

East Winston CDC opens apartment complex

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After one year of long hard work and dedication, the Thirty-Six East Multi-Family Housing Development held its dedication ceremony to celebrate its grand opening Wednesday.

The Thirty-Six East Multi-Family Housing Development is an umbrella project of the East Winston Community Development Corporation which began renovating the dilapidated apartments located at 1821 Cleveland Avenue.

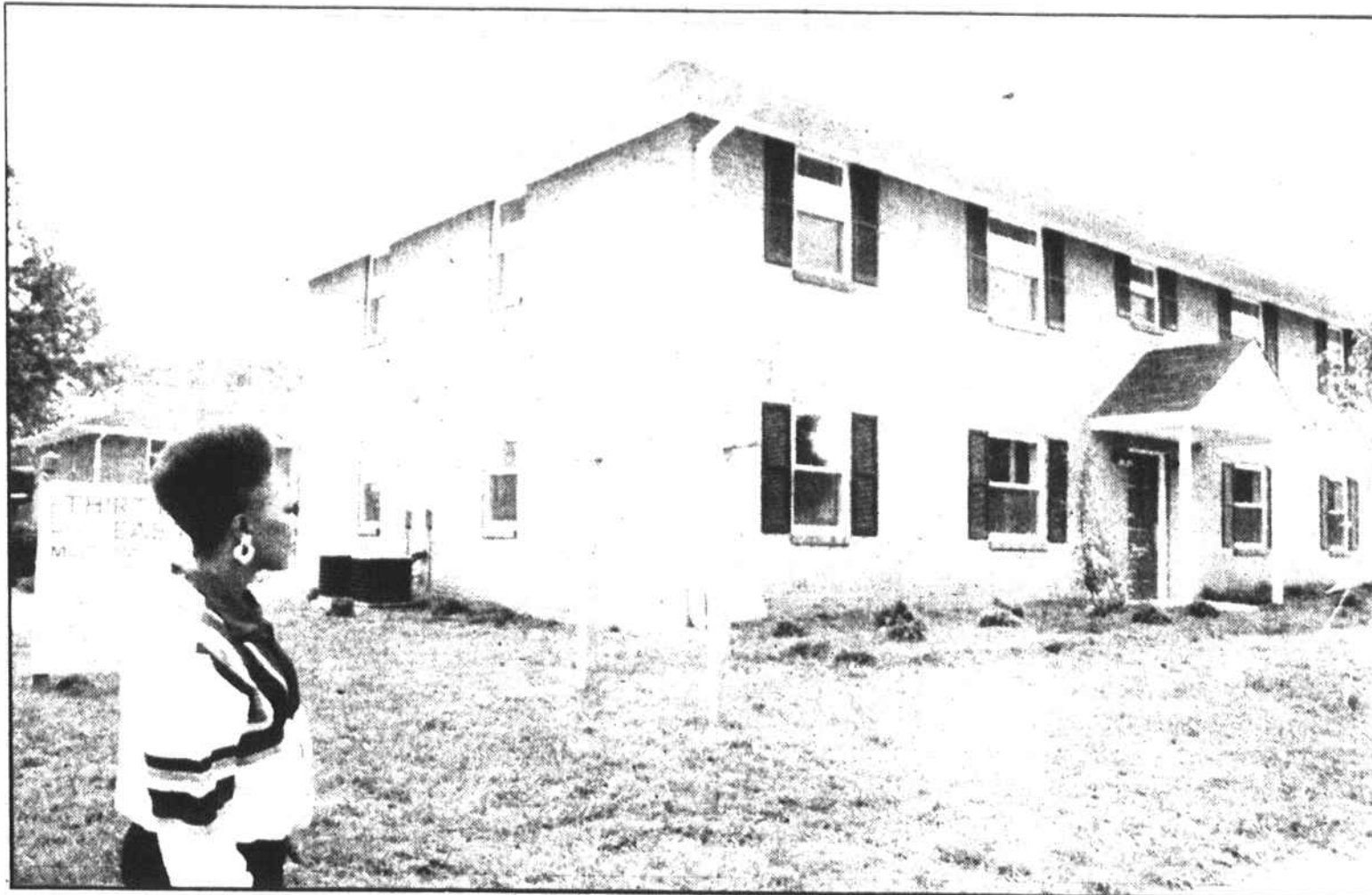
Twelve of the 36 two-bedroom apartments were opened yesterday and the remaining units are scheduled to be finished by July 31, according to Project Manager and Director Lynda P. McNeil.

