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Summary of Meeting Monday, April 17, 1967

Subject: "Nash-Bans" Area

Attending:

Dan Sweat	Director, Governmental Liaison, City of Atlanta
Malcolm D. Jones	Housing Resources Committee
Ella Mae Brayboy	Community Council of the Atlanta Area, Inc.
Jarvis Barnes	Asst. Supt. for Research and Development, Atlanta Public Schools
George L. Aldridge, Jr.	Chief, Current Planning of Atlanta
Johnny H. Robinson	Community Development, City of Atlanta
William Fowlkes	Director, NASH Washington E.O.A. Center
Collier B. Gladin	Atlanta Planning
Duane W. Beck	Community Council of Atlanta Area, Inc.
C. O. Emmerich	E.O.A., Inc.
Ray Moore	Public Information Sub-Committee, Housing Resources Committee
Jack Schmitt	Community Council of the Atlanta Area, Inc.

The following points were discussed.

I. It was decided that the area should not be referred to as "Vine City" but because a much larger area is involved it will be called "Nash-Bans". All drawings of the area bearing the title "Vine City" will be changed.

II. The need for involving and informing the people in the area prior to the announcement of an urban renewal project was discussed. Mr. Emmerich offered the full cooperation of E.O.A.'s personnel and facilities to the project. He invited Mr. Gladin to meet with his staff.

III. Two points of view were discussed on the matter of people involvement in the area.

A. Discuss the situation at the grass roots before presenting any but the most general approach to the area.

B. Discuss the situation with the leadership using the preliminary plan proposed by the Planning Department.

In view of the need for action the consensus of opinion appeared to be this:

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1. Continue the small meetings now in progress now conducted by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Fowlkes.
2. Compile physical and social information.
3. Call a meeting of all community leadership - target date May 1 - to present preliminary plans and through the use of "buzz" sessions get reactions.
4. On May 26 present to Mr. Cook's Committee the findings from the continuing "grass roots" meetings and the leadership meeting.

Every use will be made of the E.O.A. organization. At the same time other groups representing the substantial home owners in the area will be involved. Mrs. Brayboy suggested Rev. Marcus Williams of the Antioch Church and Rev. Brodnax of the Pilgram Church as sources.

It should be emphasized that the application for an urban renewal project does not require a plan and that the planning will be done over the next six months with advice from the people of the area.

IV. Mr. Gladin also suggested that it will be necessary to assure the Aldermen that relocation of families to be displaced should be considered. It was suggested that a means of temporary housing and relocation in the neighborhood should be worked out. Cecil Alexander will discuss this with the Housing Authority.

V. It was emphasized that while awaiting physical change every effort should be made to accelerate social services in the slum areas. It will take approximately a year to process the application for urban renewal.

VI. The new school was discussed with emphasis on its total approach to problems of the area.

The total thrust of the discussion was to move toward submission of the "Nash-Bans" area for urban renewal and to involve the people of the area in the process.


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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen ✓
Mr. Rodney M. Cook