



Residents Elect Eighteen To Model City Commission



ODESSA PRIMUS of 1307 Franklin Street, center, casts her ballot in Model Cities' third Commission election as Aljuana Curry of Citizen Participation, left, and Barbara Sloan of Triangle Consultants look on.

Business Development Corporation Will Hold Workshop On October 3

The High Point Business Development Corporation and the Charlotte office of the federal Small Business Administration are jointly sponsoring a seminar Tuesday, October 3 for all current and potential businessmen in the community.

HPBDC director Tom Robinson, who with John Chase of the SBA is in charge of the seminar, said the three working sessions will be geared to those who are in business already and who need advice, and those who are interested in starting a business of their own.

The workshops will be on the fol-

lowing topics: how to apply for a loan, community development programs and what monies are available through the SBA, and general business topics.

These workshops will be conducted by SBA officials. Loan officers from several local banks will also be present.

The seminar will be held at Holiday Inn Downtown. Registration, which costs \$3, begins at 5:30 p.m. to be followed by dinner at 6:30. Pre-registration is not necessary. All businessmen and their colleagues are welcome.

Seven Commissioners Regain Seats; 700-Plus Cast Votes

Better than 700 Model Neighborhood residents cast 2400 votes in the September 23 election for Model City Commissioner.

Seven present Commissioners regained their seats for another two-year term. In all, 18 were elected from the five sub-neighborhoods for the office of representative to the Model City Commission.

Some 40 candidates ran in the election, which was coordinated by the Citizen Participation project.

Later this fall Mayor William S. Bencini will make his 18 appointments from the private and public sector to sit on the Commission. Four youth representatives chosen after the body is seated will round out the total of 40.

Winners by neighborhood in last Saturday's balloting are as follows:

Southside — Incumbents Hazel Starr, Thomas O. Moore and Walter E. Moore, and new members Ruth G. Melton and Nathaniel Waden, Jr.;

Macedonia — Incumbent Lillian Harris and new members Billy Collins, William Blue, Earl Brown and Gloria McDuffie;

Spring Valley — Incumbents Benjamin Brockman and James Couser and new members Theodore Autry, Ida Strickland and Carrie Bennett;

Harrison — Incumbent Ida Covington and new member, the Rev. F. L. Andrews;

Brockett — New member Joe Daughtridge.

Residents could vote for candidates from their neighborhood only. This was the third such election held in the Model Cities target area.

Before taking office in January, all the new Commissioners will receive special orientation and training on the Model Cities process, its programs, and its goals.

On Friday evening, September 22, a banquet honoring all the outgoing Commissioners and the candidates was held at Fourth Street YWCA, to which were also invited all task force members, project directors, City Councilmen, Model Cities staff and their guests. Well over 100 persons attended.

Florists donating arrangements for the tables were as follows: Bailey Florist and Shrubs, Blossom Shop, Cornelison's Florist, Ellington's Florist, Grace Flower Shop, Gray Art Flowers, Warner and Son, Whitlark's Flowers, Lazy Daisy and William Flowers.

Model Cities expresses thanks to these generous businessmen.

Don't waste your vote November 7! Register now at the Guilford County Board of Elections, City - County Building basement. Registration books close Tuesday, October 9. You must be registered to vote! For transportation call Citizen Participation, 885-0817. Then support the candidates of your choice!

1.25-Acre Site in Brockett

Park Construction Begins After Long Delay

After a two-year delay, Brockett neighborhood residents are finally getting their park.

The start of land clearance two weeks ago came as an anti-climax to long months of frustration which began when the money was appropriated as part of Model Cities' First Action Year.

A year was lost when the City first tried to acquire a parcel of land which was later found to be zoned industrial. When a second piece of property was identified, new approval was required from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which provides the Model Cities funds.

These new approval procedures, along with an extension for time to acquire the second parcel of land, cost many months. Residents last winter, however, were assured by City Hall that their park would be completed by March 15.

Delays in getting an appraisal on

the land, losing the appraisals, and contradictory appraisals also ate up time, and once again the park was put off until mid-spring.

After the appraisals matter was settled, it was left up to the city attorney to search the title for the land and record the deed, a procedure which normally takes about a half day's work. It took eight weeks.

As soon as the deed was recorded, the 1.25-acre site on Herbert Place between Brockett and Little Avenues was officially owned by the City of High Point and could be transformed into a park.

The Parks and Recreation Department is supervising the construction in cooperation with the Public Works Department's rodent control division, which is clearing the heavily wooded area. The \$11,000 available in the budget for two years for development of the park is finally being put to use.



AT THE CORNER of Herbert Street and Brockett Avenue . . . turning woods into a park.