

MINUTES  
ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION  
JANUARY 12, 1967

The regular meeting of the Atlanta Civic Design Commission was held Thursday, January 12, at 2 p.m., in Committee Room #4, City Hall, with the following members present:

Sam'l Inman Cooper, Chairman	H. King McCain
Joseph S. Perrin, Vice-Chairman	J. Ben Moore
Mrs. Alvin M. Ferst, Secretary	Paul Muldawer
Harry J. Baldwin	

Guest present:

Eric Harkness, City Planning Department

Minutes of the December 8 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Cooper reported that the following letters have been received or written by the Commission:

1. Letter of Dec. 15 to Mayor Allen stating ACDC support to the Mayor's Housing Program, and the Mayor's reply thereto.
2. Letter of Dec. 15 to Robert W. Bivens, Executive Director, Central Atlanta Progress, thanking him for meeting with ACDC on Dec. 8. A copy of the ACDC letter to the Board of Aldermen requesting funds for initiating of model of downtown Atlanta was forwarded to Mr. Bivens, so that CAP can consider collaborating with ACDC on this undertaking.
3. Letter of Dec. 21 from W. L. Calloway, describing improvements made on the Atlanta Transit Company parking lot.
4. Letter of Dec. 22 to Robert Sommerville, President of Atlanta Transit, stating ACDC commendation for treatment of property described in Calloway letter, and Mr. Sommerville's reply thereto.
5. Letter of Dec. 22 to Alderman Rodney M. Cook re report of "Community Improvement Program," and Alderman Cook's reply thereto.
6. Letter of Dec. 22 to Mayor Allen re preservation of "historical sites and structures".

7. Letter of Jan. 5 to Architectural Models, Inc., re their proposal for the construction of a scale model of Atlanta business district.
8. Letter of Jan. 5 to Wm. M. Eichbaum re proposal for construction of scale model of Atlanta business district.
9. Letter of Jan. 10 to various city departments, architects, news media, etc., requesting that plans for architectural review by the Commission be submitted in their preliminary stages, as per amendment to ordinance approved 12/7/66.

The Chairman also reported that he attended the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen on January 6, at which time ACDC's request for \$1000 was considered. A decision was not rendered at that time.

#### HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES

Mr. Baldwin reported he had contacted Mr. Pilcher of the City Attorney's Office, as requested at the last meeting, re preservation of "historic sites and structures". Mr. Pilcher feels that procedures suggested whereby City has first option to buy, in case the property is either offered for sale, or is approved for demolition, are good possibilities for preserving these sites. He further suggested the following steps be taken:

1. ACDC agree what sites and/or structures are of "historical significance", and make a declaration of same to be presented to the Board of Aldermen;
2. Check with the Parks Department re management;
3. See Land Department for information re acquiring property;
4. See Mr. Jake Buchannon of the Housing Code to see if the minimum housing requirements are met.

It was suggested that Mr. Pilcher be invited to meet with ACDC on January 26 to discuss this matter.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

Appointments to Commission

Members present discussed the possibility of amending the ordinance creating the ACDC, whereby re-appointments to the Commission could be made. The Chairman was requested to contact Sam Massell to see if this request could be presented to the Board of Aldermen on January 16.

Chairman Cooper further urged a good attendance at the next meeting, so that requests and/or recommendations for appointments to the Commission can be discussed.

RE Trash

Commission discussed the trash problem in the downtown area. Mr. Perrin feels that an aesthetic committee is needed to come up with ideas on trash receptacles, or perhaps to suggest some alternative, thereby making it easy for action to be taken.

Mr. Perrin moved that the chairman appoint a 3-man committee to come up with concrete suggestions for this problem for ACDC approval, and if feasible, to be forwarded to the Sanitary Department, with a copy of same to the Planning Department. With the concurrence of the Commission, this action will be postponed until the new Commission members and officers are elected.

RE City Showing at Arts Festival

The following motion, made by Mr. Perrin, was passed:

"That the Commission authorize Mr. Perrin and Mrs. Ferst to approach the Board of the Atlanta Arts Festival with the idea of a city showing, to be

prepared by the Commission, to tell the story of the design problems that ACDC recognizes."

It was suggested that if the Arts Board approves the idea, the Mayor should be contacted for his ideas and then see the Planning Department to set goals for the show.

#### Harkness Presentation

Mr. Eric Harkness reviewed the recommendations made in the "Community Improvement Program" booklet. A copy of the booklet was distributed to members present, with the Chairman's request that they read it and give their reactions to same at the next meeting.

Mr. Harkness and members concurred that for these CIP recommendations and ACDC's program to be more effective, the public should be better informed of the problems and achievements.

#### COMMITTEE ON PERCENTAGE FOR ARTS

Mr. Perrin read the report of the committee recommending a proposed ordinance be prepared for presentation to the Board of Aldermen providing for a certain percentage of the total project cost for the allied arts. This report was approved by the members present, and Chairman Cooper requested Mr. Perrin's committee to draft such an ordinance to be presented to the Board of Aldermen.

#### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

The following preliminary plans were reviewed:

1. Benteen Park
2. Cleveland Avenue Park
3. Empire Blvd. Park
4. Harper Park
5. Shady Valley Park

Mr. Muldawer reported that he, as chairman of the architectural review committee, had previously reviewed these plans, and read to the members his letter to Mr. Jack Delius, General Manager of the Parks Department, expressing his opinion of the plans. Mr. Muldawer suggested that Mr. Delius or his representative be invited to a meeting to establish a design criteria for parks.

A letter, as dictated by Mr. Perrin, inviting Mr. Delius or his representative to the January 26 meeting, was approved by the members, and will be forwarded to Mr. Delius.

Mr. Muldawer further requested that as a monthly action, a letter be sent to the press, stating the number of architectural reviews made and naming those projects and architects commended by ACDC.

MOTION:

Mrs. Ferst's motion to seek one-hundred dollars (\$100) to develop some form of seal or citation to be given by ACDC to projects of outstanding merit in the judgement of the Commission, was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Ann Butler  
Recording Secretary