

CITY OF ATLANTA



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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat *DS*

Subject: Eliza Paschall

Attached is correspondence between Mrs. Eliza Paschall of the Community Relations Commission and Duane Beck of the Community Council.

I hesitate to register a complaint about Mrs. Paschall's action as recognized in the attached correspondence for fear that I might be getting the reputation of being anti Community Relations Commission or that I have some adverse personal feelings against Mrs. Paschall, but here again is an example which raises a basic issue concerning the role of the Community Relations Commission and its relationship to the established local government authority which I feel must be resolved for the good of everyone in the City of Atlanta.

As you know, this office has been involved since its creation in assisting in the development of recreation programs and facilities for the City of Atlanta. This summer's program is the most comprehensive ever carried out in the City of Atlanta and is a result of very close cooperation and coordination by the City through the Atlanta Youth Council with various public and private agencies.

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I mentioned to you a few days ago that we were now in a position to be able to develop a year-round program with emphasis on summer recreation and that many groups have pledged their cooperation. We have taken steps in that direction.

Now, I find that Mrs. Paschall has entered this area without any communication with this office and is attempting to assume the responsibilities of the Atlanta Youth Council and Parks and Recreation Department in this area.

I think Mr. Beck's answer to Mrs. Paschall indicates that the Community Council is aware of the role of the Mayor's Office, the City Recreation Department, the Community Chest, EOA, and the schools, as well as the Atlanta Youth Council, which is the agency we have agreed would spearhead development of youth and juvenile delinquency programs.

The main point I would like to make is that the Community Relations Commission, which has an office in City Hall, should find out what the City is doing before initiating action which tends to cause confusion, overlapping and duplication.

I wish that an explicit definition of the role of the Community Relations Commission could be drawn which would let all of us know exactly what the responsibilities of that organization are. I think this is a must if we are to expect harmonious relationships between the Commission, the City Government, and other public and private groups.

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cc: Mr. Earl Landers