"I'm glad it's a reality," said McNeil.

The \$1.2 million rehabilitation project is the CDC's first housing project as part of the groups mission to revitalize the East Winston community.

"This has been a lot of hard work and dedication from all who participated. I'm just glad we can actually start moving people in," said McNeil, who credits the community and the city for making the development a reality.

According to McNeil, Glendale



Project manager and director of the Thirty-Six East Multi-Family Housing Development, Lynda P. McNeil takes a look at the newly renovated apartments before the grand opening on Wednesday. Photo by Mike Cunningham

Reed, a handicapped resident will be the first person to occupy one of the units.

The two-bedroom apartments were designed to house low-income people and will be rented at \$270 per unit. The project will also focus

on the development of the residents through a Resident Education Program.

McNeil said she was also happy that the revitalization has improved the outlook on Cleveland Avenue and enhanced community spirit.

"Not only will this development improve the appearance of the community, it will give the people a sense of pride. It just makes me feel good that we were able to do something (for the community)," she added.

Budget cuts

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lose their jobs. We already have a lot of people not working and we know minorities will be more effected by these cuts more than anyone else." At least 50 people, including teachers with picket signs and children from the Special Children's School, crammed the board room to see how they would be affected by the board's decision.

"I'm just in shock. I can't believe they can sit there and look in the faces of those children and still vote to cut funds for them," said Parmon, referring to the disabled children from the Special Children's School that attended the meeting.

"How can we be so pennywise and dollar foolish. I can't support a budget that is saying we are going backwards in education and laying people off," Parmon said.

Reynolds Health Center Director Dennis Macgovern said it will be hard to decide what positions will be cut after losing 14 positions with last year's budget. "It's really frustrating for us. We don't know what's actually going to occur. We're trying not to cut any positions that provide a direct patient-care service," said Macgovern, anticipating that seven positions will need to be eliminated. Macgovern said that more than likely physicians, nurses and licensed practical nurses are positions they will try to preserve.

County Commissioner John Holleman, who worked with Par-

mon and Woodruff to design two budget proposals — both which were rejected — said increasing fees and the tax-rate clearly offered an alternative to eliminating jobs.

"I'm strongly opposed to any further cuts to the staff," said Holleman. Holleman's plan restored the original 38 positions recommended to be cut by the county manager's office. It also restored monies for health services, education and outside agencies. Linville's plan cut \$500,000 from schools, and some social service agencies.

But earnest cries from Holleman, Woodruff and Parmon fell on deaf ears. Woodruff told the board that if jobs were eliminated the county would pay for it eventually.

"It's pay me now or pay me later. That's what the citizens of this community are saying now. If we begin to lay people off, eventually we are going to see them somewhere else on our tax roll. We're just cutting off our noses to spite our faces," said Woodruff.

Some criticized the board's adoption of the property tax-rate at 71.25 cents on each \$100 of assessed value. Linville and his supporters said he received many phone calls from citizens who did not support a tax-rate increase. The current rate is 70 cents. The 1.25 cent increase, which will be effective July 1, will increase the property rate of a home valued at \$100,000 by \$12.50 per

year. At the 2.8 cent increase, the same homeowner would pay an increased property rate of \$28. The county manager's office proposed the 2.8 cent increase which was supported by Holleman, Woodruff and Parmon.

