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ARTIST RENDERING — David Hall and Associates of Winston-Salem did this rendering of what the Kings Mountain Community Center will look like when additions are made to the front and rear sections of the

existing building. The brick will match existing brick, but the windows are to be the bronze reflector type. The additions were designed by Holland-McGinnis, Architects, of Shelby.

Center Addition Plans Are Approved By Board

Under CD Funding

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Commissioners gave approval of plans for additions to the Kings Mountain Community Center designed by Holland-McGinnis, Architects, of Shelby at Monday night's meeting.

P. H. Holland presented the plans, acknowledging the assistance rendered by City Recreation Committee chairman Bill Grissom and members Jim Childers and Norman King.

In the Holland-McGinnis design the front section of the community center, facing Cleveland Ave., would be extended and constructed two

stories high. The rear addition would only be one story high. Both additions contain 7,000 sq. ft. of space.

Holland said the front addition would contain stairs on either side of the structure with an office, restrooms, a crafts — conference room and storage areas. On the second level there will be an office, storage areas, restroom facilities and a large lobby with access to the gymnasium.

"This lobby would be large enough in itself to hold concerts or plays," Holland said, "and would serve as an area for gathering between half-times at ball games in the gym."

The rear addition would contain another lobby area, a concession stand, an office, storage area, ticket booths and removable doors. The doors are wide enough to admit vehicles "for possible car shows."

Holland said the front addition will have large windows made of bronze reflector-type glass and brick that

match the existing brick structure. The rear addition is to be of matching brick.

Holland said the heating and electrical engineers have to receive the approved plans now to design their portion of the project. He suggested two months be allowed before the final specifications are complete. Holland agreed that the project can be under construction by the first of August 1977.

The entire project at the community center is being financed under the city's Community Development funding program.

In other action: Commissioners approved allocation of 40 residential gas taps — 20 for existing homes and 20 for new homes.

Applications for the 40 gas taps will be receiving beginning at 9 a. m. Fri., Apr. 15 at city hall.

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Harris Bill Is Now Law

Sen. Ollie Harris' bill to expand the authority of coroners in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties was passed into law Monday and ratified Tuesday.

The bill will allow coroners to move bodies from the scenes of violent deaths, sign death certificates in cases where no foul play is suspected, and order autopsies when foul play is suspected. Prior to passage of the Kings Mountain senator's bill, these services could only be done by medical examiners, who objected to the bill.

Harris' bill passed the House and Senate without dissent.

The bill was requested by the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to expedite the handling of unusual deaths when medical examiners are unavailable.

Demo Dinner Tickets On Sale

Area Democrats can obtain tickets to the April 30th Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Raleigh by contacting Clyde Nolan, telephone 487-6541, in his office at the Royster Building in Shelby. Tickets are \$20 each.

Principal speaker at the Democratic fund-raising affair will be Vice President Walter Mondale. The dinner will be held at 7 p. m. in Dorton Arena in Raleigh.

Chairman of Cleveland County Democrats is Joyce Cashion of Kings Mountain.

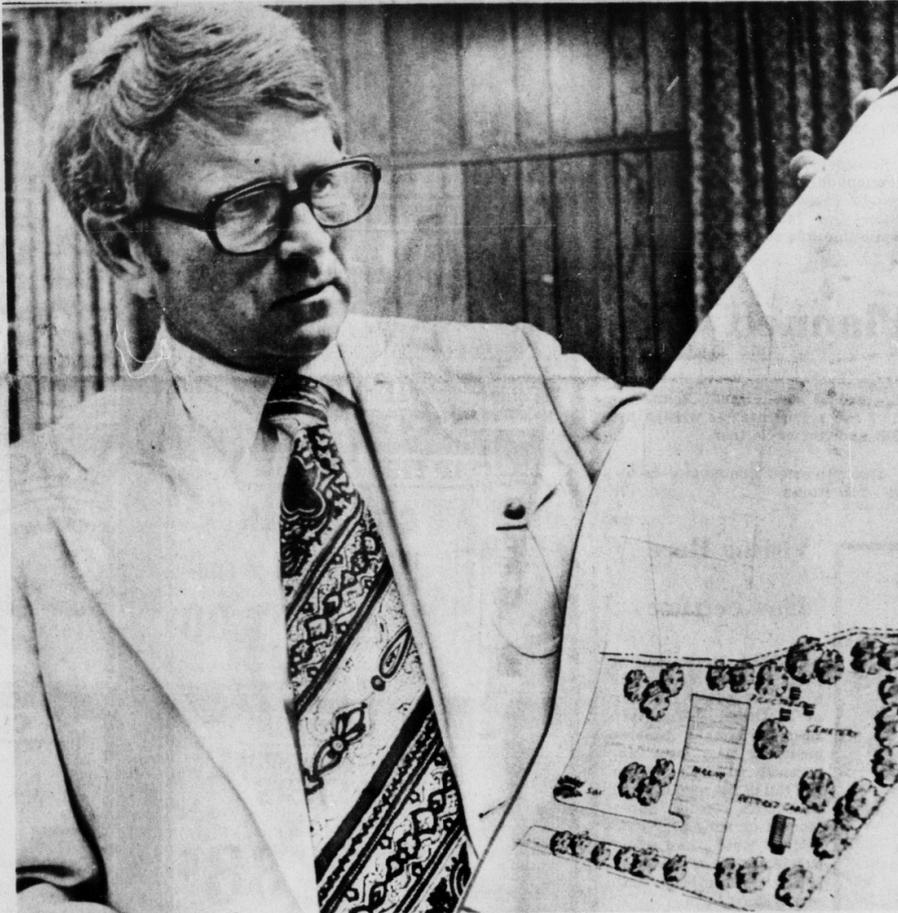


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THIS IS PLAN B — Gardner Gidley, a recreation planner from Winston-Salem, shows "Plan B" devised by the Kings Mountain Bicentennial Commission for restoring and preserving the Goforth Cemetery and

cabin for historical purposes. The project was approved Monday night, with the stipulation that Bicen Commission members contact property owners involved to determine response to land sales.

Bicen Commission Project

City Approves Goforth Project

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"Is this property available?" asked Commissioner Jim Childers.

"We have one or two agreeable parties, but I expect you'll be involved in some condemnation proceedings," answered Gardner Gidley.

The property in question is the Preston Goforth Cemetery off Hwy. 74 West. Gidley, a recreation planner from Winston-Salem, made two proposals to the board of commissioners Monday night. The second proposal, the one he called "Plan B", calls for the city to buy about one and a half acres of land, including the cemetery, in order to protect, restore and rehabilitate it as an historical site.

Commissioner Fred Wright made a motion that Plan B be approved, then before action could be taken he withdrew the motion to make a new one; that the plan be approved if the members of the KM Bicentennial Commission will go to the landowners involved to determine if they are willing to negotiate a sale of the land.

Gidley told commissioners that none of the landowners in the area of the cemetery have been contacted

directly about a possible sale.

Gidley said the restoration of the cemetery was the plan approved and recommended by the Bicen commission at a recent meeting.

Plan B includes the purchase of the one and a half acres about the cemetery, restoring the grounds and place appropriate markers to tell the story of the area in historical terms. Also the cutting of a new approach road, fencing in the area and restoring an 18' by 20 foot log cabin the pro-type of the one Goforth lived in, on the new site. Also providing picnic area for the many students who would come to the site.

"We figure this plan would cost less than \$20,000," Gidley said. "The Bicen commission has been allocated \$40,000 in Community Development funds for the purpose of memorializing Preston Goforth. The commission recommends that the remainder of the money be used to hire a sculptor to do a life-size statue of Goforth to be placed in the plaza area of the new Governmental Services Facilities Building."

Plan A, a much more elaborate scheme, involved the purchase of 20 acres of land, restoring the Goforth home as it now stands and relocating

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LEAA Grant For Vehicle

Board Examines Crime Prevention Unit

The Kings Mountain Police Department has a grant of \$5,500 for a vehicle to be used as a crime prevention display unit.

This grant amount is the maximum approved by the Law Enforcement Administration Agency (LEAA).

Monday night city commissioners had a chance to examine the Mecklenburg County Crime Prevention Unit to see what can be done with such a grant and to learn how effective such a unit can be in combatting crime within the community.

Lt. Mitch Barnes of the Mecklenburg County Police brought that county's unit to Kings Mountain City Hall and explained how it was put together, how it functions and the cost involved.

"We have designed this unit so it can be set up for the public in less

than five minutes," Barnes said. "The major set up is the steps on the back of the van."

Inside the 16 to 18 foot van the floor, walls and overhead are covered with thick carpet. Attached to the upper corners of the van is indirect lighting. Attached to the crossmembers on the walls are display cabinets, arranged to give the public a step by step look at how citizens can work to prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

There is a display featuring "Officer Friendly," a nationwide program, geared to appeal to the elementary school-age young people. It is designed to acquaint them with the police and how they work to protect them.

"In Mecklenburg County we have designed a coloring book based on Officer Friendly," Barnes said. "Of course we have adapted the figure to

look like a Mecklenburg County officer. The coloring books are distributed to the young students. It is our biggest single item going out to the public."

The van also contains various types of locking devices used in homes and businesses and tips on how these devices can be upgraded to foil the breaking and entering experts. Barnes points out that 70 percent of all burglaries are accomplished by entering through doors. This display also demonstrates more effective methods of securing windows against illegal entry.

There is a display to show how citizens can help keep an eye on their neighborhood and how to report to police anything out of the ordinary.

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ROLLING DISPLAY — Kings Mountain City Commissioners and police officers were given a demonstration of what can be done to provide a community with a crime prevention program by Lt. Mitch Barnes (extreme right) of the Mecklenburg County Police.

Barnes brought that county's crime prevention unit here Monday. Mecklenburg started with a \$5,500 LEAA grant, the same amount already approved for the KM Police Crime Prevention Bureau.