



CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS

Office of General Manager

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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JACK C. DELIUS
GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. William F. Wall, President
Cascade Little League
1807 Willis Mill Road, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wall:

On April 11, 1967, a delegation appeared before the Aldermanic Parks Committee to vigorously protest the cutting off of a large corner of the Cascade Little League area thereby excluding the West Manor Elementary School section and prohibiting children in that section from participating in the Little League program this summer. We were told by this delegation that the area cut off is bounded by Utoy Creek from Lynhurst Drive west to Fairburn Road, south on Fairburn Road to Cascade Road, east to Veltre Circle and Falcon Drive, and north to Gordon Road. As the Committee understands it, the ostensible reason for the above was that population had increased above the 15,000 limit imposed by Little League requirements. However, the above mentioned delegation of citizens contended that, while a group of new apartments in the southeast corner of your Little League area were included within the new boundaries, their neighborhood was omitted for ethnic reasons.

While the Committee quickly assured those present that it had no control or jurisdiction over the Little League - that, as a matter of fact, the Little League is private in all respects - the Committee does feel that since we are affording you public facilities you should reevaluate carefully your action in light of the allegations that the cutting off of the area was brought about principally due to the area undergoing a degree of racial transition. The City of Atlanta is not and will not be a party to any attempt at segregated practices where public properties are involved. The Department of Parks is under a Federal court order to fully integrate all property.

We therefore recommend, suggest and urge that you make such arrangements as are necessary to bring the area set forth above back into the Little League program.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: All Members of the Aldermanic Parks Committee
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mr. Guy L. Foster
Mr. Robert Haver

