

M I N U T E S

MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tuesday, March 11, 1969
10:00 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Model Neighborhood Executive Board was held on Tuesday, March 11, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall.

The following members were present:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Alderman E. Gregory Griggs
Representative John Hood
Alderman G. Everett Millican
Mr. Wlater Mitchell
Mr. J. D. Newberry
Dr. C. Miles Smith
Mrs. Martha Weems
Mr. J. C. Whitely

Absent:

Mrs. Mattie Ansley
Mr. Sam Caldwell
Mr. Clarence D. Coleman
Deacon Lewis Peters
Mr. Bill C. Wainwright

Other city department heads, representatives of neighborhood organizations, the Atlanta Housing Authority and the press were also present.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Kernona Clayton gave a report on the status of the accounts for the citizen participation funds. This report was requested by Mr. Whitley at the last meeting. She discussed the procedure for withdrawing these funds through the Neighborhood Councils and gave the balance for each neighborhood's account as of March 10, 1969. The funds in the citizen participation account were used for transportation, babysitting, refreshments, distribution of flyers in the communities and in any other manner that would facilitate citizen participation. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Clayton's report be accepted as information. A copy of the report was distributed to all Board members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Contract for Execution

Mr. Johnson stated that Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), George Rummney, was expected to sign the Atlanta Model Cities Program contract and that it should be tendered by the end of the week. He said that the contract would be open-ended without yearly close-out. The City will receive the appropriate funds through a Letter of Credit that can be drawn upon from a designated bank. The agencies receiving supplemental funds will be required to designate a bank so that the city can transfer funds to their accounts on a reimbursable basis. This method of funding is being used because of the difficulty in ascertaining financial needs for a given period of time.

Introduction of New Personnel

Mr. Johnson introduced the new members of the Model Cities staff and explained their positions in relationship to their division. The new staff members are:

Mr. Davey L. Gibson
Social Planning Coordinator

Mr. Howard Turnipseed
College Intern

Mrs. Frances Eizenstat
Social Planner II

Mr. Louis Orosz
Physical Planning Coordinator

Mr. Joseph A. Stroud
Program Specialist

Mrs. Roslyn Walker
Evaluation Analyst

Mr. Mitchell A. Mitchell
Senior System Analyst

Mr. Donald Holland
Senior Budget Analyst

Mr. Michael Lewallen
Graphics Specialist

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to recommend people to fill the remaining positions of Director of Plans and Evaluation, Director of Program Management, and Director of Economic Development. Mr. Millican then welcomed the new staff members on behalf of the City and the Executive Board.

Multi-Purpose Center

Mr. Johnson brought the Board up to date on the remodeling activities of the present Model Cities office. The office building has been partitioned to allow for more enclosed offices.

Mr. Johnson stated that arrangements had been made with the Atlanta Housing Authority to lease the land needed for the Multi-Purpose Center, and that several floor plans were being considered for the building. It is expected that the Center will be completed by April 30.

Letters of Commitment

A booklet containing the Letters of Commitment from all the agencies carrying out projects in the first year action program was given to all of the Board members. The booklet also contained the Revised Grant Budget Summary. Mr. Johnson pointed out that there had been some changes in the budget--administrative changes and project changes--resulting from a decrease in funds. Mr. Shimjus discussed some specific changes made in the Health Component. He indicated that some projects had been deleted and others had been combined. The number of projects had been cut down, but the functions included in the project will still be carried out. Mr. Hood expressed concern about the Unwed Mothers' Project being deleted. Mr. Shimkus assured him that the project was still being carried out by Economic Opportunity Atlanta, but that it was being carried out on a smaller scale.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Griggs reported on the land proposal for the Temporary Multi-Purpose Center. He stated that the land proposed for the multi-purpose center would not hold up the closing out of the Rawson-Washington Urban Renewal Project. There are other tracts of land involved that will keep the project opened.

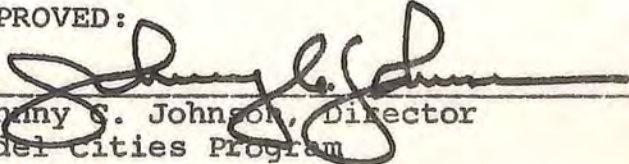
PUBLIC

Mr. Edward Moody of Model Neighborhood, Inc. stated that he and his Board had had difficulty in getting cooperation from the Model Cities Staff. He said that they felt distrust and fear. Mr. Millican suggested that he and Mr. Griggs meet with Mr. Moody and representatives of his Board to discuss their grievances. Mr. Millican and Mr. Griggs would then make a recommendation to the Board as a result of the meeting. Mr. Moody agreed to contact Mr. Millican to set a time for a meeting.

Mr. Clarence Ezzard spoke to the Board concerning the proposed rehabilitation and clearance areas. He said that many citizens were disturbed because their homes were located in an clearance area. He also asked why agencies outside of the area had been funded to carry out projects that existing agencies were already doing. It was suggested that Mr. Ezzard arrange to meet with the Model Cities staff to discuss his questions.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

APPROVED:



Johnny S. Johnson, Director
Model Cities Program

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Model Neighborhood Executive Board