

CONSTRUCTIVE YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE  
Northwest Perry Homes Area  
2339 Arno Court, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Today there is an ever-increasing desire on the part of the young people to be heard, probably moreso in low-income areas.

It goes without saying that in the Northwest Perry Communities there are hundreds of young people who are without any or have very few meaningful programs in which to participate. It has been said that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop."

The rising rate of Crime, Delinquency, Truancy and drop-outs among the youth in our communities, indicate that city, public and private agencies are failing to provide young people with the inner controls of behavior which are basis for a healthy way of life and a clean community.

Due to the many inadequacies in the areas of supervised recreation in the Northwest Perry Communities, we the recreation committee, in keeping with your request, recommend the following services, program and facilities for your consideration and evaluation.

Suggested Areas of Concern and Responsibilities:

1. Keep the communities informed of available resources and opportunities in the fields of recreation and youth.
2. Allow the community the opportunity to assist in the planning, developing and running of recreational programs for youth and young adults in the communities.

It generally felt that the communities in the Northwest Perry area are faced with the same types of problems that exist in other communities throughout the city. In trying to offset some of these problems, we are further recommending the hiring of recreation personnel on a permanent basis from the Northwest communities through the Neighborhood Youth Corps in-school and out-of-school programs.

3. Recommendation for the placement of Recreational Leaders.
  - (a) Pitts Elementary School Perry Boulevard, N. W.
  - (b) Finch Elementary School Ajax Drive, N. W.
  - (c) Chattahoochee Elementary School Peyton Road, N. W.
4. The hiring of recreation personnel on a permanent basis by the Housing authority to supervise recreation in the Perry Homes projects.
5. The completion of the Gun Club Park.
6. Additional Play Lots for the area.
  - (a) Possible Location of Play Lots.
    - (1) Intersection of Hollywood Road and Main Street, N. W.
    - (2) Intersection of Marco and Argyle Drive
    - (3) 2000 McCallie Boulevard
    - (4) Westmoreland Circle (near 1333)
    - (5) Clarissa Drive (Between Buildings 1602-2215)
    - (6) Perry Boulevard (near 1395 Drew)
7. The Extension of the "Champ" Program to include other communities.
8. Swimming Pool for the area.

The committee, along with other members of the Council, will be willing to meet you and/or other responsible representatives of the City Parks Department, in trying to make our community a better place in which to live.

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