



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

May 11, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

SUBJECT: Inquiry on Thomasville Park Site

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, 1967 requesting information on Thomasville Park Site.

This park is one of five urban renewal sites purchased with 1957 Bond Funds. \$75,000 was ear-marked for the First Phase development of the park. As the enclosed bid tabulation will show, some \$54,282.91 has already been spent on necessary and essential grading, drainage, retaining walls, grassing, etc. An additional \$7,000 has been spent on topographic maps, plans and specifications, advertising for bids, and water meters. Therefore, we have spent to date \$61,424.63. Contractor planted only Winter grass since it was that time of the year and he is now in a position to move back in and plant the permanent ground cover.

At each and every meeting we held with the citizens of Thomasville it was emphasized that the development of this park, like all parks, had to be done in stages. A great deal of work has been done on the land which would not be realized by simply looking at the park site; for example, storm drainage is underground and cannot be seen.

We anticipate spending an additional \$14,500 during calendar year 1967 for the installation of a ball field and playground equipment.

Thomasville, in terms of acreage, is the largest park site we have acquired in any urban renewal area. As a result, it will take conceivably more money to develop. In developing Butler urban renewal park site and Rawson Washington urban renewal park site we were dealing with only three or four acres versus some 14 at Thomasville. Therefore, the \$75,000 we had available to spend on Butler and Rawson Washington went a long way because there just wasn't that much ground to develop. Thomasville ^{is} was a long way



Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.

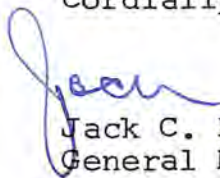
Page Two

from being completed and it along with some 75 other items make up a total minimum park need over the next five years of \$18½ million.

I have supplied all of the above information to Mr. Mosley on several occasions and he has also discussed this project with other people in the department. We have pointed out to Mr. Mosley that such parks as Wilson Mill, Joyland, Daniel Stanton, Harper Park, etc. are being built or were built in stages.

Trusting the above will be of value, I am

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack C. Delius".

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

JCD:bjw