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MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD EXECUTIVE BOARD
Tuesday, July 1, 1969
10:00 a.m.

The monthly meeting of the Model Neighborhood Executive Board was held on Tuesday, July 1, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall.

The following members were present:

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Mattie Ansley
Mr. Clarence Coleman
Mr. John Hood
Alderman E. Gregory Griggs
Alderman G. Everett Millican
Mr. Walter Mitchell
Deacon Lewis Peters
Mr. J. D. Newberry
Dr. C. Miles Smith
Mrs. Martha Weems
Mr. Bill Wainwright
Mr. Joe Whitely

Absent:

Mr. Sam Caldwell

Other City officials, representatives from neighborhood organizations, and the press were also present.

The Chairman, Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., called the meeting to order. He then entertained a motion for the adoption of the June 10 Minutes. It was so moved and unanimously approved without correction.

REPORT OF THE MASS CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Deacon Peters distributed copies of the Minutes of the Model Cities Mass Convention which met on June 15 and he stated that he was very impressed with the participation of the residents since the program moved into implementation. Mr. Wainwright moved that the Minutes of the June 15 meeting be accepted by the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Coleman read and distributed copies of the resolution prepared by the Special Employment Committee. The resolution established guidelines for the Model Cities Program and contracting agencies to follow in their employment practices. The resolution spelled out a program that assures Model Cities jobs will go to Model Neighborhood residents. Mr. Millican stated that he felt the requirements listed in the resolution would tie the hands of the contracting agencies in filling positions. He specifically questioned the proposal that Model Cities residents be give a base "resident preference" of 10 points or ten per cent and that all firms or agencies contracting to do projects in the Model Cities area be bound by policies set by the Board. Mr. Millican stated that he had prepared another resolution that was a little less strict in its requirements and that he had conferred with the City Attorney on its merits. Mr. Coleman then moved that the Board adopt and approve his resolution and refer it to the City Attorney for legal interpretation. Mrs. Ansley seconded the motion. Mr. Whitley brought out the fact that Mr. Millican had the right to read his resolution to the Board as a minority report. Mr. Millican said that he preferred not to read his resolution as a minority report. After further discussion on whether to approve the resolution or to just accept it as information, Mr. Coleman reworded his motion. He moved that the Board refer the resolution to the City Attorney for a ruling; if it is a legal document that it becomes a policy of the Board, if not, that it be referred back to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hood and approved by the Board.

Mr. Coleman then submitted a resolution that called for the creation of a new position on the Model Cities Staff of Resident Employment Opportunity Coordinator, whose responsibility shall be to implement the employment policies of the Board and assure compliance of the agencies or organizations contracted by the program. Copies of the resolution were distributed to all Board members. Mr. Millican moved that the resolution be referred to the Personnel Committee for their review. The motion was seconded and approved. Mr. Coleman asked that the committee report at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Copies of the recommendations from the Review Committee were distributed to all Board members. Mrs. Weems moved that the recommendations be accepted. The motion was seconded. Mr. Hood asked that a brief discription be given of all projects that were approved by the Committee. Mr. Johnson proceeded to give a discription of the projects as they were listed in the recommendation

A discussion was opened by Mr. Whitley concerning Project SS-049N, Project Expand, which gives Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. \$140,000 to set-up and staff a Neighborhood Service Center in Grant Park and Adair Park. Mr. Whitely stated that a majority of the

residents of Grant Park did not want an EOA Service Center in the area. Deacon Peters said that only a small segment of the residents did not want the EOA Center and that the others felt that there was a real need for the center. Mr. Newberry, speaking for Adair Park, said that he feels that the project was needed by the people and should not be deleted. Mr. Whitley then moved that Project Expand be deleted from the Program. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Dr. Smith then moved to approve the four projects listed to be carried out by EOA. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The four projects are: SS-028N, Neighborhood Consumer Program; SS-049N, Project Expand; TR-001C, Specialized Passenger Van Service; EM-024N, Resident Emergency Assistance Fund to Job Applicants.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved that Project SS-009C, Crisis Oriented Counseling, be approved.

