

Successor to Patterson YMCA may not be all that was promised

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tras." Cormier maintains that the building, which will primarily serve the black community, will still be a high-quality facility.

"We are not compromising in terms of quality or size the basic element of what was intended at Winston Lake," he said. "The bottom line is that we all want a quality facility at Winston Lake. We all want the same thing but we have X amount of dollars to spread so far."

However, by his calculations, Allen said Monday night, the money for the facility should be there.

"When they (the YMCA) started the campaign drive to raise money last year, the Winston Lake facility was top priority," Allen said. "We (the Patterson Avenue board of directors) were promised 62.45 percent of the money raised and, because we were not able to monitor the monies coming in, we also got a stipulation included that says if the goal was not reached, all the other (citywide YMCA) projects would be cut by 25 percent before Patterson's share was touched."

"And they have deceived us. They are doing us just like they did the Indians -- sign the treaty and then run off."

Cormier said the Patterson Y was not promised 62.45

percent of the money raised, but was instead promised 62.45 percent of the \$5.06 million campaign goal.

And the Patterson Y is actually getting even more than that, Cormier said. "They were supposed to get \$3.1 million," he said. "Now they will be getting in excess of \$3.3 million."

The facility the Patterson Avenue board prefers to build would cost approximately \$3.5 million, Roseboro said. And both Roseboro and Allen say the money should be there to do it. The only additional money that is needed, they say, is \$76,000 to \$100,000.

But Cormier says the Patterson Y has already been given more than any other facility and additional money is not available.

Allen said he is not convinced, noting that the Metropolitan board found enough money to pay off an outstanding debt but cannot find enough to help the Patterson Y build the type of facility the black community deserves.

The Metropolitan board had incurred a debt of \$600,000 that had to be paid by December 1983, but didn't have enough money to make the payment. Allen and Roseboro charge that money was siphoned from

other programs to pay the debt, which includes outstanding construction costs of other buildings and operating deficits from lean years.

Cormier said no money was removed from any other program to pay the debt, though he is not exactly sure where the extra money which was used came from.

The additional funds may have come from the YMCA's operations budget, or they could have come from the \$200,000 raised in excess of the campaign goal, Cormier said.

Roseboro and Allen also criticized the manner in which the Metropolitan Y board streamlined the Winston Lake YMCA. The board asked the contractor, Mayor Harvey Gantt of Charlotte, to redesign the building, removing the extras, then approved Gantt's redesign, Roseboro said, and signed a letter of intent to build without any input from the Patterson Avenue board.

"Then they sent the redesign to us and asked us to vote on it," Roseboro said, "when they had already signed the letter of intent to build."

Cormier said the letter of intent to build had to be signed in order to seal the construction and architect's costs and that the Patterson Avenue YMCA's representative to the Metropolitan board, C.P. Booker, approved the

redesign and signing of the letter of intent.

"It's been a very, very difficult task trying to get this building on the way," Cormier said. "I feel the bottom line will be something we can all be proud of and will have all the basic elements originally planned to the best of our ability."

Roseboro disagrees. "They want us to have a block building," she said. "When we first showed them our plans they told us that we didn't need an indoor swimming pool. They said they would put a shelter around the outdoor pool that's over there and we could use it six months out of a year."

"I don't think people would have contributed if they didn't think we were going to have a first-class facility, and I don't think the foundations and corporations would have contributed to this campaign to pay off an old debt. So far, that's about all that's been done."

Added Allen: "They keep chopping and chopping and trying to put us up something we don't want. We were betrayed. They dipped into the pot to pay off the debt; now they don't want to do that for us and we were the flagship of the campaign. This is our last chance to build a building and we want something that's right."

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The board also:

- unanimously voted to pass new policies intended to encourage business and employment opportunities for women and minorities. Companies that bid successfully for city contracts worth \$10,000 or more will be asked to document their affirmative action efforts.

Though the city couldn't legally deny a contract on that basis, it would offer to help firms lagging in that area to improve their minority hiring policies.

The board also encouraged the city to set minority and female subcontractor goals for projects worth at least

\$20,000.

- unanimously voted to postpone public works improvements on New Walkertown Road after objections from members of Dreamland Park Baptist Church. The church has chosen a site on the street to build its new sanctuary and its members have expressed

concern that the improvements may hurt the site's property value.

- upheld the County Commissioners' reappointment of Irene P. Hairston and appointment of D.J. Redding to four-year terms on the City-County Planning Board.

Campaign notes

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Knox campaign and only a few more seats are left aboard the winning train.

Although not mentioned as a Knox campaign worker, Evelyn Terry, hosted a campaign get-together at her home last fall for Knox. Terry is busy now working on her own local campaign for school board....

Because of the court-ordered reapportionment of Forsyth County to create single-member districts, local primaries will not be held on May 8, but may be postponed until May 15, the date set for second primaries. If the primary is postponed, the filing period for persons interested in running for the state House will be reopened.


According to a plan endorsed by the local House delegation, one district will have a 61-percent black population, the other a 51-percent black population.

Annie Brown Kennedy will run in the first district, Dr. C.B. Hauser in the second. Kennedy and Hauser, both incumbents, have filed for re-election but, if the filing period is extended, others could file to run against them.

Otherwise, Kennedy and Hauser will run unopposed.

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