

Parks Dept.

December 1, 1969

Miss Grace Kelley
1015 Washita Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Reference: Southeast Corner of North Highland, N. E.
and Washita Avenue, N. E.

Dear Miss Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of November 26th. On November 28th the undersigned, along with the Assistant General Manager of Parks, the Senior Administrative Assistant for Federal Aid, and the City Arborist visited the above location.

It was the consensus of opinion that limited Park personnel and equipment could not be diverted from areas already assigned as our responsibility to take on additional responsibilities involving property not in ownership by the Department of Parks. Furthermore, the elevation of the above site is such that the mere planting of grass, etc. would not enhance the general area in that from street level it would be virtually unnoticed except at the far end of the property. Finally, it was immediately evident to the inspection team that if temporary beautification were attempted on this large tract of land, we would have no recourse other than to continue the practice throughout the entire Stone Mountain Freeway project.

I only wish that we had sufficient available manpower to temporarily beautify this location. Beautification is our business, but I say to you in all sincerity that you can stretch only so thin and I am afraid we have reached that point. I share with you a common concern that you property owners are expected to keep your homes in reasonable condition and that the construction of the new freeway will certainly make that responsibility even more difficult.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Alderman Richard Freeman
Alderman Cecil Turner