

MINUTES
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, February 9, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman	George Heery
Harry J. Baldwin	Mrs. Edith Henderson
James H. Dodd	H. King McCain
John C. Gould	Paul Muldawer
Julian Harris	

Guests present:

Henry Toombs, Toombs, Amisano & Wells, Arch.
Clifford M. Clarke, Exec. V.P., Associated Industries of Ga.
Collier Gladin, City Planning Dept.
Eric Harkness, " " "

Minutes of the January 26 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cooper reported that as requested at the previous meeting, letters dated February 2 were forwarded to the following:

1. Georgia State College, in re to its inclusion on ACDC mailing list;
2. Georgia Institute of Technology in re to its inclusion on ACDC mailing list;
3. Federal Reserve Bank in re ACDC commendation of proposed park development at Spring & Marietta Streets;
4. Rich's, Inc., in re ACDC commendation of proposed "open green spot" on site formerly occupied by the office of The Atlanta Constitution;
5. Dan E. Sweat, Director of Governmental Liaison, offering ACDC cooperation in "Demonstration Cities" Program.

The Chairman also read letters to Mayor Allen from the Peachtree Golf Club, Secretary of State Ben Fortson, and Georgia Historical Commission, with reference to "historical sites and/or structures", as forwarded to the Commission from the Mayor's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

"Terminus" Committee

Mr. Muldawer, chairman, reported that he and Mr. Baldwin have met with certain representatives of the C&S Bank who are interested in participating and assisting with the proposed development of the "old city" area. In general the discussion has been about spearheading a non-profit group together as a joint venture to acquire and develop this underground area. He further stated that a large map of the city area has been provided so the boundary can be plotted, and that the initial plans of Rapid Transit do not seem detrimental to our ideas.

Mr. Baldwin added that Mr. Hugh Thompson, of the C&S Bank, is preparing a brochure of ideas for the underground development, to be presented to Mr. Mills Lane, President of C&S Bank. He suggested the chairman write a letter to Mr. Thompson, with a copy to Mr. Lane, giving ACDC endorsement and ideas on this project.

Urban Beautification Committee

Mr. Harris, chairman, reported that 2 members of the committee have met with the Planning Department, and another meeting is scheduled for February 14. He added they will maintain contact with the Planning Dept.

Committee on "Historic Sites & Structures"

Mr. Baldwin, chairman, reported that he has been contacted by Eric Harkness to the fact that the City Planning Dept. is interested in the preservation of any historic structures in the area. Mr. Baldwin stated that he feels that a form of criteria for historic or architectural structures needs to be established.

PRESENTATIONS:

Toombs

Mr. Henry Toombs, representing the Federal Reserve Bank, presented drawings of proposed garden scheme at the southeast corner of Spring and Marietta Streets, where the Federal Reserve Bank is demolishing the Silvey Building. Mr. Toombs was thanked for making this review by the Commission possible.

A letter of commendation to the Federal Reserve Bank, with a copy to Mr. Toombs, was requested by members present.

Clarke

Mr. Clifford M. Clarke presented for review by the Commission the preliminary plans for an Associated Industries of Georgia office building, at Washington and Hunter Streets. Certain members raised questions pertaining to the relationships between this proposed building and the State Capital and other existing adjacent buildings.

Mr. Clarke urged members of the Commission to make specific suggestions. In response, it was requested that their architects give further study to the arrangement of the street floor plan, in an effort to create more of an open effect, preferably with some green planting, to the exterior view of this floor from adjacent streets.

It was also requested that further consideration be given to the relative height of the building as presently shown.

Mr. Clarke was commended for making this presentation at such an early stage, and Mr. Clarke stated he will try to make use of the guidance offered. Mr. Tucker, architect for the AIG building, will attend a later ACDC meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Muldawer requested that a letter be written to Mr. Raymond D. Nasher, inviting him to meet with the Commission as soon as possible, relative to the "Platform City" proposed for development in the Capital area.

Gladin & Harkness

Messrs. Gladin & Harkness presented for review the proposed developments of the Georgia State Campus. The Commission was urged to make suggestions on the development of criteria for bridges between buildings. The following statement was approved by the members present, to be presented to the Board of Aldermen at a meeting scheduled in the near future:

"It is the consensus of opinion of members present at the February 9 meeting, that ACDC strongly endorses, on the Georgia State College Master Plan, the concept of the Plaza System, which includes the separation of vehicles from pedestrian traffic by different levels."

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of appointments to the Commission. The Chairman stated he will write a letter to Mayor Allen, and give ACDC's recommendations for appointments or reappointments to the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Ann Butler
Recording Secretary