

Atlanta, Georgia
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Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Community Relations Commission
1203 City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

My involvement in community activities has come to a temporary halt. There are several reasons I feel responsible for the change.

One of them is, "The Method". Unless I organize a group to protest a complaint, the complaint continues to remain. There are several issues that are very important, and will go un-attended unless there is a movement arranged to solve them.

Number two is "The Complaints". The summer recreation program is one of the biggest hoax ever casted upon the underprivileged citizens in this city. The only beneficiaries of the Atlanta Recreation Department were the staff and employees, and they were either the hired staff, aides, employees who were there to participate with the facilities. And they were either enjoying themselves or sitting down drawing pay. There were more youngsters playing in the street than there were in, or on, the premises made available by the city or organizations. While I am on the subject of organizations, the Summerhill area has at least five that are crowding out the others and duplicating programs together in the buildings that are too small for them all. This causes confusion and keeps most of the youngsters puzzled. To name a few, The Atlanta Urban League, The Jaycees, Atlanta Parks & Recreation, The Board of Education, and the E.O.A., plus the Atlanta Braves.

This would have been great, if each of them had had a separate place. But they tried to program all from one building, and this made the summer program a failure. Lets pause here and ask this question.... What is going to be done (In Summerhill where some efforts were made and in Mechanicsville where nothing was done) this fall for recreation in the community? Maybe "The Method" will have to be demonstrated again, and again, in order to get this problem solved.

I have studied this A.C.E.P. project, and I am in doubt of it before it even gets started. There will be over \$4 million dollars spent in Atlanta alone. Here is the clincher, E.O.A. additional staff to be added to the many existing (do nothing and draw plenty) members of so called qualified personnel. (Believe me, I am not retaliating because I was denied a position that required certain qualifications that I could not meet -- Even though I did qualify with equivalent). I could do a better job -- man for man than any so-called professional placed in the community. This program will pay to the professionals and not to the poverty peoples one cent. This is another E.O.A. typical way

of looking out for the so-called pros. I have another question. When will E.O.A. plan a program that will put money in the poor citizens pockets?

I may have to rely upon "The Method" again. I have met with the same E.O.A. chosen few for so long until I am sick. For each purpose the same identical few are notified, and called to meet and decide for the community. Usually the decision is already made, they come to put the community approval to it. And if it's good or bad, it is never discussed satisfactorily. That is another reason I am not so eager to continue to deceive myself and my neighborhood, and my friends.

I have accomplished more with two unknown (Big Publicity) groups than the Neighborhood Center has in two years. We shall continue together, or should I say, they shall continue. I organized a group of forgotten citizens, and before they could have the first meeting, the E.O.A. and the Atlanta Jaycees had a prepared program for them. Let them have credit. I get the everlasting glory, and God's blessings.

Unlike General Douglas McArthur, I may not return, unless I see the possibilities of getting results.

Sincerely

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