

Chest Asked to Aid Housing

The Atlanta Housing Resources Committee voted Thursday to urge the Community Chest of Metropolitan Atlanta Inc. to provide funds for emergency temporary housing for displaced persons.

And the committee, headed by architect Cecil Alexander and including citizens appointed by the mayor, decided to explore the problem itself on a priority basis.

The Community Chest's executive committee meets Friday to act on requests of member agencies.

HRC members noted that the Salvation Army provides emergency housing for men and women, but not families.

The housing group expressed specific concern for the some 300 families that are to be displaced from housing owned by the J. P. Stevens & Co. Inc. plant, which has closed down.

Various groups such as the Atlanta Real Estate Board, the Atlanta Housing Authority and the Community Relations Commission have been approached by Economic Opportunity Atlanta in order to find assistance, but so far in vain.

The plant is on Marietta Street, near Ashby Street and the families are to be displaced late this summer.

The HRC also voted to invite all the candidates for mayor to a future meeting to give views on providing housing for the low-income families.

Col. Malcolm Jones, HRC director, reported that 21,103 low and moderate units have

been completed, have been put under construction or have been planned since the mayor in 1966 announced his goal of 16,800 units by 1971. The January 1969,

total was 18,259 units.

The program continues to run ahead in all categories except public housing, which is 5,011 behind the goal.

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