

May 18, 1967

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Mr. Charles L. Davis  
Comptroller  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Charles:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Finance Committee's action in levying an additional one-half mill tax and earmarking such funds for the use of the Parks Department.

In your letter, you asked that I develop a list of the emergency operating needs of this department for the remainder of 1967; and, you further requested that in compiling my list of needs, I take in consideration the grants promised by Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. Let me say here that we have only been promised \$160,000 not two to three hundred thousand dollars as your letter indicates. However, there is a possibility that Congress will pass a supplemental appropriations bill which will amount to some \$75,000,000 and out of this EOA may get additional funds for recreation. The problem is that the summer is already here and I must begin to move and move rapidly and I cannot wait on various decisions up and down the line.

I am attaching a synopsis of the proposal submitted to Economic Opportunity that covers the operation of seven different and distinct recreation and cultural activities. They are listed in the order of priority and you will note that on page two there is a recap of the cash grants requested from EOA. The cash grant comes to \$381,695.70. EOA has assured us of only \$160,000. Thus, if no additional EOA funds materialize, from the City we will need \$121,000. An additional sum will be needed from the City in the event that we wish to extend the hours of operation of community centers located in non-disadvantaged areas. We have included in this proposal to EOA only those facilities which will directly serve citizens of the poverty target areas.

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If you desire, I can supply you with a more complete breakdown as to how we arrived at salaries, travel expenses, equipment, etc. I assume that for the present, the attached synopsis is sufficient for your purposes. We have not included the \$53,000 set aside for playlot salaries in computing the additional funds needed from EOA in that we would like to return this sum of money to our regular salary accounts and thus "unfreeze" a number of positions. Finally, Miss Carmichael has proceeded to requisition playground equipment and portable toilets using City funds. She knows her accounts will be in the red; however, we can transfer funds when EOA makes their grant.

We appreciate your consideration to our request and thanking you for your many past favors, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. (w/encl.)  
All Members of the Parks Committee (w/encl.)  
Hon. Milton Farris (w/encl.)