Mr. Wainwright moved that Project SS-033N, Multi-Day Care Services, be approved. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman then asked for a report on the status of the Southside Day Care Association. Mr. Shimkus reported that the Model Cities Program was very much interested in relating to the Southside Day Care Association in a funding position, and that a proposal had been received from their staff which was being review for funding in next year's program. Mr. Coleman asked if it were still possible to fund a part of the Southside facility this year. Mr. Shimkus answered yes. Mr. Coleman then asked that the Review Committee review the Southside proposal and report on it at the next meeting. A vote was then taken on the motion to approve the Multi-Day Care Services to be implemented by the Senior Citizens Services of Metropolitan Atlanta. It was unanimously approved.

It was then moved and seconded and unanimously approved that Project SS-011C, Homemaker Services; Project SS-026N, Legal Education and Project SS-27N Model Home Management, be approved.

It was moved and seconded that the two projects to be implemented by Model Neighborhood, Inc., be approved. Deacon Peters said that the Steering Committee met to discuss Model Neighborhood, Inc., and recommends that Model Neighborhood, Inc., not be approved to receive the \$35,000 in Model Cities funds. The Mayor then stated for the record that he does not think Mr. Moody is qualified to carry out the projects. He said that he questioned the validity of Mr. Moody's ability to carry out the projects because of his past employment record with the city. For these reasons, the Mayor feels that he cannot endorse the projects' implementation by Model Neighborhood Inc. Dr. Smith said that since Mr. Moody has obtained technical people to assist him, that he strongly endorses the projects. Alderman Griggs said that he was reluctant to trust the Board of Model Neighborhood, Inc. with that amount of money because of their inability to get together. Mr. Mitchell said he was reluctant because of the Mayor's statement and suggested that the Board postpone action on the projects until the next meeting. Dr. Smith asked for

a roll call vote so that the people will know how the Board feels. Further discussion followed with other Board members expressing their views. Mr. Hood then offered a substitute motion to the original motion that Model Neighborhood, Inc., projects be tabled until the next regular meeting in order to give them time to reorganize and restructure their program. Mrs. Weems seconded the motion. The motion carried with 8 voting for approval and 3 opposing. Mr. Wainwright stated that someone should give MNI direction as to what the Board expects. Mr. Millican suggested that MNI prepare a written statement showing what they are going to do with the money. Mr. Newberry said that he would like to know who the experts are on the MNI staff. The Mayor said that the Review Committee would meet to discuss the projects with the Board of Directors of MNI.

A discussion then followed on the expansion of the Review Committee to include the entire board. Mr. Mitchell moved that the personnel of the Review Committee be the same as the personnel of the Executive Board. The motion was seconded. Mr. Johnson cautioned the Board that the Review Committee should be prepared to meet weekly or bi-weekly. Dr. Smith brought out the fact that a quorum will be necessary before any official action can be taken. Mr. Hood then offered a substitute motion that the Review Committee be expanded by two members and that they be community residents. Deacon Peters seconded the motion. After a discussion on the merits of expanding the Review Committee by two members or expanding it to include the entire board, Mr. Hood withdrew his motion and a vote was taken on the previous motion. The motion was carried with one (1) opposing.

Mr. Griggs moved that the balance of the projects recommended by the Review Committee be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The other projects are: EM-019N, Staffing Central Facility and Mechanism of Service; EM-023N, Direct Medical Maintenance; EM-015N, Resident Work Attitude Change; EM-001C, Model Cities Mass Convention, Inc.; RC-003N, Purchase Vacant Land for Block Parks and Playlots, RC-005N, Mobile Recreation Centers.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Whitely said that because of the meeting being held a week early, he was not prepared to give his report on relocation; but he would give in in the August meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. James L. Wright, Jr., Director of Physical Development gave a report on the relocation activity outside of the Urban Renewal Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., Chairman
Model Neighborhood Executive Board

Johnny C. Johnson, Director