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New bus routes going to City Council

BY TODD LUCK
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The biggest overhaul of bus routes in Winston-Salem Transit Authority history is close to becoming reality.

The new routes were approved by the Public Works Committee during its Tuesday, Dec. 15 meeting and will go before the City Council for consideration on Monday. If approved it will take six months to a year to roll out the new routes, as it will require reprogramming WSTA's computer systems, training its employees, moving bus stops and a massive campaign

to let riders know about the new routes.

WSTA used its automatic passenger counter information and a survey of passenger's origin and destinations to draw up the new proposed routes. The routes are designed to shorten travel time



Barnes

and add crosstown routes that won't require riders to ride downtown to transfer. The WSTA held a series of community meetings to get public input in May and June on the proposed routes and got a lot of feedback from bus riders, concerned that they would have longer walks to their new bus stops or to their destinations.

"When we did this, the planners did this by the numbers based on all the data, but we were under no illusion that we weren't going to have to adjust and make some modification based on public input," said WSTA Director Art Barnes.

The proposed routes would've eliminated service to Green Street United Methodist Church, whose Shalom Project offers a variety of services for those in need, including a free medical clinic, food pantry and clothing closet.

"Most of the clients who use our various services do not have cars or reliable transportation and so they really are dependent on public transportation," said Shalom Project Executive Director Lynn Brown.

Shalom Project also hosts Circles

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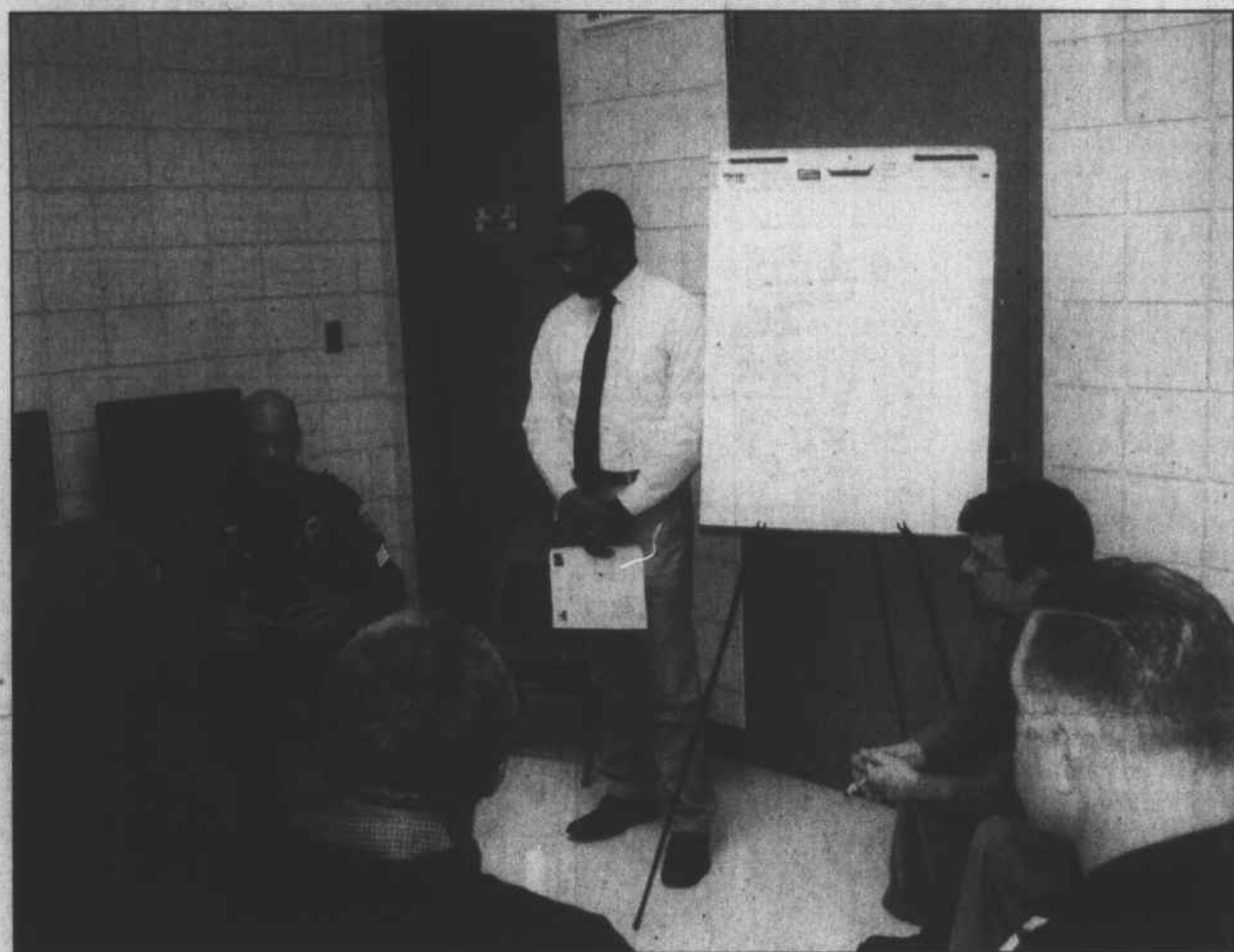


