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January 10, 1967

Mr. Charles L. Davis  
Comptroller  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 1966 regarding your review of a copy of the proposed Urban Beautification Grant Application which has been prepared by the Planning Department.

It is certainly true that a major part of the City's total share is the program of Park renovation and no provision has been made or anticipated to finance the Park participation out of Park Improvement funds. I informed the Planning Department that we anticipated a rebate of approximately \$110,000 from three Open Space Development Grants which have been approved by HUD. However, it may well be that the Aldermanic Parks Committee would deem it more appropriate that this rebate be spent on Phase II of Thomasville, Gun Club, University, etc. or on Phase I of Cleveland, Tull Waters, Empire Boulevard, etc.

You mentioned the C. W. Hill Park Site. I don't yet know whether we are expected to buy the land or whether it will be donated, nor do I know the ramifications of the federal assistance programs pertaining to donations or purchase. You are in error, however, in that we do have \$75,000 earmarked for the development of the Rockdale Urban Renewal Park.

Since we have only 1/4 Mill income and this yields approximately \$300,000 a year, it seems nearly fruitless to count on completing the ten neighborhood parks and the four urban renewal sites recently acquired within any reasonable length of time.

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I too recognize the desirability and appeal of the Urban Beautification Program not only because of the reasons you have stated but due to the fact it is the only assistance program I know of that will enable us to renovate old parks not acquired under the Open Space plan.

Thanking you again for your letter and assuring you that I wish I did have a solution to our financial dilemma, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Mr. Collier B. Gladdin  
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr. ✓