

MONTGOMERY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 1972
2:30 P.M.

Invocation

Welcome to Visitors

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Committee Reports:

1. Budget ✓
2. Staff ✓
3. Others -

Chisholm - need a fence

Old Business:

1. R.S.P.
2. Open Space
3. Lister Hill Plaza Wind Control

New Business:

1. Baldwin Community Center
2. Montgomery Childrens Zoo
 - a. Admissions
 - b. Concessions
3. Rides - Pete Moore
4. Easement Money
5. Request Grading of Old Selma Road
6. Twin Gates Layout
7. Request Grading of Twin Gates
8. Senior Citizen Budget

9. *Moseley*

Correspondence:

1. Women's Softball Association
2. Charles M. Graves
3. Seminar Council of Montgomery
4. Calvin, Perkins, Jones Architects

*Strong in propagation
to racial composition
because the habit is so
well ingrained that*

we set a policy for hiring

Music and Dancing - plan and conduct an over-all program including singing, rhythm band, chorus, as well as folk dancing, square dancing and rhythms.

Approximately 40 Aides:

These aides will be used to supplement the staff in existing facilities, and to staff other areas that will be opened to RSP.

NYC enrollees will be used in all areas. They will be trained and supervised by professional recreation staff members.

Community Centers and playgrounds will utilize existing personnel but will be augmented by NYC enrollees and other aides to help expand the program.

The staff requirements of the YMCA resident camp and day camp are outlined and included in the attached letter - Exhibit B. Volunteers will be secured to assist in many activities where additional leadership and special skills are needed.

7. Equipment and Supplies

For a description of the Mobile Units, see Exhibit C and D. These units will be purchased outright and thus will be available to the disadvantaged youth throughout the year.

To facilitate the transporting of these units, as well as the Arts and Crafts and Puppet and Marionette units purchased during the 1971 RSP, it is requested that a one-ton truck-van be purchased. This van will, not only transport the units, but will also carry, as part of its cargo, various types of recreation equipment that can be set up at the places where stops are made. This will enable the disadvantaged youth to have opportunities for more varied program than would otherwise be possible.

Nose-bag lunches and light refreshments will be furnished at special events.

Supplies needed for playgrounds and centers operation chargeable to the RSP can be found in Exhibit E.

8. Transportation

Request is made for a van-truck to be used to transport the mobile units and to carry other equipment and program supplies to the program sites. Insurance will be provided to cover personal and property liability of \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$10,000 and \$100 per person medical coverage.

Buses to transport RSP participants to special event sites will be chartered from Montgomery City Lines, Inc.

Request is made for mileage to transport supervisory staff and NYC enrollees to job sites.

9. Food Items:

Request is made for funds for food items as follows:

cooking classes
out-door cooking and camp craft
light refreshments for parties
picnic lunches
water melon cuttings
ice cream parties, etc.

PROGRAM ACCOUNT 5025

BURGESS

\$ 3,000

Game Room Supplies - Table Games for Pre-School - Adult
Both Quiet and Action - Bridge Supplies - 22 Community
Centers and Playgrounds.

\$ 5,000

Party Supplies for seasonal events such as: Christmas,
Easter, Halloween, St. Valentine Day, Letter Club Functions,
4th July, etc.

Punch, cookies, potato chips, cakes, hamburgers or hot
dogs, etc.

Decorations for same such as: Christmas trees, and lights, etc.
22 Community Centers and Playgrounds.

\$ 7,000

Minor Sports Equipment - Table tennis, badminton, shuffle-
board, tether ball, kick ball, horseshoes, paddle tennis,
playground balls, Frisbee, hula hoops.

Trophies and ribbons for City wide tournaments for same.
Replacement parts for spotlights, movie projector, record
players, records, etc.

Supplies for Flying Classes - Supplies and Equipment
for Lapidary and Rock Hound Classes. - Supplies for
seasonal dances, photographic supplies. 22 Community
Centers and Playgrounds.

Parties

King Hill
Washington PK
Carver

} ? - Black communities

Feb. 11, 1972

To: Henry Andrews

From: Edith Upchurch

Subject: Employment of recreation aide for music work.

If possible, we would like to request the employment of a recreation aide who is trained in music and choral work. We do not have anyone on the staff who has this training.

The aide would be used in all centers to handle music and choral programs. A schedule would be made rotating her between all centers. This would give us an opportunity to extend our program into a new recreation field.