Photo by Todd Luck

Trust Talk aims to foster understanding

A discussion group listens as Sgt. Rhoneek Readus talks during a Trust Talk meeting at Polo Road Recreation Center on Thursday, Dec. 10. The death of a man in police custody came up during the talk. See the story on page A2.

New motion to remove estate guardian emerges

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The Chronicle has reviewed yet another court motion to have Winston-Salem attorney Bryan C. Thompson "immediately" removed and "prohibited from acting ..." as estate guardian by the family of another ward whose financial assets he was allegedly appointed to manage by the Forsyth Clerk of Court's Office.

The family charges that Thompson does not have the legal authority to do so.

The motion, filed Nov. 24, 2015 in Forsyth County Superior Court, similar to the one reported on last week in the matter of the estate of Steven Epperson, is on behalf of Betsy Love Taylor and William H. Love in the matter of their sibling, Archie W. Love Jr.

And again, attorney Reginald Alston of Winston-Salem is representing.

According to a copy of the motion obtained by The Chronicle, Archie W. Love Jr. was adjudicated to be incompetent in 1982 by the District of Columbia, even though he "was residing in North Carolina ..." at the time of the D.C. action.



Thompson

Some time after, attorney Bryan Thompson filed a Petition for Adjudication of Incompetence "against" Mr. Love in North Carolina through the Forsyth Clerk's Office, even though, according to the motion, Thompson was "... not related to or in any way connected ..." to Archie Love.

However, according to the motion, "there is not a properly file stamped Order of

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BUDGET CONCERNS

Urban League, new president address United Way changes

BY TEVIN STINSON
FOR THE CHRONICLE

It has been an eventful week for the Winston-Salem Urban League.

Less than 24 hours before the organization announced James Perry would be taking over as president and chief executive, reports surfaced that the organization may be affected by a change in grant disbursements from the United Way.

The Forsyth County United Way will begin targeting its funding toward programs designed to tackle specific issues of health, education, financial stability, and reducing poverty.

According to president and CEO Cynthia S. Gordineer, board members and partners of the organization have been discussing the changes in funding for several years.

"We have decided to focus our spending toward financial stability, issues of health, and ending poverty in the area," said Gordineer. "With all of the generosity of the community, we still live in a city where poverty has grown tremendously in the last 10 to 12 years."

"We realized we needed to start investing in services and programs that will address the root causes of why people are struggling."

Although the changes are still in the preliminary stages, after receiving a letter from the United Way detailing the budget changes, Urban League board chair Evelyn Acree said the changes will affect the organization in the worst way.

Acree mentioned although she is grateful the group's funding wasn't cut entirely, the organization will need to look into finding funding from other venues.

"The cuts will be very severe for us," she said. "This will definitely be a major setback."

If approved, the cuts will begin in January. Although the organization may have to learn to cope with less funding from one of its biggest supporters, Acree is confident that, with the addition of James Perry, the Urban League will continue to serve the community.

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