Mechanicsville)**
11. Windsor St. near Richardson (Mechanicsville)
12. Park Ave. & Lansing St., S.E. - no lease
13. Haynes and Foundry Sts., N.W. (Lightning) - proposed
14. Perry Blvd. and Lively St., N.W. (Perry Homes) - proposed
15. Hardee St. at Arberdeen (Blue Heaven) - proposed
16. Huff Rd. area in northwest Atlanta - proposed
17. Arlington Cir., N.W.*
18. 533-539 Central Ave. S.W.
19. Plunkett Town - to be located
20. Bender St. S.W. - to be located
21. 81 Little St., S.E. Recreation Center (Summer Hill)

* These are park properties owned by the Parks Department.

** Houses and lots are leased for \$100 per month. All other playlots are leased for \$1. per year.

We wish to advise you of all the expense that we can think of that will be encountered in the operation of these twenty-one locations. Therefore, the following is our basic and minimum requirements for the successful operation of the neighborhood playlots for the summer of 1967.

Playlots, 1967
Summer only

Salaries

We anticipate operating full time, six days a week, from 9 a.m. - 12 and 1 - 7 p.m., from Thursday, June 1 thru Monday, Labor Day, September 4. This is a ninety-six calendar day or eighty-two work day program. We will staff each playlot with at least one Community Recreation Leader making Range 34, \$15.70 per eight hour day, \$1.96 per hour. All Recreation Leaders will be under the direction of a Recreation Supervisor making Range 45, \$24.95 per eight hour day, \$3.12 per hour. The Supervisor will work a total of 54 hours per week.

As the above list indicates, there are approximately twenty-one playlots to operate. Of these, a total of fourteen are existing and seven are under development or the land is in the process of being leased. Each lot will have supervision for a total of nine hours per day, fifty-four hours per week, or eighty-two work days for a total of 738 hours. A total for all lots of 14,760 man hours of Community Recreation Leaders time, amounting to \$38,929.60; plus the Supervisors time amounting to \$2,302.56 for a grand Recreation salary total expense of \$~~31~~⁴¹.232.16. (830C)

Presently, four men each are working thirty-two hours per pay period doing clean-up and maintenance work on the existing playlots. This four man crew consists of a Park Foreman II, (2) Labor Foremen II, and (1) Laborer. They are paid straight overtime on the basis of a Park Foreman II, Equipment Operator I, Labor Foreman II, and one Laborer's pay. I would suggest this arrangement be maintained since most personnel declined to work overtime and these individuals are willing to work. Park Foreman II earn \$3.53 per hour; the Equipment Operator I is paid \$1.88 per hour; Labor Foreman II is paid \$2.33 per hour; and the Laborer is paid \$1.59 per hour. These men will be involved in approximately ten pay periods at 32 hours per pay period times \$9.23 per hour for a total of \$1,453.60. (Maintenance is a twelve month item - this figure is just for the summer) Thus, total Recreation and Maintenance salary cost will be \$~~32~~⁴²,686.00.

We will keep as many Recreation positions vacant as possible during the winter months, thus hoping to accrue approximately \$32,000 to hire additional Community Recreation Leaders as needed, in unnumbered positions, plus limited maintenance expense, during this summer.

Auto Allowance:

The Supervisor will draw \$50 per month car allowance. A total car allowance will be for 96 calendar days times \$1.66 per day for a total of \$159.36.

Transportation:

Last year we spent approximately \$4600 on transportation in the playlot program alone not counting "Operation Champ". This year the Parks Department's thirty passenger (for kids) bus will be used to the maximum. Children will be carried to (1) Cyclorama, Zoo, and special lecture by herpetologist; (2) State Capital, City Hall; (3) Greenhouses, Training Center, lecture on insects by Dr. Buchanan at Piedmont Park. Three trips per lot times 20 lots is 60 trips in the 82 work day program.

Games, Supplies & Rentals: (771C)

\$100 per playlot times 20=	\$ 2,000
Portable toilets at \$40 per mo. times 20 locations times 3 mo. =	<u>2,400</u>
	\$4,400

Maintenance: (813C)

\$100 per playlot x 20 =	\$ 2,000
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Equipment: (570C)

11 lots to be equipped at \$200 each =	\$ 2,200
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Special Project Expense: (771C)

Refreshments, awards day picnic - estimated	\$ 2,000
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Rentals

255 Dodd Ave. is \$100 per mo. x 3 mo. =	\$ 300
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81 Little St., S.E. (Summer Hill) rent to be paid by Citizen's Trust Co. as a donation to the City of Atlanta at \$100 per month.

Utilities: (771C) - lights

Two houses at \$10 per mo. for 3 months =	\$ 60
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Account 714C: (Fuel)

Two houses at \$20 per month for the fall and winter if the program is successful - not figured in this proposal.

