

January 27, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Johnny C. Johnson, Director, Atlanta Model Cities  
Program Agency

FROM: Jack C. Delius, General Manager of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: 1969 Program, Atlanta Model Cities

In response to your memorandum of January 16, 1969 which had attached thereto a schedule of projects to be undertaken by the Department of Parks during 1969, we wish to make the following comments and commitments.

\$60,000 from the 1969 Park Improvement Program has been allocated for Model Cities for the purpose of developing existing and new park lands. Approval must now be obtained from the Citizen's Park Advisory Committee before the entire 1969 Park Improvement Budget is voted into law by the Board of Aldermen.

\$22,000 has been set aside in Account No. G 34-62-778-J-1, "Purchase of Land for Park Purposes," as this department's contribution toward the purchase of vacant land for block parks and playlots.

Regarding our requested commitment that sufficient staff and equipment are available to complete the projects outlined on your attachments, we are assuming that the Parks Committee of the Board of Aldermen would place top priority on each and every one of these items and would, in fact, not object if the respective Model Cities Park Improvement projects and purchase of additional lands preempted all other 1969 capital projects. In other words, items covered in the Model Cities Project will take priority over Urban Beautification and the regular 1969 Park Improvement Program.

As to your request that we state "..... can foresee no reason why these projects cannot be completed as required," we will have to have the full cooperation of other agencies, such as the City Law Department and the City Land Agent, in expediting appraisals, preparation of construction contracts, etc. With their assistance we can, in fact, foresee no reason why these projects cannot be completed as required.

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The Model Cities staff, working with the Parks and Recreation staff who had been loaned to Model Cities on a fulltime basis, have determined that the following additional staff personnel are needed for parks in the Model Cities area:

Locations	Existing Staff	Additional Staff Needed	Cost
Adair Park	2	1 Recreation Leader	\$ 4,632.00
Pittman Park	4	1 Recreation Leader	4,632.00
*Stanton Park	2	1 Recreation Leader	4,635.00
*Key Park	0	1 Community Center Director	5,712.00
		2 Recreation Leaders	9,274.00
*Grant Park	0	1 Community Center Director	5,712.00
		2 Recreation Leaders	9,274.00
Dodd Avenue	2	0	0
71 Little Street	2	0	0
Total	12	9	\$43,868.00

\*Parks above are without recreational programs. The funds requested (\$12,000) will be used to equip and initiate recreational program activities.

We understand that the Personnel Department is presently reviewing requests from all departments that need additional staff to implement Model Cities 1969 Program and, of course, we cannot commit ourselves to the operation of a program unless the above personnel are supplied.

JCD:jw

cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Aldermanic Parks Committee  
Mr. R. Earl Landers, Mayor's Office  
Mr. Charles L. Davis, Director of Finance  
Mr. Stanley T. Martin, Jr., Asst. Gen. Mgr. of Parks  
Mr. A. P. Brindley, Parks Engineer