

June 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman
Housing Resources Committee

Attached is copy of Agenda of joint meeting June 13 of the Planning Department with the P & D Committee and the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

I wasn't officially notified of this meeting nor invited to attend. However, I went any way, as we are particularly interested in and concerned with Item 21.

The Planning Department was attempting to get the two Aldermanic Committees to indicate how far the 1970 NDP Program should go and specifically whether Lightning, Plunkettown and possibly other areas should be included; and if so, what provisions the City proposes to make to support the program financially.

I threw a bomb shell into the discussion by stating that the HRC proposes to support the inclusion of both Lightning and Plunkettown in the NDP application, for execution in 1970.

Both the Planning Department and Housing Authority representatives appeared horrified and at first said that I must mean "for planning purposes only" in 1970; and that the first year should be for planning only for execution to start the following year.

When I insisted that I meant for planning and execution both to take place, or at least start, in 1970 they finally admitted that this is possible, if the staffs are made large enough.

There is no good reason that I can see why Plunkettown and Lightning should require a year for planning only, especially since a Feasibility Study at the cost of some \$15,000 has already been conducted by the Planning Department in Lightning.

If the plans are kept simple, as they should be, I can see no reason for waiting another full year before going into execution on either area.

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After the meeting, Collier insisted to me that both you and I were on the mailing list and had been informed of that meeting and of the Agenda.

I checked with Collier's secretary and found that you had not been on the list nor furnished notice of the meeting and that the copy which I should have gotten was sent to CACUR.

Sincerely,

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Housing Coordinator

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Encl: Agenda

cc: Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr. ✓