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Mr. Charles M. Graves
The Charles M. Graves Organization
2195 Monroe Drive, N. E.
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Dear Mr. Graves:

With the event of the 6-month birthday of the Cobb County Recreation Center, a few facts should be emphasized at this time.

Nothing has received such widespread recognition and interest except possibly Disneyland and Sputnik. Your overall plan of this area with its exceptional view of historic Kennesaw Mountain has literally dazzled everyone his first time here. The remarks of these patrons of this recreation facility are punctuated with nothing but superlatives.

Let's take the swimming pool for instance -- your design of this complete swimming facility has left nothing undone. Its comprehensive make-up allows use for recreation, competition, instruction, synchronized swimming in the highest form. This, too, includes the diving phase of each category. The beauty alone of the ten-meter diving tower justifies its presence.

The golf course layout is second to none in the South. With its sprawling scenic fairways and large greens, this course winds its way over and around two of the three lakes on the site and provides frontage for several hundred choice building sites. There is no question that golf play and home building in this unique project will be booming come the Spring of 1961.

Your talent and extreme personal interest in developing the Master Plan for the Cobb County Recreation Center have made this a facility which will continue to gain more and more national recognition.

I am proud to be a part of its beginning and look to a continued fine relationship with you and your staff as this center grows.

Very sincerely,



Carl I. Pirkle
Manager

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MAX LOCKWOOD, DIRECTOR

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Mr. Charles M. Graves, President
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The Whitehouse on Peachtree
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Dear Mr. Graves,

The Action Plan for Recreation for Macon and Bibb County has now become a part of the history of development for our region.

In every phase of community life the plan has been received with the very best reaction on the part of our people.

Please let me express my appreciation for the time, energy and personal effort which went into the development of the plan by you and members of your staff.

The Plan is ambitious, challenging and far reaching. The scope of it really stimulates the imagination.

We have received the endorsement of several groups and we have not even yet carried the full program to the community. We will begin to do this January 1970.

We have had a request for copies of the plan from as far away as the State of Missouri.

Both the Macon Telegraph and the Macon News have given editorial endorsement.

The Telegraph outlined the plan for 8 consecutive days with front page coverage.

Charlie, I want to thank you for your personal interest in developing the Action Plan. It seems to me that you left no stone unturned in your efforts.

You are to be congratulated on your selection of Miss McLendon for your staff. She shows unusual foresight and understanding of the values of planning for people. This is so important in any Master Plan.

Please accept our best wishes for you and yours in the New Year.

Recreationally yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Max Lockwood", is written over the typed name.

Max Lockwood

Director of Recreation

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CITY OF GREENSBORO
NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF
THE PARKS AND RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Mr. Charles M. Graves
Park & Recreation Engineer
795 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

The "Master Plan for Recreation" you developed in Greensboro for the City Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Council of Social Agencies, has been of untold value in the organization and promotion of recreation in our city. Only recently our City Manager, General James R. Townsend, stated that the plan had saved the City of Greensboro over \$50,000.00 by outlining a definite program to be followed, and that if the city adhered strictly to the program you outlined, that it would save the city additional dollars in its future plans for parks and recreation.

By the use of this plan we have been able to avoid duplication and overlapping of services, areas and facilities of the various agencies in our city. The plan has been a guide to selection and development of new areas and facilities to meet the need of existing conditions, as well as future needs of our community.

I have seen other plans you developed in many southern cities, and I have talked to many leaders in the field of parks and recreation, and they are all high in their praise of the work you are now doing for the communities in our section of the country.

In Greensboro we have recently had an opportunity to construct several shelter houses from plans and specifications drawn by your organization. They were the most complete set of drawings and specifications I have ever seen for a building of this type. The functional use of the building was just what we needed in our program. Every detail was carefully thought out in regards to operation, maintenance, program, etc.

I feel it is only sound planning to have someone like your organization to plan and recommend the proper type facilities for a community, rather than an organization that has had very little experience in the park and recreation field. I know that it is possible to save thousands of dollars on well-planned facilities and areas, not only on the initial cost but the savings in operation and maintenance costs over a period of years. I know that you have designed numerous facilities in our state and saved the organizations considerable money in the designing of useful facilities.

I wish to commend you and your organization for making such a worthwhile service available to the many communities in our southern states.

Sincerely yours,

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.

