

M I N U T E S

MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, June 10, 1969

10:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Model Neighborhood Executive Board was held on Tuesday, June 10, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall.

The following members were present:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Mattie Ansley
Mr. Clarence Coleman
Mr. John Hood
Alderman E. Gregory Griggs
Alderman G. Everett Millican
Mr. Walter Mitchell
Mrs. Martha Weems
Mr. Joe Whitely

Absent:

Mr. Sam Caldwell
Deacon Lewis Peters
Mr. J. D. Newberry
Dr. C. Miles Smith
Mr. Bill Wainwright

Other City Department Heads, representatives from neighborhood organizations and the press were also present.

The chairman, Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., called the meeting to order. He then entertained a motion for the adoption of the May 14 Minutes. It was so moved and unanimously approved without correction.

REPORT OF THE MASS CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Weems reported for the Mass Convention Steering Committee. She said that several resolutions will be presented to the Board following the Mass Convention meeting on Sunday, June 15. Mrs. Weems also reported that the Steering Committee had been incorporated under the name of Stadium Heights, Inc., and have now been designated to be the recipient of a \$72,000 grant of OEO/HUD funds for training assistance to Model Neighborhood residents. The purpose of the Mass Convention Meeting will be to get its approval before proceeding further with compliance of the requirements to receive the grant.

RECOMMENDATION FROM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Millican read the recommendation from the Review Committee which approved the projects for implementation and recommended the execution of contracts with the Atlanta Board of Education and the Georgia State Employment Service. A list of these projects were distributed to all Board members.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the recommendation be approved by the Board. Mrs. Weems seconded the motion. The Mayor then asked if there was any discussion of the motion and recommendation. Mr. Coleman said that he felt that he was not in a position to give an intelligent vote because of his lack of information about the projects involved. He said that he as a Board member should be more informed and that the community should be more informed. The Mayor outlined the procedure that has been followed in disseminating information about the projects and activities of the Model Cities Program to the Board members and the Model Neighborhood Area residents. He also gave background information on the formation and function of the Review Committee that he appointed to review all projects in the program and to make recommendations to the entire Board. He invited Mr. Coleman to serve on that Committee and invited other Board members to sit in on the meetings if they desired. Mr. Coleman accepted the seat on the Review Committee.

Mr. Coleman then suggested that the Board be divided into committees to correspond with the areas included in the program and that these committees should meet regularly with the Model Cities Staff. Mr. Johnson stated that the Staff would be happy to meet with any of the Board members at any time. He also stated that there were already existing Board committees that correspond with the areas of the program, and that these committee should be utilized rather than establishing new ones.

A vote was then taken on the previous motion to approve the recommendation of the Review Committee. The motion was approved by the Board

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson asked for the Board's approval to transfer funds from Project HR-003N to the Multi-Purpose Facility Project. It has been necessary to increase the size of the building from 15,000 feet to 20,100 feet, and the cost has increased from \$180,000 to \$280,000. Mr. Hood moved that the transfer be approved and the contract be awarded to the bidder. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson also asked approval to reimburse the Georgia State Employment Service in the amount of \$21,966 for salaries of the staff they provided the program last year and this year. Mr. Griggs moved that the Georgia State Employment Service be reimburse the \$21,966. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson then asked for approval to proceed with Project No. EM-014N for staffing only. The project needs two employees to do the initial paper work and interviewing to get the project in motion. A discussion followed on whether the two employees would be area residents. Mr. Fulp from the Georgia State Employment Service said that the two positions called for professional interviewers with experience in the State Employment System. Further discussion followed on the steps taken to actually seek out Model Neighborhood residents for positions available in the Model Cities Program. As a result of the discussion, the Mayor proposed that Mr. Coleman make a motion that the GSES be required to hire Model Neighborhood residents to fill the two positions in Project No. EM-014N. Mr. Hood seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson then stated that the Board should concern itself with the greater issue of employment rather than two individual positions and suggested that a general policy be established as a guide for the employment practices of all agencies involved in the program. Mr. Hood then offered an amendment to the motion to state that priority be given to community residents for the positions in Project EM-014N. Mr. Coleman accepted the amendment and the motion was approved.

The Mayor then re-emphasized the fact that no one should be hired for any job unless a basic effort has been made to hire from the Model Cities Area. He then appointed Mr. Coleman, Mr. Millican and Mrs. Weems to draft a policy statement that outlines the Board's position that an all out effort must be made by agencies under contract with the program to hire all of their personnel from the Area or to provide training for residents to fill other positions. The special committee is to report at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Johnson introduced two new members to the staff. They are:

Samuel Russell, Jr.
Director of Program Management

Howard E. Turnipseed
Contract Administrator

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitley brought to the Board's attention that there is a different policy by the Board of Education for condemning and taking property needed for school expansion. There is no assistance offered for families who are displaced. Mr. Johnson concurred with Mr. Whitley's report. He stated that Project HR-041N provides special relocation assistance for families that are displaced and are not in a clearance area. This project was designed because of the failure of some agencies to provide relocation assistance. The Mayor asked Mr. Whitley to get a full report on the amount of property that will be taken by the Board of Education and to give a report at the next meeting.

Mr. Hood commented that committees are constantly being appointed to handle different activities rather than using the ones that already exist. Mr. Coleman requested that each Board members receive a list of the committees and their members. He also proposed that the Board discuss the function and structure of the committees at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED:



Johnny S. Johnson, Director
Model Cities Program

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Model Neighborhood Executive Board