Parmon and Woodruff both said they would rather have citizens

pay the 2.8 cent increase than eliminate jobs and services to those who are more needy. "I only received two calls from citizens who didn't support a property tax increase. Many citizens realized that if we wanted to save jobs and services, that the cost would have to come from somewhere," said Parmon.

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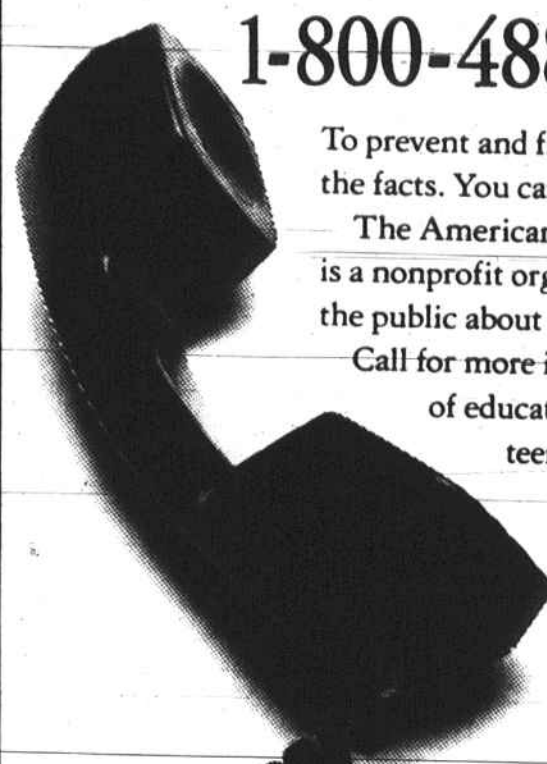
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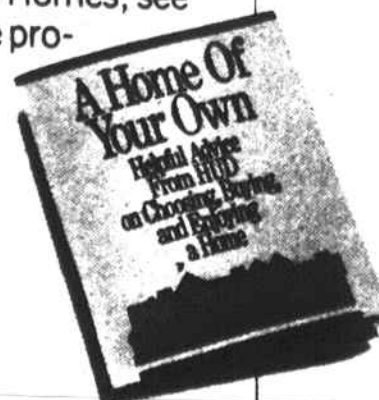
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NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, 1060 North Trade Street on July 28, 1992 at 12:15 p.m. to receive public comments on proposed route changes to take place September 14, 1992 and fare changes to take place September 1, 1992.

FARE CHANGES

- 1) Create trip completion pass for vanpool passengers who need to complete their trip on the bus.
- 2) Change the transfer policy for bus drivers to accept transfers from any route both downtown and at route intersecting points.
- 3) Increase Park & Shuttle pass from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per month.

ROUTE CHANGES

- 1) Route 2 — Will use 7th Street and Linden Street on its way in and out of downtown.
- 2) Route 6 — New route to improve overcrowding conditions on Route 10B and 10C and better serve Miller Motte School and Industries for the Blind.
- 3) Route 23 — Eliminate two trips to British Woods and use Lockland Avenue going outbound and Miller Street coming inbound.
- 4) Evening Service Southside — Delete Sprague Street, Jackson Avenue, and upper part of Skyline Village.
- 5) Evening Service Hospitals — Serve Forsyth Hospital before serving Hanes Mall and make two side trips to the new K & W located near South Park Shopping Center.
- 6) Route 13 — Alternate service during mid-day between Clemmonsville/Main Street area and K-Mart/South Park area.
- 7) Route 16 — Will have all day service coming inbound Reynolda Road, instead of Ransom and Polo Road, and go outbound Yadkinville Road to Valley Road.
- 8) Route 21/22 — Combine these two routes into one route.

OTHER CHANGES

- 1) Park & Shuttle East and West — A Park & Shuttle West Lot is projected to open October 1, 1992. The route will add one bus and link into the existing Park & Shuttle East Lot route.
- 2) Old Salem Trolley Route — Proposed to shorten the daily hours of operation.
- 3) The first trip leaving downtown on Route 10B will leave at 6:30 a.m. instead of 6:20 a.m.