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# CITY OF ATLANTA



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May 8, 1967

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

FROM: Collier Gladin *CG*

SUBJECT: Model Cities Proposal

It has occurred to me that the Federal Government may announce the awarding of a Model Cities Planning Grant to Atlanta during the early part of June, with most officials of the City of Atlanta, and particularly the affected department heads, knowing little, if any, of the details of the city's Model Neighborhood proposal. Since the wholehearted and enthusiastic cooperation of many of the city's department heads will be required in conducting this tremendous and most complex program, I feel that a meeting of department heads should be called for the specific purpose of explaining this program to them, prior to its being officially announced by Washington. I feel that this meeting should be set for Tuesday, May 22, or at least no later than Tuesday, May 29, and that you should convey to the department heads the importance and magnitude of this program. The Planning Department is willing to develop a slide presentation to help in explaining it to them.

Two other matters concerning our Model Cities Program also deserve attention. One is the possibility of proceeding with the establishment of the Model Neighborhood Executive Board which, as you will remember, is the governing board for the Model Neighborhood Program and consists of the Mayor, two aldermen, Chairman of the Fulton County Commission, President of the Atlanta Board of Education, one representative from State Government, appointed by the Governor, and one representative from the private sector, appointed by the other members. I feel that it would be wise to have this Board functioning and apprised of the Model Neighborhood Program and its duties by the time the announcement is made of the grant. In addition, I feel that it is imperative that a Project Director be lined up by the time the grant is announced.

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As you may realize, a certain amount of time will be required for developing the Model City staff, prior to any actual planning work getting underway. Having a Director at the earliest possible moment will at least hold this wasted time to a minimum.

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