

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 1966

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, October 13, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman	James H. Dodd
Joseph S. Perrin, Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Edith Henderson
Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary	H. King McCain
Harry J. Baldwin	J. Ben Moore
W. L. Calloway	Paul Muldawer

Minutes of the September 22 meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Chairman:

- (1) Read letter dated October 6 to Mayor Allen re Dean Rusk Memorial
- (2) Read letter dated October 6 to City department heads re submission of projects for review in early stages
- (3) Read draft of letter to be sent to the Board of Aldermen, pending approval of the Commission, re amendment to original ordinance.
Mr. Perrin's motion to adopt the letter as written was carried.
- (4) Announced that Mr. Ellsworth Doresky, Community Planner for Housing and Urban Development, will meet with the Commission on October 27
- (5) Reprint of "West End Story" from the Atlanta Magazine was passed around to members present for their review
- (6) Distributed new listing of ACDC's sub-committees

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Committee (a)

Mr. Muldawer, chairman, stated that three (3) submissions have been received. He will review and report at the next Commission meeting.

Committee (b)

Mr. Perrin, chairman, stated he gave a report to the Commission recently on the Capitol Square Plaza, and has no continued reference.

Committee handling "allocation of percentage of construction costs to allied art"

Mr. Perrin, chairman, reported that the committee is in agreement that an allocation of percentage for art is a good idea. They have done research and have found many cities which have a percentage for art, and these cities, with one exception, are in favor of Atlanta having such a program. He further stated that the committee has not determined what the percentage will be, but will try to bring a proposal for percentage in writing to the next meeting.

"Terminus Committee"

Mr. Muldawer, chairman, reported that he and Mr. Perrin had met and walked through the "old city" area. More letters have been received supporting this development, including a letter from the Atlanta Convention Bureau. Mrs. Ferst has arranged for the committee to meet with Mayor Allen, and also the Art Director and Editor of the Atlanta Magazine. At Mr. Muldawer's request, Chairman Cooper appointed Mrs. Ferst to serve on the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In pursuance with the Mayor's request for the Commission to render an opinion as to an appropriate location for a commemorative for the Honorable Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, the following suggestions and/or opinions were offered:

- (1) Renaming the Lee Street Elementary School, which Mr. Rusk attended, and which is being moved to a new location in West End, the "Dean Rusk School."
- (2) Mr. Perrin suggested that the Capitol Park committee be approached with the proposal that a memorial in Capitol Park be dedicated to Mr. Rusk.
- (3) Mr. McCain suggested that a permanent sculpture be placed in Piedmont Park, which is across from Boys High, which Mr. Rusk also attended.
- (4) Mr. Baldwin stated he is in sympathy with the suggestion of Mr. Edgar Schukraft who met with the Commission on September 22 and urged it to consider a Rusk memorial in the shopping center mall which will be erected on the old Lee Street School site. Mr. Baldwin feels such a commemorative would help lift up part of the West End area. He also feels that renaming the school would accomplish the same thing.
- (5) Mr. Moore was requested to approach Mr. Schukraft to see what his reaction would be if the Commission should recommend renaming the Lee Street School for Mr. Rusk, rather than a memorial in the shopping center mall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Perrin stated that the City Planning Department is doing a study of rehabilitation at Piedmont Park, and he proposed the following recommendation to the Planning Department for study:

"That plans for rehabilitating Piedmont Park include appropriate bandshell or basic stage facilities; as many political rallies, high school bands, youth concerts, Band of Atlanta concerts, Atlanta Arts

Festival, and other major events are held there which add to the cultural development of the City."

Chairman Cooper was requested to draft such a letter to Mr. Eric Harkness of the Planning Department.

Mr. Baldwin stated that Mr. Dan Kay was employed by the City to make studies of a performing art center in Piedmont Park. This study is owned by the City and includes beautiful sketches, which should contribute to future studies. Mrs. Ferst suggested that the Commission seek from Mr. Harkness further information on this subject, and whether it is proposed to implement it through the Urban Renewal Program.

Mr. Calloway brought up the matter of the small parcels of land left throughout the City by the Highway and Urban Renewal Programs. The Commission discussed the feasibility of the City acquiring these sites for the development of small parks.

An ensuing discussion was held during which members agreed that ACDC should help instigate proposed developments with which it is concerned, rather than be informed at a later stage of development. In order to involve more people concerned about environment, and get their support of our program, Mr. Muldawer made the following recommendation, which was approved:

- (1) To list the important civic groups, garden clubs, and any appropriate group concerned;
- (2) Invite these people to a meeting and tell what our Commission does; ask them to appoint a committee in their organization to receive, discuss and support our program, and get their own proposals;

- (3) Continue this type communication with all these groups to establish a basis for communication.

The following committee was appointed to establish the implementation program for communication:

Mrs. Ferst
Mrs. Henderson, Co-chairman
Mr. Muldawer, Co-chairman

The motion was made and approved to omit the November 24 meeting of ACDC.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he has noticed maybe 30-50 new buildings being constructed in the central business district, and is amazed how the Commission is bypassed and taken so lightly what is supposed to be legal. He feels that legally ACFC should stop the issuance of building permits prior to the project being reviewed by the Commission, and that the City Attorney should be contacted to take such action.

Mr. Cooper stated that he recommended postponement of going to the City Attorney, but he would see Mr. Wofford, Building Inspector, next Thursday morning and ask him why and what is happening.

Mr. Muldawer was requested to announce at the next A.I.A. meeting that the new amendment to the ordinance as requested, will require that preliminaries be submitted for review by the Commission, in accordance with the letter mailed in June to all local architectural offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary