

For Deal, Davidson

## Board Accepts Master Rec Plan

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City Commissioners accepted and approved plans for a short-range development of recreation facilities for Davidson and Deal Parks Monday night created by Gardner Gidley and Associates, recreational planners of Winston-Salem.

Using large line-drawings of the proposed master plan for Davidson Park and "Deal St. Recreational Complex," Gidley explained that the city is already at work creating a regulation ball field and other improvements to the Davidson Park facility.

"He said the city already has plans continuing the road from the pool around the perimeter of the park to tie back into Carpet Lane," Gidley said. "There are also plans for tennis courts and picnic shelters. Further plans would be to construct permanent bleachers about the hillside behind the homeplate of the ball field and to install fencing along the top of the hill with a formal entrance."

Gidley also recommended extensive landscaping with "native materials," upgrading the lighting system and a major upgrading of the swimming pool. He said the "pool is in need of major repair."

Relocating the present playground equipment is also necessary, Gidley said, because in its present location the equipment is not being used as it should be. Gidley suggested more attention be paid to the beautification of the park so more citizens would use the facilities. Gidley also proposed a widening of the entrance to the pool to accommodate more parking.

The program commissioners agree will take about two years to complete is the expansion and upgrading of the Deal St. Recreation Complex.

"I call this a complex because it involves a great deal more property and a larger variety of activities," Gidley said. "The community center is located there and the city is already planning, under the Community Development block grants, to renovate and add to the community center."

### Spirit Week

### Winding Down

Spirit Week is this week at Kings Mountain High School. Finale of a Pretty Legs Contest and talent events will be held Friday morning at the 10:30 a.m. assembly period.

All funds from various projects will be used to provide a scholarship for a deserving high school senior to be chosen by the sponsoring Beta Club.

Finalists among the males in the Pretty Legs Contest are Dean Westmoreland, faculty member, and students Kevin Tinsley, Kelly Land, Butch Pearson and David Gordon.

### Day Of Prayer

### Is On Friday

World Day of Prayer will be observed Fri., Mar. 4 in Kings Mountain as Christians join those in 169 different countries in the annual observance.

The community is invited to participate in prayer vigils in the area churches, with most churches open for meditation all during the day.

First Presbyterian Church has announced the sanctuary will be open from noon until 5 p.m. for worshippers to enter the sanctuary and meditate.

The 1977 World Day of Prayer follows the theme "Love In Action."

Proclaiming Friday as World Day of Prayer in Kings Mountain, Mayor John H. Moss called on citizens to join in a chain of prayer for love and hope for our leaders throughout the world.

Gidley said his recommendations include paving the parking area on the south side of the community center, an area currently hilly and covered with crushed rock. He also suggests the city consider cutting an entirely new parking facility beyond the present ball fields and behind the fire museum site. Done according to Gidley's specifications, the new lot would hold about 400 cars.

The master plan calls for adding two to four more tennis courts, with the idea the present courts could be used for outdoor basketball and volleyball (if the citizen demand indicates this). Gidley also suggests two T-League fields be added, along with a regulation size softball field for men and one for women and two new Little League fields.

The pool at Deal St. needs extensive work," Gidley said. "It needs a new filter system and piping. The pool is 25 years old and it's worn out."

After accepting the master plans, commissioners voted to purchase a tract of land offered for sale for \$3,600 by Mrs. Ruth Spears. The property is adjacent to city-owned property in the Deal St. complex.

Gidley said although the plan is fairly ambitious it can be done a step at a time, but with the master plan the commissioners would never lose sight of exactly where they are going with the project.

And in this plan Gidley also urged the board to always consider "the aesthetics, the beauty of the park. People will naturally go more willingly to an outdoor facility if it is inviting and beautiful. In the past I don't feel the city has gotten its money's worth in aesthetics when planning outdoor recreational facilities."

Gidley worked closely with the city recreation department and its director, Roy Pearson, the recreation committee, chaired by Commissioner Bill Grissom, with city planner Al Moretz and the public works department and with the mayor and board in developing his master plan for the city's recreational facilities.

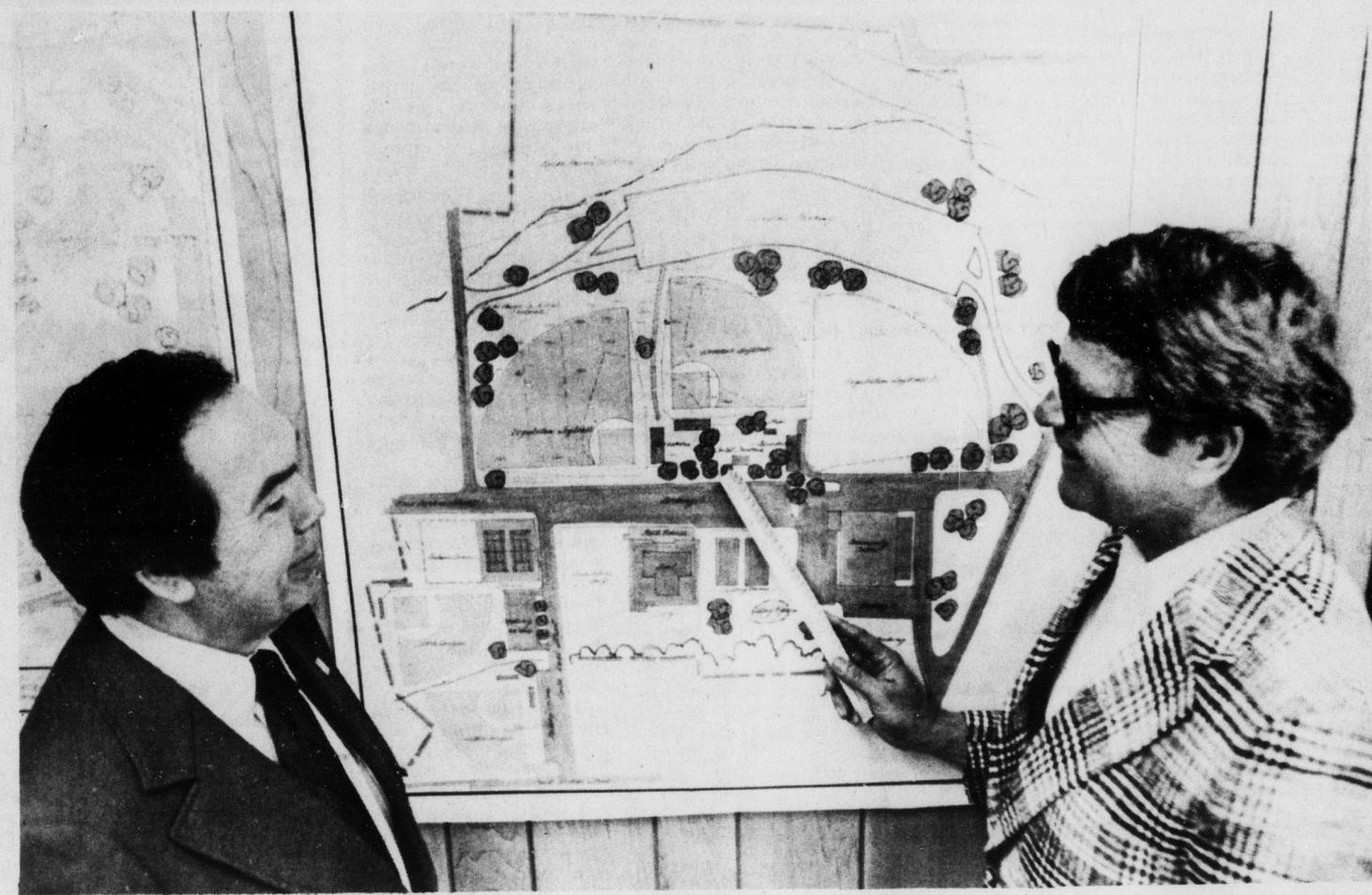


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**RECREATIONAL COMPLEX** — Gardner Gidley, a recreational planner from Winston-Salem, explains his master plan for the development of the Deal St. Recreational Complex to Mayor John H. Moss. Gidley presented his plan to the board of commissioners Monday night

and it was accepted. The commissioners and mayor feel the full plan can be implemented within the next two years to offer Kings Mountain a much broader-based recreation program at the Deal St. site.

### Board May Add New Proposal

## CD Application Ready To Send

Fourteen out of 15 proposed projects have been included in the 1977-78 Community Development Block Grant application totalling \$1,040,000.

The 15th proposal, submitted by The Rev. Gary Bryant on behalf of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, is for a Community Service Officer.

Mayor John H. Moss said Monday night "the project is now being checked by the area director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as to eligibility."

Commissioners voted to approve and submit the 1977-78 CD application, with the stipulation that should the Community Service Officer

proposal be ruled eligible that it be added to the application before it is sent to HUD.

If the project is eligible, that will mean cuts in other programs would have to be affected to accommodate the proposed budget requests for the officer.

As outlined by Rev. Bryant the budget of about \$16,000 would require 50 percent from the city, 25 percent from the ministerial association and the remainder, in five percent installments from each participating agency.

The Community Service Officer would work under the guidelines of a board of governors and that board would be responsible to the city commissioners. The project would

deal with finding immediate relief for the area needy and a longer range program to get at the problems that created these emergency needs of local citizens. The program would further program all existing community aid agencies at work in the area, determine what else is needed and attempt to pull the entire program together, utilizing all volunteer help.

The majority of the budget would go to the salary and benefits of the citizen hired as Community Service Officer.

Mayor Moss said the current projects in the CD application are listed as first to last in importance to the city.

(1) Water improvements, a continuing program to complete doubling the size of the water treatment plant, construct a 2 million gallon storage tank, a pump station and water main. The total budget request is \$380,000.

(2) Waste treatment. Upgrading existing water distribution system in

low and moderate income areas, especially \$36,000.

(3) Sewerage improvements. Upgrading wastewater transportation system to increase employment opportunities for low and moderate income families. \$205,000.

(4) Neighborhood facility improvements. Construction of an addition, including offices and operating facilities, for the community development programs, an entrance, restrooms, expand upstairs portion into community recreation area for low and moderate income families. \$20,000.

(5) Summer program of arts and crafts for low and moderate income persons, \$5,000.

(6) Program administration and coordination. \$20,000.

(7) Kings Mountain Program For The Aging continuation. \$55,000.

(8) Home Based Child Care Program for low income children. \$21,500.

(9) Planning and Management Development. \$10,000.

(10) Kings Mountain Development Office. \$15,000.

(11) Urban Beautification Program, site improvements at Deal St., Davidson Park, urban renewal project R-84 (ED) \$12,500.

(12) Sidewalk repair, construction in low and moderate income areas. \$15,000.

(13) Housing rehabilitation in low and moderate income areas. \$50,000.

(14) Planimetric and Topographical Mapping of city and fringe area. \$25,000.

Mayor Moss said in addition to the \$1,040,000 in CD grants, the city will also have another \$138,000 in state, in-kind and Farmers Home Administration grants to work with in the coming year.

The commissioners have 30 days to amend the CD application budget to include the Community Service Officer project, if it is ruled eligible.

### Superintendent

### Interviews On

Interviewing is underway by the Kings Mountain Board of Education for the position of Kings Mountain District Superintendent of Schools.

Supt. Don Jones, who is resigning in June to move to Asheville as superintendent of the Asheville system, said that the board had interviewed 40 applicants for the job and "will be zeroing in to make the final selection in the new few weeks."

"We have interviewed some excellent candidates," said Supt. Jones.

## Howard Jackson Will Design Flag For City

City Commissioners Monday night approved authorizing Howard B. Jackson to design a city flag during Monday night's action.

Mayor John H. Moss said, "Mr. Jackson has expressed an interest in Kings Mountain having its own flag for some time.

"And as you may or may not know, Mr. Jackson is a well-known fabric designer and a lifelong resident of Kings Mountain," the mayor said. "He designed the city's

Bicentennial coin, which has been recognized as outstanding for originality and design."

Commissioner James Childers asked if this design for the flag "is Mr. Jackson's contribution to the city or does he expect payment?"

"He didn't say and I didn't ask," the mayor quickly answered. "All in favor of the motion to authorize Mr. Jackson to contribute a city flag design, say aye!"

The vote was unanimous.



PICKING THE WINNER — Kings Mountain High band director, Donald Deal, left, draws the winning stub Monday for a color TV which was given away by the band members, who sold one dollar tickets to help finance an upcoming trip to Disney World. Taking part in the drawing were, left to right, David Mauney, Mr. Deal, Gina Patterson, Terri Patterson and Linda Lynch.



THE WINNER — Chista Cole, right, admires the new color TV she won Monday. She bought the ticket from Addie Grier, left. The TV was given by the KMHS band,

which sold one dollar tickets to raise funds to finance a trip to Disney World in April.

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