Edith J. Upchurch

OK if black or white is considered

e. Special Activities:

1. Cultural and educational trips.

These trips will be made to places of interest in Montgomery County area and will include: State Capitol Complex, White House of the Confederacy, Fire Station, W. A. Gayle Planetarium, Dannelly Field, local dairies, Fort Toulouse, Shaw House and others.

2. All day picnics and fishing trips to be held each week. Nose-bag lunches will be furnished.

3. Outdoor Shows.

These concerts will include two different types of programs: (a) those involving the RSP participants, such as folk dance festival, rhythm bands, choral groups, one-act plays, and impromptu dramatics; (b) performances presented by groups in the community, including Youth Symphony Orchestra, quartets and choirs, band, magician show, etc.

f. Other Activities:

Story hour, cheer leaders, ping-pong, horseshoes, dominoes, archery, chess, dodge ball, fishing and checkers.

5. Number of Disadvantaged Youth to be Served

The RSP will make it possible to serve the leisure needs of over 5,000 disadvantaged youth that would not otherwise have had this opportunity. It is expected that these youth will be served in the following activities:

Playgrounds	2,500
Community Centers	2,500
Other Areas	1,000

6. Staff Requirements

The successful operation of the RSP program will require the following personnel:

Administrative Staff:

Director - to co-ordinate the program with existing program.

Area Supervisor - to supervise areas not now in the regular program of the Recreation Department.

Bookkeeper - to handle pay-roll and purchasing.

Secretary - for typing, reports, schedules, correspondence and mimeographing.

Program Leaders:

Arts and Crafts - in charge of the Arts and Crafts Wagon to conduct over-all arts and crafts program.

Puppet and Marionette - in charge of the Puppet and Marionette Wagon.

Nature and Science - in charge of the Nature and Science Wagon and to conduct an over-all program of nature study and camp craft skills.

- d. Mobile units purchased through the RSP will augment programs at the community centers and playgrounds. Two units were purchased through the 1971 RSP - they included an Arts and Crafts wagon and a Puppet and Marionette wagon. A Science and Nature wagon and a Mobile Playground unit will be added to the fleet this year. These units will be moved into areas included in the RSP program and will also be used in outlying areas that do not have recreation facilities, such as housing projects and school playgrounds.
- e. The YMCA Camps: These camps will provide camping experience for 1,050 disadvantaged youth. 150 of these will have the benefit of a full week resident camp. The remaining 900 will enjoy a one-day outing at the day camp site. The resident camp's facilities include swimming area, rifle range, horseback trail, athletic field, dining hall, cabins for sleeping and an arts and crafts center.

The day camp site has a lodge, gymnasium, nature hut, swimming pool, athletic fields, horseback trails, rifle range and kitchen.

4. Description of Program Activities

- a. Team Sports:
Football, softball, volleyball, speed ball, badminton, track meet, etc. These activities will be organized as intramural play and City-wide tournaments.
- b. Arts and Crafts:
Puppetry, marionette, metal craft, weaving, sewing, decoupage, pottery, wood craft, painting, drawing, etc. These activities will be conducted in all recreation centers and playgrounds. In addition, the arts and crafts mobile unit and puppetry wagon will be used in areas that do not have recreation facilities.
- c. Science and Nature:
The science and nature wagon will be rotated among the centers, playground, parks and out-lying areas. It will be used for nature study, nature crafts and to teach camp-crafts skills.
- d. Drama Center:
A drama center will be established in a community center. Classes will be taught in acting, make-up, lighting, costuming and stage construction. The program participants will take part in plays, operetta, choral readings and one-act plays. Buses will be used to take other disadvantaged youth to the performances.

7. Leisure opportunities for the disadvantaged youth within the familiar surroundings of his own neighborhood through the use of mobile recreation units.
8. Expanded opportunities for the citizens of the community to volunteer their time and talents for added program enrichment.

2. Schedule of Program

The RSP will begin June 5 and close August 26. Orientation and training for staff will take place during the week of June 5 - 10. The program activities will begin June 12 and continue through August 12. The period of August 13 - 26 will be devoted to inventory, reports and closing out of the program. This schedule will allow for eight weeks of participation which will coincide with the regular summer program of the Recreation Department.

