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HOUSING RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
General Functions

1. To promote low-cost housing and facilitate its construction in Atlanta on an accelerated basis.
2. To bring together the various interests needed to produce housing.
3. To insure that the human factors in housing are given full play.
4. To inform the public of the housing problem in Atlanta.

(The Housing Resources Committee office is located in City Hall, Room 1204. It maintains liaison with builders and developers, acts as a clearing house for information pertaining to low-cost housing, to include listing of available sites and interested developers, coordinates committee activities and keeps the Mayor informed as to progress of the program.)

Functions of Housing Resources Committee Panels

Suggested Functions for the Committee Panels  
(Not necessarily limited to the following).  
Panels are encouraged to use own initiative.

Legal

- a. To investigate and make available information on laws governing Federal, State and City, related to housing.
- b. To review existing local laws governing housing and make recommendations for improvements.
- c. To make specific recommendations regarding code enforcement.
- d. To act as legal resource to the Committee as a whole.

Construction and Design

- a. To review present codes and construction practices in order to recommend improvements in terms of expediting and making housing more economical.
- b. To investigate new methods of producing housing with special attention to prefabrication.
- c. To seek out and encourage contractors and architects interested in low-cost housing design.
- d. To recommend methods of making rehabilitation of existing housing feasible and profitable.

Finance and Non-profit Funds

- a. To seek out and make available pertinent information relative to financing of housing.
- b. To encourage money sources to make funds available for financing low-cost housing.
- c. To seek and recommend new ways to finance low cost housing.
- d. To compile information regarding non-profit funds.
- e. To compile information relative to Federal participation in non-profit funds.
- f. To aid in the establishment of non-profit funds for low cost housing and to promote and interest sponsors in the program.
- g. To counsel with those controlling existing and or new funds.
- h. To promote creation of a non-profit Housing Development Corporation in Atlanta.

Public Housing

- a. To aid the Housing Authority in the completion of its Public Housing program.
- b. To seek out and report on new methods of financing and producing public housing across the country.
- c. To familiarize themselves with the Atlanta public housing program and to visit all existing projects.
- d. To encourage provision for adequate social services activities in public housing.
- e. To make recommendations regarding future public housing.

Land

- a. To determine available land resources for low-cost housing and make recommendations thereon.
- b. To seek out and catalogue land available for low-cost housing.
- c. To keep in touch with realtors concerning available land.
- d. To recommend neighborhoods for concentrated rehabilitation efforts.

Social Problems

- a. To provide for temporary housing as needed, for people being displaced either for rehabilitation or resettlement.
- b. To coordinate housing with agencies involved in the depressed areas, such as the Community Chest, Community Council and EOA.
- c. To enlist assistance groups such as churches, garden clubs, and civic clubs in problems related to housing.
- d. To look for gaps in the housing program which are not being met by any existing or projected programs.
- e. To seek means of providing positive assistance to home owners in Housing Code enforcement cases, on a city-wide basis, where dire hardship is involved.
- f. To seek ways of involving residents of depressed areas in self-help programs.

Business Participation

- a. To seek out and interest large local and national corporations in demonstration housing projects and or building low-cost housing or rehabilitating existing housing in the Atlanta area.
- b. To encourage local business firms to actively participate in and assist the low-cost housing program.
- c. To encourage business participation in education of low-cost housing residents in assuming occupant responsibilities for maintaining in good condition the dwellings and premisses in which they reside.

Public Information

- a. To disseminate through the public media, as a Public Service, talks, written material, and information relating to the low-cost housing problems in Atlanta.
- b. Thru articles, editorials, panel discussions and spot announcements to emphasize special features and problems of the program, as determined by the Executive Group of the HRC, and to suggest solutions.