

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, February 23, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman	Julian Harris
Joseph S. Perrin, Vice-Chairman	Mrs. Edith Henderson
Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary	J. Ben Moore
Harry J. Baldwin	Paul Muldawer
John C. Gould	

Guests present:

Robert H. Jones	- Old South Motel
Foy L. Hood	- Associated Industries of Georgia
McKendree A. Tucker	- Tucker & Howell, Arch.
H. Griffith Edwards	- Edwards & Portman, Arch.
Herschel S. Owens	- " "
Dave Lunde	- Aeck Associates, Inc.

Minutes of the February 9 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Cooper read the following:

- (1) Letter dated February 23 to Mayor Allen re appointments to ACDC for 1967;
- (2) Letter dated February 23 to the Senate Chamber, State Capitol, endorsing work of the Georgia Arts Commission, and urging reinstatement of funds in the 1967 budget

PRESENTATIONS

TUCKER & HOOD

Messrs. Tucker and Hood met with the Commission for further discussion of the proposed Associated Industries of Georgia office building at Washington and Hunter Streets, as presented by Mr. Clifford Clarke at the last ACDC meeting.

Before the discussion began, the Chairman pointed out that ACDC has no legal jurisdiction, but that it reviews and suggests, and hopes for cooperation.

Concerning the suggestions for certain changes in the street floor plan, whereby a more open effect would be created, and also the relative height of the building, Messrs. Hood and Tucker feel these ideas would not be economically feasible, as much rentable floor space would be lost and they need all the revenue they can get.

Mr. Perrin commented that since there is little space, then it demands the maximum utilization. He added he was very concerned, as a citizen in this community, with the fact that we are finding space more and more precious, and are getting increasingly out of scale with human beings. Mr. Perrin concurs that we want Atlanta to make economic progress, and that this is done by building things that are economically feasible. But, he added, the Commission is charged with the responsibility to see that more than just an economic effort is made.

Mr. Muldawer expressed his personal opinion that as the Capitol is very important, he feels it should be higher than all the buildings around it, and that other buildings should humble themselves to it. He also feels that in this case the exterior material should be neutral to the gold on the Capitol dome, rather than harmonize with it.

Chairman Cooper stated he is of the opinion that as buildings looked different heights from different angles, and that as the Capitol is several hundred feet from other buildings, he feels from an economical point of view, that the Commission should not hamper, even with suggestions. He feels this building is better than the average building, and is an asset to

the City. Mr. Cooper added that the Commission would like to see the building harmonize with surroundings as much as possible, but that we do not want to discourage to the extent that it won't be constructed. He concluded that the Commission is interested, as are Messrs. Hood and Tucker, in doing the best job possible on this property.

Mr. Tucker expressed his appreciation for the review, and stated he feels something has been accomplished.

JONES

Mr. Robert H. Jones, owner of the Old South Motel on the South Expressway at Cleveland Avenue, met with the Commission concerning the rezoning of a small strip of land in front of his motel and adjacent to the expressway. He objects to this rezoning, as a filling station is proposed to be built on that site. Mr. Jones stated that he has discovered that many of these small remnants of land adjacent to expressways are being petitioned for filling stations, and he hopes that some city group can study this problem and claim an overall approach to the entire thing while there is still time. He added that this particular petition will be brought up at the Zoning Committee meeting, which was being held that same day.

Mr. Muldawer concurs that this is a special problem that needs a general policy on what should happen to these strips, and how they can be enhanced.

The following recommendation was approved and was presented to the Zoning Committee during its session:

Subject: Proposal for Rezoning of Forrest Hills Drive, S.W.
Petition #Z-66-281-G

"It is recommended that action on the petition for rezoning of the above project be deferred pending further study of this site and its particular environment and other similar remnant parcels throughout the City. It is further recommended that based on these studies, a general policy be established by the City Planning Department relative to strip developments with particular consideration given to their relationship to interstate highways."

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS:

At the invitation of Mr. Muldawer, chairman of the Architectural Review Committee, the following architects were present to review with the Commission plans previously submitted:

<u>Architect</u>	<u>Project</u>
H. Griffith Edwards & Herschel S. Owens (Edwards & Portman)	Trailways Bus Terminal & Parking Garage
Dave Lunde (Aeck Assoc., Inc.)	Fine Arts Bldg. for Georgia State College & Ivey Construction Company Office Bldg.

Mr. Muldawer added that several school submissions are to be reviewed at the next meeting, and requested a representative of the School Department and also the School Architect be invited to the meeting for discussion of the reviews.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary