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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

March 7, 1969

XEROX FOR MAYOR ALLEN.

NOTE: PORTABLE POOL WILL BE  
ON LOCATION @ DIXIE HILLS DURING  
SUMMER. ONE OF 13 PORTABLES.



Mrs. Geneva H. Smith  
Spellman Street Know Your Neighbor Club  
% Dixie Hills Community Council  
2193 Verbena Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 24, 1969, which was received on March 6, 1969 regarding the need for a swimming pool at Anderson Park. I address this letter primarily to you since your name appeared first on the letter of petition and I am taking the liberty of sending carbon copies to Messrs. Miller and Hart since this office has addresses on these two gentlemen. In addition, I am taking the liberty of sending carbon copies of this letter along with copies of yours to the members of the Park Committee of the Board of Aldermen and staff members of this department.

Out of the fifteen swimming pools currently operated by the City of Atlanta, five of them do not meet modern Fulton County Health Department specifications. These pools are Piedmont, Maddox, Washington, Oakland City, and Mozley. Every conceivable attempt is made to maintain sufficient maximum hygienic standards in that these five mentioned pools are not presently filtered. Each and every one of them is scheduled for replacement in our 15 year Park and Recreation Plan.

We particularly appreciated your kind remarks concerning development which has taken place at Anderson Park and we fully agree with you that this location does need a swimming pool. However, a large percentage of the 1969 Park Improvement Budget has been earmarked for Model Cities and urban beautification. A total of some 32 different projects are listed which will, we hope, be completed in 1969. This will utilize every penny of funds made available to this department by the Board of Aldermen for capital improvements.

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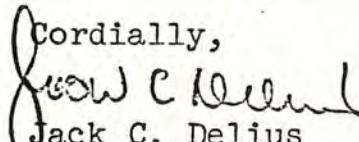
When Mr. W. Z. Miller recently came before the Parks Committee of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a swimming pool be built at the earliest possible time at Anderson Park, several members of the Committee stated that they would make an attempt or at least request additional capital improvement funds for this department from the new bond issue authorized late last year. As I understand it, a number of capital projects from all twenty-odd departments are being listed now and priorities will shortly be established as to the utilization of this bond money. It must cover sewers, streets, bridges, etc.; not just parks.

A member of this department, Mr. Charles Devon of our Park Engineering Division, was present when a community services coordinator stated at a meeting held in your community last year that plans did include a swimming pool and bathhouse for Anderson Park to be completed during 1969. Mr. Devon was completely shocked at this statement and corrected the man immediately thereafter. Not even the undersigned, as General Manager of Parks, has the authority to obligate the City of Atlanta to projects where no funds exist.

Please be assured that I do have a definite personal interest in the future growth of recreation facilities for the Dixie Hills area and in particular Anderson Park. You can indeed count on me to the extent that I am allowed to construct new items within the capacity of available funds.

We appreciate your continued assistance, and I am

Cordially,

  
Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Mr. W. Z. Miller, Community Civic Club, Inc.  
Mr. Charles Hart, CNAC Representative  
Aldermanic Parks Committee, w/xerox  
Mr. Stanley T. Martin, Jr., Asst. Gen. Mgr.  
Mr. A. P. Brindley, Parks Engineer  
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