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Model Cities Executive Board
Chairman and Members Of The Board

At the last meeting of the Model Cities Executive Board, I spoke as an individual, and as the Chairman of Model Neighborhood Inc. Board Of Directors. I expressed from some notes, M.N.I. hardships and conflicts with Model Cities Administration, and the selected Mass Convention Representation M.N.I. still feel the inadequacy of proper representation from this percentage of people.

The Board of Directors of M.N.I. still have the distrust of Model Cities as far as the Corporation plans are concerned. M.N.I. have a plan for a program that is based on the community needs, and desires. It is a badly coincident that since M.N.I. plans were shared with the C.D.A. a lot of its proposal is being organized by the C.D.A. All of a sudden there is a Health Co-Op, a Housing Co-Op, a Chamber Of Commerce, a Multi-Purpose Corp. and other C.D.A. organized Non-Profit Corporation. The skeleton program was conceived by Model Neighborhood Inc. Hardly any of the Model Cities grants are funded to community based organizations.

The Model Cities Program is supposed to plan with the community, for the community, but the planning is just the opposite. As we said in the last meeting here, we should not have to complain, we should not have to apply to Washington, we should be able to get what we want from 673 Capitol Avenue S.W

A Civic League and M.N.I. started a Public Relation Communication in the clearance areas of Model Cities. Before we could set the foundation Model Cities staff duplicated, and blundered. M.N.I. circulated a News Weekly, Model Cities duplicated, and blundered. What's happening? Instead of assisting M.N.I., Model Cities is taking.

For the lack of funds M.N.I. can not afford to publish a news weekly,

properly as it should, or for the need. The Machine supplied information plus points of interests and humor.

Model Cities should not be dividing the community organizations and the residents. The only community organization that we know of that is included in the plans is Model Neighborhood Inc. It had to force itself in. There are other C.O's that are long time organizations, profit and non-profit, but excluded from Model Cities plans.

Now for myself. Based on the statement and information I presented to the board at its last meeting, other confirmed information is available. I again ask that my recommendation be accepted and acted upon, especially the refunding of \$153.98 spent for expenses for resident participation.

According to a letter and zeroxed copies recieved from the Mechanicsville Vice-Chairmann, she and Lewis Peters are the sole committee to decide and approve funds for the 18,000 residents in Mechanicsville. I was told a committee from the Neighborhood Advisory Council meets and plan the things for getting funds to pay for resident participation. The zeroxed copies only have Mrs. Nixon, Peters, and Mrs Clayton signatures. This is improper. It really means that Mechanicsville and one or two more communities do not have a council.

I charge that the Mass Convention do not, have not nor will not attract enough people from the effected C.D.A. area to actually speak for the residents, property owners, businesses or the land itself. It surely has not been authorized to speak for me and my family. My family is larger than any committee they got. Another thing these participants of the Mass Convention are on every program in our community. How can the other residents participate. The Executive Board can legalize a policy, to prevent this and make it possible for other progressive people to get involved.