

Southside NDP Being Reviewed For July 1 Implementation; First Year Projects Revealed

The Southside Neighborhood Development Plan (NDP) is on its way to the federal government for final approval.

The \$750,000 project, aimed at improving conditions in the Southside, is scheduled to begin July 1.

Projects planned for the first year of the NDP, which will possibly be re-funded for three consecutive years, include paving and upgrading three streets, and acquiring approximately two acres of land for multi-family housing units.

The streets which will be affected are as follows:

Cross Street from Taylor to Langford, including the elimination of the "dogleg," or off-set, at Redding Drive;

Grayson Street from Taylor to Langford; and

Langford Street from Grayson to W. Green Drive.

As the streets are paved, new sewer lines and gutters will be installed, street lights will be put up, and inadequate utilities will be replaced where needed.

The land which is cited for purchase runs on both sides of Redding Drive between Grayson and Elizabeth Streets. The land in turn will be sold for the purpose of constructing an estimated 30 to 40 new multi-family units. The Housing Development Corporation, a Model Cities project, will possibly oversee this building.

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In addition, the budget will allow

up to 20 rehabilitation grants for home improvements. Such grants can be authorized for up to \$3,500 to homeowners whose income is less than \$3,000 a year.

Some low-interest rehabilitation loans can also be made available to Southside residents.

Decisions on how to spend the government's \$500,000 share allotted to High Point by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have been made over the past three months by the City of High Point, Redevelopment Commission, and Model Cities with the help of citizens of the Southside.

A special Resident Review Committee, made up of the five Southside Model City Commissioners and three residents elected at large, have carried a large part of the responsibility in determining priorities and deciding the direction of NDP.

The project, when approved by HUD, will be carried out by the Redevelopment Commission and overseen by the City of High Point.

NDP will join a number of rebuilding efforts already being exerted in the Southside by Model Cities, whose role in NDP has been one of coordination, citizen participation and evaluation.

Among these projects initiated by Model Cities is the construction of a Multi-Purpose Service Center and Southside Park, a four-acre site near Fairview Street School along the present route of Hulda Street.

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gift by the High Point Kiwanis Club to be used for the purchase of a maxivan, the other funding of \$13,220 is provided by Model Cities.

- Neighborhood Youth Corps Summer Program is designed to give summer jobs for 100 disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who are still in high school. The Guilford County Office of Economic Opportunity is matching Model Cities' share of \$46,222 with in-kind services amounting to \$48,977.

- Modular Housing is an experimental project to be carried out by the Housing Development Corporation. The purpose is to study the feasibility of building more prefabricated, or modular, houses in the future. Two such factory-built units will be assembled in the Model Neighborhood, and priority for sale will be given to Model Neighborhood residents. Model Cities will fund the project for \$27,064, which will be reverted back to the agency when the units are sold.

- Relocation of the Southside outfall sewer line will be carried out by

the City's Department of Public Works. This project will replace the existing 15-inch line running through the neighborhood with a 21-inch reinforced concrete sewer line from Vail to Grimes Street. This project will facilitate the construction of the Southside Multi Purpose Service Center. The Budget of \$30,000 will be provided entirely by Model Cities.

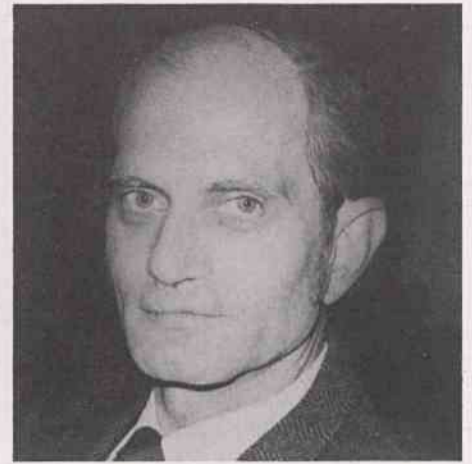
- Summer Nutrition Program was requested by the Model City Commission to the state's Special School Food Service Program, who will provide \$40,000. Lunches will be provided daily for 10 weeks to 1500 children who participate in some supervised recreational or educational programs at 13 sites in the city this summer. Model Cities and other co-operating agencies will provide the remaining \$8,970 of in-kind services.

- Multi-Purpose Recreation Areas will be upgraded by installing drinking fountains, and by constructing a fence around one site. Water fountains were overlooked when this Model Cities project was first carried out. The Model Cities share of this improvement is \$3,178, to which the City of High Point is adding \$1,910.

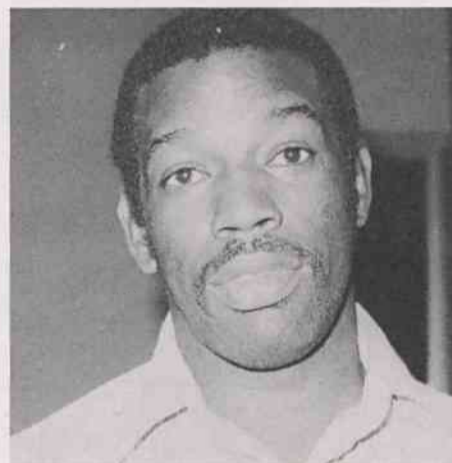
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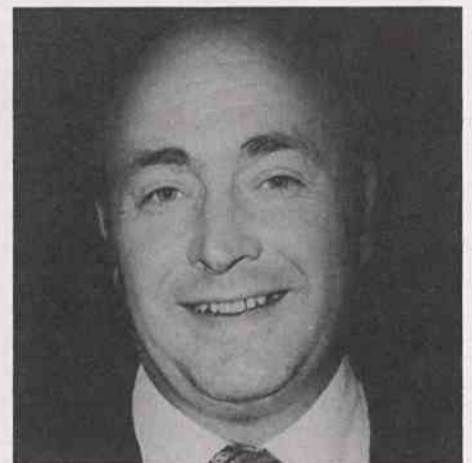
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Forty Commissioners Vital To Process

The role of the Model City Commissioners has been highlighted recently with the introduction of both the Third Year Action Plan and the second amendment to the current action year.

The Commission must endorse all projects before they are sent to City Council for final approval.

A package of 33 projects making up the Third Year Plan was presented to the Commission for their review. At the same time, 10 projects comprising the Second Year's second amendment were presented.

Budgets for the two packages totaled over \$3,768,000.

Elected Model City Commissioners represent each of the five neighborhoods in the Model Cities target area, or Model Neighborhood, as well as appointed representatives from agencies and organizations in the public and private sector of High Point.

A total of 40 Commissioners sit on the group. Their officers, who form an executive committee, are Dr. Otis E. Tillman, chairman; Richard Wright, vice chairman; Willie Lee Rice, secretary; Welborn Malpass and Walter Moore, members-at-large.

The three top officers are selected by a nominating committee and recommended to the entire group for approval. The members-at-large are nominated and voted on by all 40 members.

In the Model Cities process, Commissioners stand between task forces and City Council to make sure that citizens have a voice in decision-making.

At the beginning of the process, it is the task forces which identify problems and help work out strategy. Task forces are made up of Model Neighborhood residents and citizens from the community at large.

Task forces request agencies to submit projects and rate these projects by priority according to their need and objectives. From the task forces, proposals go to the executive committee for discussion. After their endorsement, they send projects on to the entire Commission for their consideration.

The purpose of these groups in the Model Cities continuing process is to give citizens a chance to become involved in planning projects which affect the lives of their families and their community.

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