The daily program will allow for flexibility to take advantage of special opportunities that might arise during the eight weeks of program activities. --The sample weekly schedule (Exhibit A) is in broad, general categories and is for illustrative purposes only. Varied special programs will be planned to provide a wide range of leisure experiences to the participant. In addition, there will be a one-week resident camping program for boys at the YMCA camp on Lake Jordon. Day camping will be conducted for six consecutive Saturdays.

3. Number and Description of Sites

The RSP will utilize eight community centers and seven playgrounds, two parks, planetarium, tennis complex and two YMCA camps. Trips to be taken by the disadvantaged youth will be within the Montgomery County area and will be selected because of the educational, cultural and recreation opportunities they will provide.

- a. Recreation Centers: Four of the recreation centers are equipped with gymnasiums, club rooms, kitchens and athletic areas. Three of the other centers have kitchens, large play areas and club rooms. The remaining center has a large club room and playground. The four small centers have outdoor playground equipment installed, picnic areas and hard surface areas.
- b. The playgrounds have outdoor playground equipment, restrooms, benches, picnic areas and hard surface areas. One playground has a large athletic area.
- c. The tennis center has eleven courts, four handball courts, two shuffle board courts, outside picnic areas and a club house with lockers for men and women.

A. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

The purpose and objectives of the Montgomery Recreation Department are to provide leisure opportunities for people of all ages, races, religions and nationalities. At the present time the fulfillment of these objectives is limited due to the recent drastic economic cut-backs throughout the entire city system. We realize that the present level of activities is not as great as the need, and for this reason the whole of the RSP program will be devoted to those low-economic neighborhoods that are in the greatest need of recreational opportunities. These areas have been determined from the 1971 RSP programs; from the census tract furnished by the Advanced Planning Department of the City of Montgomery; the Community Relations Department of the Montgomery Police Department and the Montgomery Housing Authority.

1. Description of Present Recreation Services

The city presently operates thirteen community centers and seven playgrounds, geographically located throughout the city, with professionally trained staff. In addition, there are some special facilities such as the W. A. Gayle Planetarium, athletic fields, Lagoon Park, Oak Park, two Senior Citizen Centers, tennis complex and children's zoo. The entire facilities and resources of the Montgomery Parks and Recreation Department will be made available to the RSP as needed.

The RSP will augment the leisure opportunities made possible by the Montgomery Recreation Department and other community organizations. The RSP will expand present operations in low-economic neighborhoods, where presently programs exist to varying degrees. New programs will be initiated in areas where there are presently no organized programs or leisure opportunities.

The RSP will become a part of the overall program of the city and opportunities that come through this program will be of great benefit to, not only the disadvantaged youth, but to the city as a whole. Some of these benefits are:

1. Expanded employment opportunities for youth and adults.
2. A broader and more varied recreation program.
3. Opportunities for greater co-operation by the various youth serving agencies of the community.
4. Opportunity for greater citizen involvement in program planning and evaluation.
5. Cultural enrichment opportunities and educational programs through better utilization of the resources available in the community.
6. Co-Operative programs with selected business and industry in the community to provide educational opportunities for both the disadvantaged youth and the community business and industry leaders.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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March 8, 1972

Honorable C. James Robinson
Honorable Cliff Evans
Honorable J. B. Rucker
Montgomery City Commission
Public Affairs Building
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Dear Commissioners:

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the City of Montgomery terminate its contract of January 26, 1971, with Urban Consultants, Inc. for the development of Old Hayneville Road Park. Additionally, we recommend that a claim be made against Urban Consultants, Inc. for repayment of all monies paid to them under this contract and for damages caused by their failure to perform their part of the contract.

As you know, Urban Consultants, Inc. was obliged under the contract to complete its work on the following schedule:

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| 1. Preliminary Drawings and Estimates | 20 Calendar Days
From Contract
Date |
| 2. General Park Plan | 45 Calendar Days
From Contract
Date |
| 3. Working Drawings, Specifications,
Bids and Contract Documents | 75 Calendar Days
From Contract
Date |

Although we are now in the fourteenth month since the contract was executed and repeated demands for performance have been made upon Urban Consultants, Inc., that firm still has not done its work as required by the contract. Their failure of performance has worked an unreasonable delay in the beginning of construction of this badly needed park project, to the great disappointment and hardship of the people of the Hayneville Road community.

Black Community

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We strongly urge that the City of Montgomery take immediate action to terminate the contract, recover damages for Urban Consultants, Inc.'s breach of contract, and enter a new contract with a competent park consultant.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTGOMERY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Charles Stakely, Jr.

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