

## CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT of PARKS
Office of General Manager
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

July 20, 1967



JACK C. DELIUS GENERAL MANAGER

> Mr. Jesse Hill, Jr., Co-Chairman Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference % Atlanta Life Insurance Company P. O. Box 897 Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you very much for your telephone call to my office on Friday, July 14 and your letter of July 17, 1967, requesting that we withold the earmarking or committment of some \$350,000 for park purposes until a committee of the Atlanta Summittee Leadership Conference can meet with me.

First of all, the City has formerly committed itself to purchase of park site North of the expressway in the West End Urban Renewal Area; a park site adjacent to the W. C. Hills School in Bedford-Pine Urban Renewal Area; a park site in the Western portion of the Rawson-Washington Urban Renewal Area; and, a park site in the Rockdale Urban Renewal project. Our best information from the City Comptroller is that these park sites must be purchased and are part of the overall Urban Renewal projects for the respective areas of the City. The rather limited funds that are left after the purchase of these properties have been very carefully allocated to a number of urgent projects on the southside, westside, and northeast side of our City. The suggested priority list of projects has been submitted to the Park Committee of the Board of Aldermen and, through the City Comptroller to the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen. We expect to have a called meeting of the Parks Committee in a few days after the members have had time to review and digest the project list.

Regarding your request to meet with me on Tuesday, July 25, I would certainly be glad to meet with you but I think it would be best for you to discuss your requests with the Parks Committee of the Board of Aldermen since they have the final say-so on priorities, etc., pertaining to Park and Recreation facilities. You may care to correspond with Alderman Charlie Leftwich, the Chairman of our Committee and, of course, Alderman Williamson,

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your Co-Chairman of the Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, is also a member of the Aldermanic Parks Committee.

If you would still care to meet with me on July 25, just give me a call and thank you for your continued interest, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius General Manager of Parks and Recreation

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CC: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor, City of Atlanta Rev. S. W. Williams, Co-Chairman, Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference

Alderman Q. V. Williamson, Co-Chairman, Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference and Member of Aldermanic Parks Committee
Alderman Charlie Leftwich, Chairman, Aldermanic Parks Committee
Alderman Buddy Fowlkes, Vice-Chairman, Aldermanic Parks Committee
Alderman G. Everett Millican, Member, Aldermanic Parks Committee
Honorable Milton Farris, Chairman, Finance Committee
Mr. Charles L. Davis, Comptroller, City of Atlanta