

Town Meeting Set For Dec. 5: Plan To Attend!

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YOUTH SERVICES counselors (left to right) WENDY WILLIAMS, LINDA BROCK, and TERRY BOTTS prepare for "You and the Law."

Youth Services' Youthful Counselors Help Teenagers Get Back On Their Feet

"You've got to become involved with every kid; otherwise there's no trust, and the kid thinks he's just another 'case.'"

These words from counselor Wendy Williams of Youth Services Bureau sum up the staff's commitment to every young person who becomes their client.

Aimed primarily at the prevention of juvenile delinquency, Youth Services Bureau works closely with the city schools, courts, and parents of troubled teenagers to help them solve problems before these young people become involved in the juvenile justice system.

Youth Services Bureau was begun in August as part of Model Cities' Third Action Year Plan. The agency is funded jointly by Model Cities and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration under the U.S. Department of Justice.

Its office is located at 205 Westwood Avenue, on the corner of N. Elm Street. The oldest member of its staff is age 25.

He is Edgar Timberlake, the project's director and former juvenile counselor in the 18th Judicial Court here.

Timberlake, along with Ms. Williams, Terry Botts and Linda Brock, comprise the counseling staff which hopes to reach 250 youths during their first year in operation.

So far, they are pleased with the progress they have made in establishing themselves in the community.

REFERRALS

"We're doing far better than I anticipated we'd be at this stage," says assistant director Terry Botts. "We've been getting referrals from everyone

— middle, upper, lower classes, schools, the police, the courts, parents . . . Principals and guidance counselors, for example, call us and ask us to handle a particular case."

Although the Bureau's heaviest concentration is on personal counseling of young people in and out of its office, it has set up a number of programs geared at helping kids get back on their feet emotionally and fit back into society.

One is a tutorial program reactivated by Ms. Botts at High Point College, where she started it while in school there. The program is coordinated on campus by Bill Cope, a sociology instructor, and George Jones

For Informal Discussion

Pre-Commission Meet Set

Model City Commissioners and Model Neighborhood residents now have one more chance to get together, discuss problems, air grievances, and talk about projects on which decisions must be made.

The opportunity is coming in the form of a "pre-Commission" meeting, to be held exactly one week prior to the regular monthly Model City Commission meeting.

The first of these open meetings was held Thursday, October 26, in Fourth Street Library. Anticipating the regular Commission meeting of November 2, a group of about 35 residents, new and old Commissioners, and Model Cities staff members discussed matters of interest in the Model Cities process.

At this time, anyone with a complaint or suggestion can bring it be-

and Debbie Stamper, students.

At present 37 college students serve as tutors for Youth Services Bureau clients on a one-to-one basis, and more are being recruited. Each tutor and his student spend a minimum of two hours a week together, and the agency encourages much more time.

A close communication between the classroom teacher and the tutor is also stressed. And beyond helping the teenager with academic problems, the tutors also are their friends.

"We think the friendship aspect is equally important," said Ms. Botts. "A lot of kids we deal with have emotional and self-concept problems." (Continued on Page 2)

Redevelopment Commission Is Laying The Groundwork For NDP's Implementation

The Southside Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) is alive and well in the Redevelopment Commission.

Originally proposed to begin July 1, the NDP — a federal grant aimed at improving the conditions of the Southside neighborhood — has experienced many delays in getting under way.

The sum of \$629,250 has been made available to High Point for Southside, one of five sub-neighborhoods in the Model Cities target area, under the new federal funding technique called NDP. Money coming to cities under NDP is administered by

the local Redevelopment Commission, the same as conventional Urban Renewal projects.

Plans for the use of the first year's funds were drawn up in the spring and submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Final approval came this summer.

According to Kenneth Martin, Redevelopment director, sufficient funds finally arrived October 18 from Washington to proceed with the Southside Neighborhood Development Plan.

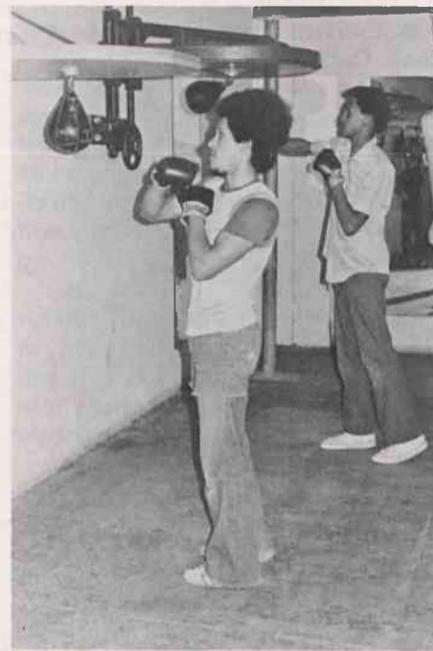
The seemingly slow progress of work on the Southside renewal project has caused some concern on the part of Thomas O. Moore, chairman of the Southside NDP Resident Review Committee. The committee, made up of Model City Commissioners from the Southside and three members-at-large, set priorities for the spending of the NDP grant and helped steer the direction of the plan.

"It's frustrating," he said. "The NDP appears to be at a stall, and I should think an unexplained stall." He added that neither he nor his committeemen knew the nature of the hold-up.

On the other hand, Martin explains that groundwork is being laid to prepare for the actual construction which will take place. He warns, "Physical improvements can't be expected just to drop in overnight."

The area of concentration for the first year lies in the west central portion of the neighborhood. Work outlined in the plans include the fol-

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Boxing Club

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DANIEL CRIGHT of 509-F E. Commerce Street, left, and DON TAYLOR of 607 Carter Street, work out at the Boxing Club gym.