Oka T. Hester
Oka T. Hester, Director



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Mr. Charles M. Graves
P.O. Box 13216
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

Dear Mr. Graves:

In retrospect I think of the six and a half years I served Dalton as Superintendent of Recreation as a wonderful experience. This is due to a number of things such as sound financing, an enthusiastic public, and splendid recreation commission. However, one of primary contributions was that of good planning. Again let me commend you for the outstanding job you rendered as the Planning Consultant in preparing the Master Plan for the 40-acre park and plans and specifications for the swimming pool and recreation building.

I have heard many Dalton citizens as well as visiting professionals give high praise to the functional design and layout of specific facilities and their relation one to another. Again let me express my gratitude to you for the intelligent and imaginative planning which you so skillfully provided. This was one of the chief factors for Dalton's acceptance of recreation and emphasizes again the importance of wise planning.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Davis".
John H. Davis
Executive Director

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ROBERT L. CONNELLY
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Mr. Clifford A. King, Jr.
Superintendent of Recreation
Douglas Parks and Recreation Department
226 S. Madison Avenue
Douglas, Georgia

Dear Mr. King:

In reply to your letter of August 27 we wish to advise that Mr. William T. Robertson has resigned his position as Director of Recreation in Morganton and accepted a position with the Navy. I am currently serving as Chairman of the Recreation Commission for Morganton, and will attempt to answer the questions which you have raised.


I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Charles M. Graves on two occasions. The first one was on the Board of Drexel Foundation, Inc., when we built a very fine recreation center in Drexel, N. C. I am now serving as a member of this board.

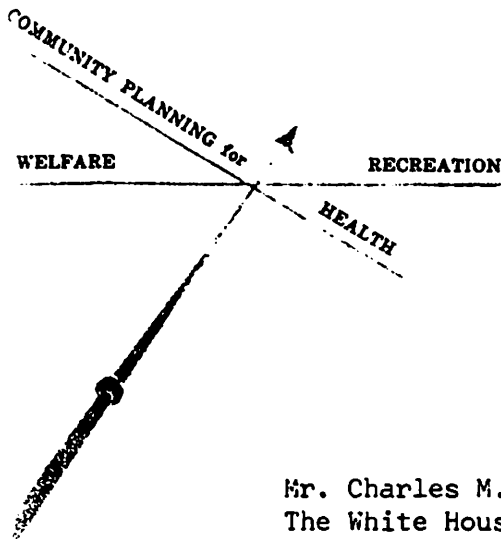
I have also been on the Morganton Recreation Foundation board, and several years ago we employed Mr. Graves on three assignments, namely:

1. To develop a master plan of recreation for the community.
2. To design a recreation building, play ground area and swimming pools for the colored.
3. To design a swimming pool for the white recreation center.

We felt that recreation facilities were a specialized field, and needed the attention of a specialist in the field. We have found Mr. Graves' work very satisfactory on all these assignments.

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Connelly, Chairman
Morganton Recreation Commission
Morganton, N. C.



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Mr. Charles M. Graves
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Dear Mr. Graves:

The delay in writing certainly has no bearing on our appreciation and gratitude to you for an excellent annual meeting program. I am still mortified over the heated room and do hope you didn't take pneumonia -

You really do an outstanding job in presenting your plans, but you also managed to weave in every point we requested to promote the county-wide recreation concept and recreation for all. You drew a very good audience for us and got good newspaper coverage. I will try to round up copies of all the editorials that followed, too.

We still have no financial commitment from the Board of Revenue other than a \$15,000 allocation to Jerry's department for this year. We should know by Wednesday so we can decide what to do with the legislation proposal.

You will be happy to know that Queen City Pool will be open to the public this summer and that Roger Brown and Bob Buechner will be here June 16 to review progress on the National Recreation Report.

Everyone who got to meet Roger was most favorably impressed. I look forward to working with him.

Thank you for making the extra effort for us and I hope that we will have you here again soon and will be kinder to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Edythe T. Marks
Associate Director

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City of Decatur

DECATUR, ALABAMA

J. GILMER BLACKBURN
MAYOR

Mr. Charles M. Graves
The Charles M. Graves Organization
Atlanta, Georgia 30305


Dear Charles:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for the outstanding job you did in establishing a "new concept" in recreation for Decatur. This "new concept" not only provided for the immediate needs of the City, but provided a guide for the long range planning of the City.

