

February 27, 1967

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

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 1967 regarding the public hearing held on February 16 by the new Community Relations Commission for a delegation of young people from the Vine City area presented a petition and plea for helping keep in operation the Center at 141 Walnut Street.

As you probably know, effective January 1, 1967 all GEO funds for Recreation were cut off. This left us high and dry in an attempt to operate three distinctly different and vital programs; namely the neighborhood playlot program (which has grown to approximately 21 lots), the city-wide Operation Champ summer and recreation job opportunities for youth and last but not least the very vital arts and craft and recreation program for the senior citizens living in high rise apartments.

Not only are we hard pressed to continue to operate these programs but we are being called upon by EOA to pick up and carry on projects that they have had to cancel because of the cut off of Federal funds.

As specifically relates to Mr. Eddie Murphy, he comes highly recommended and endorsed not only by you but Mr. William Fowlkes of the Nash Washington Center and a way probably can be found to provide funds for the employment of this fine young man. He met with me Friday, February 24 at 2 P.M. to discuss the job in detail.

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Thank you very much for your letter and assuring you of
our desire to be of service, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.
Hon. Charlie Leftwich
Vine City Youth Council c/o
Mr. Charles Black, Nash Washington EOA Center
Miss Virginia Carmichael
Mrs. F. C. Neely