

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR URBAN RENEWAL

Atlanta Room  
Citizens and Southern National Bank  
Tuesday, September 30, 1969

The full Committee quarterly meeting of the CACUR was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by the Vice-Chairman A. B. Padgett, who presided over the meeting during absence of Chairman Noah Langdale who had a conflicting engagement. Those attending the meeting from the Executive Committee were: Messrs. Edgar Schukraft; W. L. Calloway; Charles Mathias; Bob Bivens; Jack Carrollton (representing Mr. E. A. Yates); Mrs. Doris Lockerman; and Mrs. Leonard Haas. Committee members in attendance were: Messrs. William Toms; Fred Burns; and Curtis Driskell; for the Atlanta Housing Authority: Mr. Lester Persells; Mr. Howard Openshaw; Mr. Robert Barnett (Project Director - Vine City NDP area); Mr. Curtis Parrish (Project Director - Edgewood NDP area); Mr. Thomas Eskew; Mr. Douglas Wendell; Mr. Wilson McClure (Project Director - West End); for the Southwest Atlanta Association, Inc: Mr. James W. DuPuy; for EOA: Mr. W. L. Horshen; for the Planning Department of the City of Atlanta: Mr. Collier B. Gladin; Mrs. Sally Pickett; and Mr. John Matthews. Others: Mr. A. L. Watson - Sammie Coan School Director; Mr. Norman M. Rates - Spelman College; Rev. W. L. Houston - Project Area Committee, Vine City; and Mr. Walter Dancy - Urban Corps Intern with the CACUR Office.

Invitational Notice, Agenda and other related Documents for the meeting are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Vice-Chairman Padgett opened the meeting by welcoming those present. He then stated that the first item on the Agenda would be put off until Chairman Langdale arrived. The second item on the Agenda was the presentation of the Vine City NDP plan. Mr. Padgett then introduced Mr. Howard Openshaw, Director of Urban Redevelopment of the Atlanta Housing Authority.

Mr. Openshaw then introduced Mr. Robert Barnett, Project Director of Vine City, to present the NDP plan.

Mr. Barnett first explained the geographical location of Vine City. The boundaries being: Northside Drive on the East, Simpson Road on the North, Griffin Street on the West and Hunter Street on the South. He also stated that there are approximately 154 acres, with 900 families and 3,500 individuals located in the Vine City area.

Mr. Barnett stated that the first things that were done in Vine City was to form a local committee known as the PAC or Project Area Committee to represent



the interests of the citizens of the Vine City Community. He stated that the PAC holds meeting at least once a week (usually every Monday night), and that a survey was made to collect facts on Vine City, such as population, family size, amount of income, heads of household, etc. The survey showed that the average income for the Vine City areas is \$161.00 a month, and that 76% of the property in the area has absentee landlords and 24% is owner occupied. The survey also showed that the residents of the Vine City area wanted more shopping, transportation and community facilities.

Mr. Barnett further stated that the target area for the 1970 NDP plan has already been designated. The target area, which was shown by a map presentation, has 122 structures (162 families), with 92 of these structures as major deterioration, 9 as a minor deterioration and only 1 standard structure. By map presentation, Mr. Barnett showed the lay out for the 1970 NDP plan, with a 24 acre park, commercial area, garden type apartments, town houses and single family residences.

Vice-Chairman Padgett thanked Mr. Barnett for his very informative presentation on the Neighborhood Development Program for Vine City in 1970.

Mr. Openshaw then introduced Mr. Curtis Parrish, Project Director of the Edgewood area. In turn, Mr. Parrish introduced Mr. Harry Adley and Mr. Albert Twiggs of Adley Associates to present the Edgewood NDP plan for 1970.

Mr. Adley and Mr. Twiggs presented a slide presentation of the good and bad areas of the Edgewood project. Mr. Adley stressed that the area of Edgewood should be rehabilitated, not torn down. Four sections of the Edgewood area have tentatively been selected for activity to start in 1970. Sammye Coan School is a good example of the type of environment Edgewood is working for in its effort to develop a better Community. Mr. Adley agreed to provide the Executive Director with a summary sheet on the Edgewood project statistics.

Mr. Padgett thanked Mr. Adley and Mr. Twiggs for a very fine presentation of Edgewood. Because of the time element involved, a fifteen minute presentation was given on each NDP plan and a five minute question and answer period.

There was much discussion on the subject and value of rehabilitation and the accusation that rehabilitation does not last, because the individuals do not keep up their homes or property.

Vice-Chairman Padgett then stated that there was not enough time for a detailed discussion on the merits of rehabilitation and suggested that the subject of rehabilitation be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.



Mr. Padgett called on Mr. Openshaw to present the overall Neighborhood Development Program for 1970 (copy attached, Encl. 1). Attention of CACUR members was particularly called to the enclosed copy of recent letter from the Regional Office of HUD stating that HUD funding to the Region III area is only \$24,000,000; and that this is only 45.9% of the amount allocated for the first year's activity for the six NDP programs now under way in Region III.

In response to question from the Executive Director, CACUR, as to proposed activity in the portion of the Bedford-Pine NDP area south of Forrest Avenue. (This is where the bulk of the most dilapidated housing is located.) Mr. Openshaw stated that no activity is planned in that area for 1969-70 except acquisition of a few scattered dilapidated structures, requested by the Mayor.

Mr. Padgett then called on Mr. Openshaw to respond to comments on the West End Urban Renewal Project previously submitted by the Executive Committee.

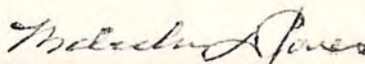
Mr. Openshaw read a letter addressed to the Executive Director, explaining the delays in many of the Urban Renewal projects, including West End (Encl. 2).

After considerable discussion pertaining to certain aspects of the West End project, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

Financial state prepared by the Executive Director, was not presented during the meeting, but was subsequently turned over to the Vice-Chairman.

In view of impending City elections, Item 1 on the Agenda, "Explanation of Proposed Reorganization of CACUR", was omitted until a later date.

Respectfully submitted,



Malcolm D. Jones  
Executive Director

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Encls: 1. Neighborhood Development Program for 1970  
2. Letter dated September 30, 1969