We are holding to an average of 12 vacancies in the Recreation Division (Account 830C) and we should come very close to having a \$32,686 surplus for salaries. We ask that you make this money available in unnumbered positions for the individuals involved in the operation of the playlots and we also ask that you authorize expenses for automobile allowance amounting to \$159.36. We will make every possible effort to absorb the additional cost for games and supplies which we will charge to Account 771C; for maintenance to the lots which we will charge to Account 813C; for equipment which we will charge to Account 570C; for special projects expense which we will charge to Account 771C; and, for rentals which we will charge to Account 771C.

We will be as conservative as possible but these are the figures arrived at after careful consideration and we are advising you of the financial aspect at the earliest time possible.

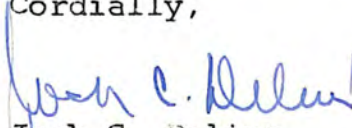
Although Mayor Allen made no committment as to supporting us in our desire for additional funds for carrying on the neighborhood playlot program I believe I am at liberty as quoting him as saying to "Do your very best to carry out this top priority project and if you get into an impossible situation financially, let me know, and perhaps some emergency appropriations can be made, etc. ..."

The above appears to solve the problem of summer operations but leaves unanswered the long and beautiful fall and spring days - and for that matter some winter days - when the playlots should be operated. In addition, it appears we will have two houses rented which will operate the year-round as Recreation Centers in conjunction with the playlot program. We must arrive at some solution as how to fund the salary, supply and rental - utility expenses involved. I would hope that we would not have to cut back existing and regular services in order to carry out this vital program.

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Again, let me emphasize to you in writing that we are sorry to bother you as busy as you are with these details and we wish to thank you for your usual fine cooperation, and I am

Cordially,


Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
All Members of the Park Committee
All Members of the Finance Committee
Mr. R. Earl Landers, Administrative Asst. to the Mayor ✓
Mr. Carl T. Sutherland, Director of Personnel
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr., Dir. of Governmental Liason
Mrs. Grace Hamilton, Dir., Atlanta Youth Council
Miss Virginia Carmichael, Dir., Recreation Div.
Miss Alberta Murchison, Asst. Dir., Recreation Div.
Miss Jimmie Mims, Asst. Dir., Recreation Division



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 17, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Atlanta Municipal Theater's Winter Play Season will present six shows this year. Performances will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 P.M.; Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30 P.M.; Sunday Matinee at 3 P.M. Chris Manos, the Theater's General Manager, would like to offer to you as our Mayor one (1) pair of tickets to one of the following six shows:

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING
January 24 - January 29

THE ODD COUPLE
January 31 - February 5

GENERATION
February 7 - February 12

MARAT/deSADE
February 14 - February 19

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK
February 21 - February 26 & February 29 - March 5

LUV
March 7 - March 12

Please check the show, date and time, and return this letter to the undersigned by January 20.

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw



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January 20, 1967

Mrs. Gwendolyn L. George
Principal
Daniel H. Stanton School
970 Martin Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. George:

Thank you for your nice letter of January 19th
and your interest in the Daniel Stanton School
park.

May I assure you that we are working with the
Parks Department on this project.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

Daniel H. Stanton School
970 Martin Street, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia
January 19, 1967

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Honorable Mayor I. Allen Jr.

Kindly accept our congratulations for the wonderful services you have rendered to the city of Atlanta. Best wishes for another successful year.

We would like to solicit your assistance in speeding up the production of the Daniel H. Stanton School Park. We have met with park officials and they assured the representatives that all attention would be given to this project. Up to the present date very little has been done for the development of the park.

We do not have any recreational facilities in this area. The children need and respond to any interest shown them and are eager to participate in any activity.

Our school provides a good program for them but due to present building construction we presently have no recreational facilities. Our playground is envolved in the building program.

Your understanding and assistance with this request will be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Gwendolyn L. George

(Mrs.) Gwendolyn L. George
Principal

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January 19, 1967

Mr. Jack Adair
Adair Realty and Loan
56 Peachtree St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Adair:

Some months ago you were gracious enough to donate to the City of Atlanta the sum of \$5,000 to go towards the construction of a fountain or some beautification item in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of your firm. Perhaps you have noticed that at the northeast interesection of Piedmont and Harris a triangular park is now under construction. This park should prove to be one of the most beautiful additions to the downtown area in many years.

The City is required by law to erect a plaque on all public building and in parks listing City officials, etc. and we wish especially to list your efforts towards the construction of this \$25,000 project.

Therefore, may I suggest the following wording be used:

"The City of Atlanta greatfully acknowledges the donation of funds by Mr. Jack Adair for this fountain in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Adair Realty and Loan"

If you would like to change the wording in any way do not hesitate to advise and thanking you again for your cooperation, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓

December 29, 1966

Mr. Charles O. Emmerich
Executive Director
Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.
101 Marietta Street Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Emmerich:

We thank you for Mr. Terry's letter of December 19, 1966 and your letter of December 22, 1966 advising that effective December 31, 1966 all funds for recreation activities will be cancelled.

I am aware from reading the newspapers of the diligent efforts which have been made by Economic Opportunity Atlanta to recover funds which were cut from your 1967 appropriation. How the Office of Economic Opportunity could ear-mark recreation service as "low priority" is beyond my imagination.