The original study "An Action Program for Decatur, Alabama" was one of the best recreation studies I had seen. The passage of the \$1,500,000 recreation bond issue by a 2 to 1 vote indicates the voter approval of your plan. Your design assistance with the Aquadome, other recreation centers and parks not only saved money on the initial construction, but has provided a continuous benefit to the City. We believe the "Aquadome" is the most outstanding recreation center of its kind.

Your firm's experience was invaluable in the development of Point Mallard Park. The self-sustaining swimming center would have been impossible without your concept of a "wave-activated" swimming pool. In addition, the diversity of your firm allowed the Point Mallard Championship Golf Course to be designed without hiring a multitude of consultants. Your design for the Golf Course serves as an outstanding example of a family-type golf course.

Sincerely,

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J. Gilmer Blackburn

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Dear Charles:

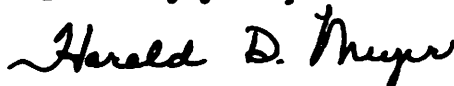
Planning is the order of the day as the recreation movement moves forward throughout the United States. Leadership recognizes the values in professional guidance, in scientific understanding, and in practical efficiency in the procedure of building areas and facilities and program in the field of recreation for more wholesome opportunities for all the people.

It has been a privilege to work closely with you in the things you have done for the advancement of recreation in the nation. In committee work, on programs, through conferences and institutes, and in your daily career work, we have learned to admire the way you do things and the results obtained. One may see your work throughout the entire state—you are building a real monument for yourself and your colleagues in the number of areas and facilities and excellent recreation plans designed.

A good reputation is something to value—we in North Carolina can say that in all matters relating to your work in the state we have had complete satisfaction. I personally know of no complaints. In fact, the general statement is made that you go beyond your requirements at all times. It is this procedure that makes you so valuable to the development of recreation areas and facilities, programs, financial structures, and the like, as we look to the future for constant advancement.

The future of recreation depends on good planning based upon sound research and through effective guidance and leadership.

Sincerely yours,



Harold D. Meyer, Chairman
Recreation Leadership Curriculum
University of North Carolina - and
Consultant to the North Carolina
Recreation Commission

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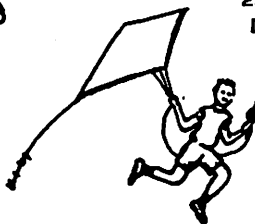
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SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION



Mr. Carl Stokes
Director of Parks & Recreation
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Dear Carl:

Replying to your letter of August 15, I hope you will find the necessary information in the enclosed article. I have plenty of these articles should you want them for distribution to your Board or City Council.

Charles M. Graves, of the Charles M. Graves Organization, 1275 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 9, Georgia, was our pool designer. We recommend him most highly as a skilled specialist in the field of designing recreation facilities. And the beauty of it is - Mr. Graves' fee is 6% of the construction cost, the same fee you would pay a local architect who knows nothing about pools.

Graves has been a specialist in this field for over twenty years, and has designed well over a 100 pools. He knows from experience what a pool needs. I might add that I feel the selection of a capable planner is the most important part of pool building. He can save you many times his fee by knowing what to do and how.

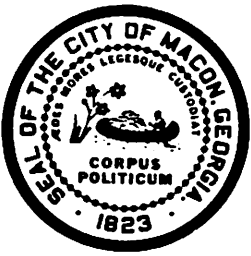
B.F.M. Construction Company of Bainbridge, Georgia, is the Contractor on our pool and they are doing a terrific job. Ours is almost completed, should be finished in 30 days. I would be happy to have you come up and I will show you around.

If I can help you further, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Clifford A. King, Jr.
Clifford A. King, Jr.
Supt. of Parks & Recreation.

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Dear Mr. Graves:

On behalf of the Macon-Bibb County Recreation Department, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the fine job you and your staff members at the Charles M. Graves Organization did for us on our Master Plan for Recreation, which was submitted in 1969.

The work is truly outstanding in every phase. Not only is every step perfectly and precisely set down and explained, it is done so in a way that is sensible and clear to the reader. The Master Plan shows experience, understanding of specific problems, and many, many, hours of research, time, and supreme effort. Above all, it shows concern for our personal problems in recreation and shares in our great desire to resolve them.

I am sure that the citizens of Macon and surrounding areas will benefit greatly from the fine service your firm has done for this community in recreational planning.

In conclusion, I again compliment you on a job well done and assure you that I would recommend the services of your organization to anyone without hesitation, knowing that my recommendation is backed by years of experience and superb workmanship.

Sincerely,

Grady McCalmon
Director of Recreation

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