

MINUTES  
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION  
MARCH 9, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, March 9, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

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| Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman   | Julian Harris        |
| Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary | Mrs. Edith Henderson |
| Harry J. Baldwin               | J. Ben Moore         |
| W. L. Calloway                 | Paul Muldawer        |
| James H. Dodd                  | John Portman         |

Guests present:

Dr. Darwin W. Womack; Asst. Supt. School Plant Planning & Const.  
Clifford A. Nahser; School Architect  
Marvin Kilgore; Bull & Kenney, Arch.  
R. B. Tippet; Robert & Company  
Vernon E. Johnson; Stevens & Wilkinson  
Bill Barnett; Stevens & Wilkinson  
Fred Bainbridge, Arch.  
Lew Deadmore, Arch.

Minutes of the February 23 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Cooper read the following correspondence:

- (1) Letter of 2/22 from Rodney M. Cook, enclosing article on "Downtown Planning"
- (2) Copy of letter dated 3/7, from Mayor Allen to the Historic House Museum Corp., re L. P. Grant Home
- (3) Letter of 2/23, from Orbie Bostick, resigning from ACDC, and the chairman's letter of reply
- (4) Copy of letter dated 2/28 from Mayor Allen to J.J. Little, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, re appointment of members to ACDC
- (5) Letter of 3/1, from Robert H. Jones, re rezoning of land in front of the Old South Motel on the South Expressway

The Chairman also reported that the following letters have been written or received by the Commission:

- (1) Copy of correspondence between Hon. Sam Massell, Jr., and Mrs. Lucy R. Aiken, re traffic light installation on Simpson Road
- (2) Letter dated 2/13 from Georgia Tech re its inclusion on ACDC mailing list
- (3) Letter of 2/8 from Dan Sweat, re Model Cities Program
- (4) Letter of 2/23 to Federal Reserve Bank, commending design of proposed park on the former Silvey Bldg. site
- (5) Letter of 2/23 to Raymond D. Nasher, requesting early review of proposed development on property adjacent to the State Capitol
- (6) Letter of 2/20 to Hugh Thompson, C&S Bank, re restoration of the "Terminus" area of old Atlanta
- (7) Letter of 3/2 from M. A. Tucker, Arch., re ACDC recommendations for proposed office building for Associated Industries of Georgia
- (8) Letter of 3/3 to Foy L. Hood, Associated Industries of Ga., enclosing copy of minutes of ACDC Feb. 23 meeting
- (9) In answer to ACDC letter of Feb. 23 to the Senate Chamber, re reinstatement of funds for the Ga. Art Commission, letters were received from the following Senators: Steve Knight; James P. Wesberry, Jr.; W. Armstrong Smith; Dan I. MacIntyre, III; and Sam P. McGill

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Upon nominations made from the floor, the following officers for ACDC were elected for 1967:

CHAIRMAN - Joseph S. Perrin  
VICE-CHAIRMAN - Paul Muldawer  
SECRETARY - Mrs. Alvin Ferst

Mr. Calloway made the motion, which unanimously passed, that the minutes carry the commendation of the members to Chairman Cooper, in his success in getting the Commission off the ground and in orbit. He further requested a copy of the motion be sent to proper authorities.



FORREST HILLS DRIVE REZONING:

Mrs. Ferst stated that Eric Harkness had come by the committee room shortly before the meeting began to request that the Commission render a statement to the Zoning Committee, regarding plans for a proposed service station on Forrest Hills Drive, S.W. It was brought out that Mr. Robert H. Jones, owner of the Old South Motel on Forrest Hills Drive, had met with the Commission at its last meeting and voiced his opposition to the rezoning of the small strip of land adjacent to the South Expressway at Cleveland Avenue, where the service station is proposed to be built. At that time the Commission had rendered its recommendations to the Zoning Committee \*(See February 23 minutes; Page 4)

The members present concurred that although the Commission is not specifically opposed to this particular proposed design, ACDC should go on record as holding a position which it feels best for Atlanta, namely that it is opposed to small strip developments, especially where adjacent to highways.

Mr. Harris made the motion, which carried, that ACDC go on record as stating that a development such as this would be detrimental to the City of Atlanta. This statement, attached to a copy of the memo forwarded to the Zoning Committee on February 23, was forwarded to the Zoning Committee during its session.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS:

The following submissions were reviewed and discussed by the Commission and those architects present for the review:

| <u>Project</u>  | <u>Architect</u>            |
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| International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers office bldg. & auditorium | Stevens & Wilkinson         |
| 1st National Bank of Atlanta Parking Facility                             | Robert & Company            |
| Humphries Elementary School   | George A. Hampton, A.I.A.   |
| D. H. Stanton Elementary School   | Warner & Summers, Arch.     |
| Rawson-Washington Community Center and School                             | Enloe, West & Granade, Inc. |
| English Ave. Primary School   | Bull & Kenney               |

Also present for review and discussion of school plans were Dr. Womack and Mr. Nahser of the Atlanta Board of Education.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Re Master Plan for City

Concerning a master plan for downtown Atlanta, Mr. Portman feels that some outside group, such as Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., should sponsor and get behind such a plan. Chairman Cooper commented that it will take a long time, not to mention a lot of money, to even develop a program for a plan of future Atlanta. He hopes ACDC will not drop its more immediate objective of trying to get a flexible model of the downtown area as it now



exists, as a starting point. He added that \$1000 has been obtained from the City to handle the costs of shipping sample models to and from the bidding model makers to this city.

Mr. Calloway asked if the members had seen the recently completed model of the downtown area, located in the Glen Building. He stated that the Community Council is also working on the overall planning concept, and suggested it might be eventful to communicate with them as they seem to know who is interested and where to get funds.

#### Re Architectural Reviews

Mr. Harris asked if submissions could be reviewed by Mr. Muldawer's committee at some other time and screened out, so as not to take up so much time during the meeting.

Mr. Muldawer concurs that as the volume of submissions are increasing, his committee should review plans at their own convenience, bring in their comments to the meeting, and invite the architects to the meeting for further discussion of those plans which call for special comment or recommendations.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Harris expressed the appreciation of the members to Chairman Cooper for his time and efforts spent during the past year. The Chairman said it had been a pleasure to serve as chairman, and he looks forward to serving on the committee for the remainder of his appointed term. He added that he thinks ACDC is off to a good start in one year, and has a long way yet to go.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Ann Butler  
Recording Secy.