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been talking with city officials about holding the tournament in Winston-Salem April 12-14, until about two months ago.

The B.C.B.C. wanted \$1.25 million in support from the community to put on the tournament. Part was to go toward a scholarship fund and part was to be used as start up funds for the 1992 event.

The cash request from the city was \$187,000 dollars and the rest from in-kind contributions from the corporate sector through a series of package plans.

But apparently the requests McDaniel made did not address some of the concerns city officials had about the arrangements for the tournament when he met city and business officials about the project in January.

"It was our understanding that Mr. McDaniel was ready to sign a contract for rental of the coliseum, then he came to us with a proposal that the city put up \$187,000 dollars. We were not up to raising that kind of money on such short notice," Fredericks said.

Fredericks said he explained to McDaniel that he could go before the city Board of Aldermen and ask for the money if he wanted to try that option. "But I told him the Convention Center/Coliseum Commission didn't have that kind of money just lying around in a vault. Plus we explained that our number one priority for a basketball event was the CIAA, an event with a proven track record."

Fredericks said with the city making a bid to land the CIAA tournament, he felt it would be difficult to "go to the well" too many times in seeking community support.

Fredericks said the Commission is only authorized to negotiate rental agreements on the Convention Center and the Coliseum.

But in a letter to Fredericks, McDaniel questioned the change in the initial deposit request of \$1,000 for the coliseum to \$5,000. He also asked to see in writing the city's policy for first time producers "to show certain past performances."

Bucky Dame, assistant Coliseum director in charge of book-

ings and promotion, said McDaniel was sent three contracts between January and March. He said Coliseum officials even rearranged some events to try and accommodate McDaniel's April dates. He said rent deal was also worked out with McDaniel. But he said, as the date of the event drew nearer, McDaniel never paid the standard \$2,500 rental deposit on the Coliseum.

"I was on the phone constantly trying to get in touch with Mr.

McDaniel, but I never did. Then I received a telegram from him dated March 18 stating he had canceled the event. This was just a month before it was to have taken place."

Dame said he felt the project was a great concept and had a lot of potential, but that no one got a good handle on how it was all going to come together.

McDaniel wrote in a letter to Fredericks in February that the tournament would be a history making event, and that with a new

Coliseum facility in the city of legendary basketball coach "Big House" Gaines, that it was the "perfect situation."

But according to Gaines, there were a lot of things about McDaniel's proposal that were far from perfect. "They had no sponsors or guarantees in place. I think this might have ended up in a bad situation," Gaines said. "The commission was receptive to Mr. McDaniel's proposal. But there was nothing as far I could see that was

concrete at that time."

However, Summa Martin, administrative director for the B.C.B.C., said in an interview late Wednesday that the change in location for the tournament was made primarily because the tournament organizers felt it was in their best interest to move to the Charlotte area.

"The time factor was a problem. We just needed a little more time than the original date we had set up with Winston-Salem. Plus

we decided it would be in our advantage to bring the tournament to an area where we knew the people and could get the kind of support we needed," Martin said.

She said she did not understand why city officials were having trouble getting in touch with B.C.B.C. organizers. "We were in constant contact with people in Winston-Salem," she said. "I just think there was some miscommunication with folks there and not all of the information was getting out."

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The local Salvation Army Area Command has received \$153,975 in two grants from the Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust. The funds will be used to support the Army's Emergency Assistance Program and to purchase two vehicles for the Salvation Army Boys' Club.

"The Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust has provided substantial support for our efforts over the years and these latest gifts mean a great deal to our programs," said Maj. R.E. Sutton, area commander. "We know we will have \$117,975 available for emergency assistance to help families and individuals who are in need. The \$36,000 for the two vans will help with the various outreach programs currently being conducted by the Boys' Club."

Money in the Emergency Assistance Program goes directly to people who come to the Salvation Army for help with such things as rent, utility bills and deposits for a place to live. The two vans will be used to get members and staff to the Boys' Club satellite programs, to take club members and staff to the Boys' Club satellite programs and to take club members to special activities in the community.

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