COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION CITY HALL ATLANTA, GEORGIA February 21, 1967

Mr. Jack Delius Director Parks & Recreation City of Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Delius:

At the public hearing held on February 16 by the new Community Relations Commission, a delegation of young people from the Vine City area presented a petition with 202 signatures and a strong plea for help in keeping in operation the Recreation Center at 141 Walnut Street, staffed by Mr. Eddie Murphey, who I understand has been paid by EOA funds.

I know that you are aware of the need in this area and of the urgency of this request, and also that you are familiar with any resources beyond the immediate budget of your department. Is there any way in which the Commission can be of help in obtaining additional help, for example, through the Federal Executive Board, which I understand is interested in youth programs in Atlanta? Also, I have heard from a representative of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, who was at the hearing and thinks a group of churches might be able to help with salary for a recreation worker. I have urged her (Mrs. F. Levering Neely) to contact you and work with your department to formulate any plans.

This was one of the most urgent needs brought to the Commission and I would like to be able to make some report about it at the Commission meeting on Friday, February 24, 1967 at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

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(Mrs.) Eliza Paschall

Executive Director

Community Relations Commission

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

Hon. Sam Massell, Jr.

Alderman Charles Leftwich

Vine City Youth Council c/o

Mr. Charles Black, Nash Washington EOA Center

Miss Virginia Carmichael

Mrs. F.C. Neely