

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 1966

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, December 8, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman	W. L. Calloway
Joseph S. Perrin, Vice-Chairman	J. Ben Moore
Harry J. Baldwin	Paul Muldawer

Guests present:

William Oliver, A.I.A.
Robert W. Bivens, Executive Director, Central Atlanta Progress, Inc.

Minutes of the November 10 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Cooper reported that the following letters have been received or written by the Commission:

- (1) Letter dated December 1 to the Atlanta Board of Aldermen requesting sum of \$1,000 to defray cost of crating, insuring and shipping existing models from San Francisco and Wilmington, Delaware, and returning same to present owners;
- (2) Letter dated November 11 from Wm. M. Eichbaum, Wilmington, quoting bid price on proposed model;
- (3) Letter dated November 23 from Architectural Models, Inc., San Francisco, quoting bid price on proposed model;
- (4) Letter dated November 12 from Wilbur G. Kurtz, naming and defining four (4) ante-bellum houses in Atlanta which represent "historic sites and structures";
- (5) Letter of November 17, to Mayor Allen, (with copy of Kurtz letter enclosed) requesting information on how sites can be officially declared of "historic significance" by the City of Atlanta;
- (6) Letter dated November 10 from Eric Harkness, Planning Department, re historical survey. Also a copy of information in the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development report - "Preserving Historic America".

"HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES"

Chairman Cooper reported he spoke to Mr. Pilcher in the City Attorney's Office inquiring how sites may legally be declared of "historic significance". Mr. Pilcher stated that he was, at the request of the City Attorney, looking into the matter, and would report later to the Commission.

Mr. Muldawer brought out that in Savannah when someone applies for a demolition permit, the City will delay issuance of the permit for 2 weeks, and the Historic Commission is notified so the property can be bought by them. He urged that this be investigated to see if this policy also applies to Atlanta.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Baldwin contact Mr. Pilcher and pass along to him Mr. Muldawer's information.

REPORT ON PERCENTAGE FOR ARTS:

Mr. Perrin submitted in writing the recommendation of the Committee on Percentage for Allied Arts. Voting on this report was necessarily postponed due to the lack of a quorum at the meeting.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:

Mr. Muldawer, chairman of Committee (a), reviewed the following plans:

- (1) Grant Park School - Martin & Bainbridge, Arch.
- (2) Recreation Building, Daniel-Stanton Park - William Oliver, AIA

BIVENS PRESENTATION:

Chairman Cooper introduced Mr. Bivens, who discussed the Central Atlanta Association and the Uptown Association merger. Mr. Bivens stated that the new organization, named "Central Atlanta Progress", is an independent body, which plans to involve itself actively in anything that relates to health and functioning of the heart of the city. He further stated that CAP is concerned about ACDC's program, design of the city, and that it will try to work with ACDC in improving the City. He feels that CAP will be more effective than were the two separate associations (Uptown and Central Atlanta)

Asked by the Commission if "Central Atlanta Progress" plans to have a master plan of Atlanta, Mr. Bivens replied that while CAP has not formally drawn up a master plan, at the same time it has definite goals to work on, such as downtown traffic needs and making the downtown more functional, among other specific projects.

The Chairman asked Mr. Bevins if his organization would be interested in supporting and possibly contributing to a model of Atlanta. While Mr. Bivens stated he could not answer for CAP, he does feel that a model would generate interest and serve a useful purpose.

Mr. Bivens extended his thanks for being invited to the meeting, and stated he is looking forward to working with the Commission, and urged the members to pass comments on to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upon description of the improvements made to the property at two locations in the City, which members feel should be commended, Messrs. Moore and Calloway were requested to write letters to the Commission describing these property treatments, so that ACDC may in turn officially commend the property owners.

Members of the Commission concur that if ACDC can commend where commendation is due, and in consequence generate favorable publicity, it will benefit both the City and ACDC.

Thereupon Mr. Muldawer stated he feels that as architectural reviews are made by the Commission, ACDC should issue a statement to the press listing the projects reviewed and the projects ACDC commends.

Mr. Muldawer further suggested that the chairman write, at the request of the members present, a letter to the Mayor stating our support to the Mayor's Housing Program, volunteering ACDC assistance, and also stating ACDC's concern about the quality of the houses.

Chairman Cooper brought up that the end of the present Commission term is coming up, and members concurred that nomination for new members should be from the floor or by secret ballot, rather than by a nominating committee. Members also concur that the new Commission should select its own chairman.

The Chairman asked if members feel that the Commission should recommend to the Mayor substitution or re-appointments, and it was brought out that the ordinance states that members shall not be appointed for

successive terms. Chairman Cooper stated that he feels Mayor Allen will cooperate with the Commission's recommendations.

Members present agreed to omit the December 22 meeting. The next ACDC meeting will be January 12, 1967.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary