

MINUTES  
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION  
JUNE 22, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, June 22, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room 4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Joseph S. Perrin, Chairman  
Paul Muldawer, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary  
Samuel I. Cooper  
James H. Dodd

Franklin M. Garrett  
Julian Harris  
Mrs. Edith Henderson  
H. King McCain  
J. Ben Moore

Guests present:

Mr. Lynn Harriss, Exec. Director, A.S.L.A.  
Mr. Alex Coffin - The Atlanta Constitution

Minutes of the June 8 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Perrin reported on the following correspondence:

1. Letter of 6/15 to the Mayor of Birmingham expressing ACDC congratulations on Birmingham's new civic center
2. Letter of 6/22 to Sam Massell expressing ACDC stand on the real estate "for sale" sign matter
3. Letters to those who made presentations in favor of the urban trail at the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on June 13
4. Letter of 6/13 from the Municipal Art Commission of Kansas City, with a report of "Urban Design Studies". Mr. Perrin stated that Kansas City has a sign ordinance, and that the implementation of the ordinance, with sketches and notations, are included in the report. He added that he had answered this correspondence, and stated that ACDC was glad to share information and asked for a copy of the sign ordinance. With the concurrence of members, Mr. Perrin stated he will forward to Kansas City available reports, including the CIP report and ACDC's 1966 report of former chairman Cooper.
5. Letter to the Atlanta Housing Authority, as drafted by Mr. Dodd, re ACDC recommendations concerning redevelopment proposals review process, was presented to the members for their approval before mailing.

Mr. Perrin stated he has restructured the list of committees, as requested at the last meeting, and presented the proposed committee listing to the members for their review and approval. It was decided that the new committee listing be forwarded to members, with a note asking them to list committees on which they prefer to serve and return same to the office within one week so that the chairman may compile and appoint committee chairmen.

Mr. Perrin reported that the new stationary for the Commission is being prepared.

The chairman expressed a note of thanks to Mrs. Ferst who worked effectively and hard to provide information and resources re the urban trail matter. Upon Mr. Perrin's request, Mrs. Henderson reported on the June 13 meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee, at which time the ACDC, among others, had urged the reopening of the urban trail issue. Mrs. Henderson stated that the federal funds for this project had already been withdrawn before the presentation, and that the matter was dead.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Muldawer extended his personal congratulations to Mrs. Ferst, Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Perrin for organizing the urban trail presentation for the Parks & Recreation Committee, and stated that at some future time ACDC should recommend that Atlanta should design a bike system for the whole city from one end to the other and ask for funds for that. He further suggested that the Commission start immediately compiling a list of organizations with which it wants to communicate, and hold a symposium for the purpose of establishing maximum citizen participation and support of ACDC's program.

In this re, Mr. Perrin suggested that this matter be postponed until the next meeting, at which time the new committee will be appointed to handle details, and also that Jack Delius, General Manager of the Parks Department, be invited to the next meeting for his point of view re bike trail before further action is taken. Mrs. Ferst further suggested inviting Messrs. Stan Martin and Stan Ayer of the Parks Department. Mr. Muldawer concurred.

Mr. Muldawer presented a newspaper article stating that President Johnson's National Committee on Urban Problems will hold a meeting and public hearing in Atlanta July 20-21. Mr. Muldawer noted that the group is charged with making recommendations to improve cities, and he suggested that ACDC organize a group to make a presentation at this hearing.

Mr. Muldawer added that Savannah has a historical zoning ordinance, and he suggested that a letter be forwarded to Savannah City Manager requesting a copy of the ordinance, and that ACDC, with the help of AIA, urge our local legislature at their next hearing to try to implement historical zoning.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mrs. Ferst stated she concurs with Mr. Muldawer's feeling re the urgency of relating groups who are interested in ACDC's program. It was decided that a questionnaire will be mailed to members asking them to list the names of individuals and organizations with whom we need to communicate, and return same to Mrs. Ferst.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sanitary Committee

Mrs. Henderson offered the following thoughts concerning trash in the downtown area: (1) a proposed change in the general time of collection; and (2) a proposed ordinance that each new building would provide enclosed area to take care of storage of its own cans, boxes, etc., from which trucks would gather the material, and that each established building provide a similar area.

Mrs. Henderson stated she will gather more information and report in the near future.

"Terminus" Committee

Mr. Garrett stated that he has started contacting parties who are interested in the underground development. He also has looked over available maps and records which Central Atlanta Progress has.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance for % for Arts

In compliance with the chairman's request, Mr. Harris stated he has reviewed the proposed ordinance dealing with percentage for arts, and presented his opinion of the ordinance. Upon Mr. Harris's objection to the ordinance as is, Mr. Perrin pointed out that this particular ordinance is an example legal structure, and he asked for a vote to decide whether or not to proceed with the percentage program.

Mr. Muldawer moved that the ACDC continue with this study, and the motion carried. Mr. Perrin suggested that the new committee come up with recommendations and/or objections to the ordinance.

Rapid Transit:

Mr. Perrin stated that members had previously agreed to open for preliminary discussion what attitude ACDC may have relative to rapid transit. He raised the following questions for thought: (1) Do we have facts about influencing the aesthetic role of rapid transit? (2) What can we do? (3) Are we informed enough about the plans to know what we are talking about? (4) How can we as a Commission fail to look at this important issue so far as design of the city is concerned?

It was the general opinion of members present that the Commission has a right and obligation to make a statement concerning the implementation of rapid transit as it refers to the City.

Mr. Muldawer added that Eric Hill Associates is doing an impact study and hopes to bring their report before the Commission. Mrs. Ferst suggested rapid transit as a point in the proposed symposium.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Ann Butler  
Recording Secretary