The City of Atlanta has been caught high and dry with ten play lots to operate in critical poverty areas, recreation service to three senior citizens high rise apartments, and a hope for intensified summer recreation program for the poor.

We again appeal to you to do all within your power to grant the City of Atlanta funds for the continuation of the programs now under way. Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation
Mr. Stan Martin, Administrative Assistant

bcc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Hon. Earl Landers
Hon. Dan Sweat

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January 17, 1967

Mr. E. Dean Ellithorp
Resident Manager
Insurance Company of North America
4 Executive Park Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ellithorp:

Again we want to thank you for giving the City the display case. I thought you would be interested in knowing exactly how it will be used.

Our Entomologist, W. D. Buchannan, has the showcase at the Training Center on Twelfth Street where he will display various insects for viewing by the public.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Moses,
Executive Secretary

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CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 16, 1967

JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER



Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for the attractive showcase you have given this department.

We picked up the showcase this morning and delivered it to our Training Center in the Twelfth Street Building in Piedmont Park. Our Entomologist, W. D. Buchanan, was delighted to receive the display case and has stated that he can use it to great advantage for displaying various insects for viewing by the public.

Your thoughtfulness and your continued interest in this department is truly appreciated.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Stanley T. Martin, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

STMJr:bjw



January 16, 1967

Mr. E. Dean Ellithorp
Resident Manager
Insurance Company of North America
4 Executive Park Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ellithorp:

Thank you so much for offering the display case
to the city.

It is a perfect display which can be well used by
our Parks Department. It is being picked up,
and again I wish to thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

CC: Mr. Jack Delius

January 9, 1967

Mr. J. A. Snitzer, Jr.
389 Woodward Way, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Mr. Snitzer:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1967. I do not recall making any promises to you regarding the enlargement of the parking lot at Bobby Jones Golf Course. I can state however, that the Aldermanic Parks Committee and the Citizens Park Advisory Committee neither saw fit to appropriate or authorize any funds for this project.

I believe in the final analysis what you would like to accomplish is to remove parking from the street and this is not a "golf function". We have already built a parking lot and if the people refuse to use it and the Traffic Engineer has done all he can in terms of signing the street whatelse can I do?

The City was good enough to provide me with minimum funds to employ an architect to study the restoration of the Bobby Jones Golf Club House. Keep in mind I am not promising you at this time that we will do the work. We are merely employing the architect and hope that funds to do the work will materialize.

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. D. L. Fowlkes
Mr. Fred W. Boswell
Mr. J. D. Chamblee
Mr. Henry England

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January 10, 1967

Mr. Charles L. Davis
Comptroller
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1966 regarding your review of a copy of the proposed Urban Beautification Grant Application which has been prepared by the Planning Department.

It is certainly true that a major part of the City's total share is the program of Park renovation and no provision has been made or anticipated to finance the Park participation out of Park Improvement funds. I informed the Planning Department that we anticipated a rebate of approximately \$110,000 from three Open Space Development Grants which have been approved by HUD. However, it may well be that the Aldermanic Parks Committee would deem it more appropriate that this rebate be spent on Phase II of Thomasville, Gun Club, University, etc. or on Phase I of Cleveland, Tull Waters, Empire Boulevard, etc.

You mentioned the C. W. Hill Park Site. I don't yet know whether we are expected to buy the land or whether it will be donated, nor do I know the ramifications of the federal assistance programs pertaining to donations or purchase. You are in error, however, in that we do have \$75,000 earmarked for the development of the Rockdale Urban Renewal Park.

Since we have only 1/4 Mill income and this yields approximately \$300,000 a year, it seems nearly fruitless to count on completing the ten neighborhood parks and the four urban renewal sites recently acquired within any reasonable length of time.

Mr. Charles L. Davis
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I too recognize the desirability and appeal of the Urban Beautification Program not only because of the reasons you have stated but due to the fact it is the only assistance program I know of that will enable us to renovate old parks not acquired under the Open Space plan.

Thanking you again for your letter and assuring you that I wish I did have a solution to our financial dilemma, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Mr. Collier B. Gladdin
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr. ✓

January 10, 1967

Mr. Stuart A. Furlong
887 Highland View, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

Dear Mr. Furlong:

May I acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. dated January 4, 1967, regarding the fee charged on City golf courses.

I will present your letter to the Aldermanic Parks Committee at their regular scheduled meeting of January 10, 1967. As soon as possible thereafter, I will advise you as to their decision and reaction to your suggestion.

Thanking you again for your interest, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw

cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 5, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

On behalf of our Park employees, I want to sincerely thank you and the other officials of City government for granting substantial and generous raises in most instances to our personnel. I feel that this is the best money that we have ever spent in that I am sure it will reduce turn-over, add better continuity to our personnel and make for higher morale.

I particularly appreciate my own personal raise and will strive to do as good a job as possible during 1967.

Thanking you again, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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