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No Turnkey III Repair Schedule

Authority Ignores HUD Rules

By Donna Oldham
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The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem has admitted that contrary to guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, it does not have a schedule that would let Turnkey III residents know how much repairs to their residences will cost.

Ben Erlitz, of the Legal Aid of Northwest, N.C. Inc., an attorney for the Homebuyers Association of Kingston Greens, one of the seven Turnkey III developments said that the Housing Authority was in indirect violation of HUD guidelines.

"We have correspondence between the Housing Authority and myself on behalf of the Homebuyers Association of Kingston-Greens and they know that we know that they are not in compliance with HUD," Erlitz said.

The schedule Erlitz referred to would provide Turnkey residents with the cost of major and minor repairs to their residences.

William Moore, manager of Turnkey III for the Housing Authority said that Lee Hill, director of maintenance and William H. Andrews' community services director were "in the process of making a schedule."

Moore said, however, that the schedule that Hill and Andrews are preparing is a depreciation schedule, not the one specified by HUD, and requested by Erlitz.

He said that to his knowledge, there is nothing to tell tenants how much they can expect to pay for an appliance when it goes bad, or even a document telling residents how much repairs will be for various things.

"The schedule that HUD is talking about and the one that they are drawing up are two entirely different things. I don't know why we don't have the HUD schedule. I can't answer that," Moore said.

The Housing Authority and its management of

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Judge Suspends Sentence In Solomon Case

Paulette Louise Solomon, accused in the stabbing death of her boyfriend in January, was given a suspended sentence last Thursday by Superior Court Judge John D. McConnell.

McConnell's decision, which obviously shocked Ms. Solomon and her attorney, Chuck Alexander, came after he asked her former neighbor if society and the Winston-Salem community in his opinion would be willing to accept Ms. Solomon despite the incident. Everyone in the audience nodded yes.

testimony told McConnell, "she would definitely be accepted back."

Ms. Solomon was charged in the death of her boyfriend, Ricky Thomas; however in a plea bargain agreement with the district attorney's office, she pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter which is intent to injure resulting in death. The offense is punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

According to Ms. Solomon's statement which was read during her probable cause hearing last month, she stabbed James Cato, in his

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Ray Sherman, assistant football coach at Wake Forest University, pins a ribbon of recognition on young winner of 50-meter wheel chair race, one of more than 500 participants who won awards during the Annual Special Olympics.

Haley To Sign HB Agreement

By Donna Oldham
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The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem has agreed to sign the first recognition agreement in the 10-year history of Turnkey III in the city.

Kingston Greens will be the first Winston-Salem Turnkey development to be given responsibilities of management and maintenance of themselves, according to Ben Erlitz, attorney for the residents and David Thompkins of the Housing Authority.

In a meeting that took place Tuesday between Erlitz, James Haley, executive director of the Housing Authority; Thompkins, HA deputy director; Jimmy Pettigrew, Kingston Greens Homebuyers Association and Denise Gaither, a board member of the HBA at Kingston Greens, Haley agreed to sign the document "to help the HBA grow, develop and

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Official Says Homebuyers Can't Manage Turnkey Units

Residents Resent Andrews' Remarks

By Donna Oldham
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Residents of Easton Manor and Northampton, two divisions of Turnkey III in Winston-Salem, say that they resent references made by a Housing Authority official that they could not manage themselves.

The Chronicle reported last week that William H. Andrews, community services director of the Housing Authority had stated that "residents of Turnkey III homes are not ready to manage themselves, that is why the Housing Authority has not signed a recognition agreement for any of the seven divisions," he said.

Deloise Reeves, a resident of the smallest and oldest Turnkey development in the city, Easton Manor, said in response to Andrews, "We can manage Easton Manor if we wanted to, but we don't want to take on the responsibility of management at this time. I can only speak for Easton Manor and we manage our own units well enough. Anything I ask Jim Haley for, Easton gets," she said.

Mrs. Barbara Isaiah, an eight-year resident of

Northampton, the largest Turnkey development, said that residents are kept in the dark about Housing Authority programs and the actions of the Homebuyers Associations because of Dorothy Ross, director of Homebuyer Services and Andrews.

"I don't know and haven't known what happens here because Mrs. Ross runs everything," said Mrs. Isaiah.

A source close to the Housing Authority said, "People are hesitant to participate in the Homebuyers Association because of Mrs. Ross. She is vengeful and wants to manipulate people. She is more a detriment to the Housing Authority than they know. She looks down on us and calls us illiterate, that's her favorite word."

In last week's article, Jimmy Pettigrew, president of the HBA at Kingston-Greens said that Mrs. Ross had intervened several times to keep the seven homebuyers association presidents from meeting together. "It's almost like she's afraid for us to get together the way she tries to keep us apart and in the dark," Pettigrew said last week.

When the Chronicle reached Mrs. Ross at her office on Tuesday, she said that she had no comment regarding

allegations made by Turnkey residents.

"I don't have any comments at all, I don't have to defend my job to anyone. I know how the people at Kingston Greens feel about me. They asked that I not work with them anymore and my supervisor granted their request. During 1979, I did not work with the Homebuyers Association at all in any capacity, my staff did. This was all at the request of my supervisor," she said.

The source said that the Housing Authority uses two sets of standards in dealing with Turnkey residents.

"They pick who they want to get a Turnkey house, whether their name has been on the list five years or five minutes. They also decide who to and who not to charge for home repairs. They really put a hurting on some people and others don't pay a dime," they said.

Haley, who was attending a housing conference, according to his secretary, was unavailable for comment.

Ms. Reeves said that she personally resents Andrews' comments because of some of the Housing Authority's

Women Urged To Develop Selves

By Donna Oldham
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Women should concentrate on self-development rather than on soap operas if they're going to get anywhere, according to Barbara Proctor, founder and president of Proctor and Gardner, one of the nation's top advertising agencies.

Proctor was the keynote speaker at the Forsyth County Governor's Conference on Leadership Development for Women Saturday at Centenary Church.

Proctor also told the audience that black women, through previously subdued

by black men and society, would challenge the system during the next two years.

The event was sponsored by the governor's office and the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women.

Proctor, a native of Black Mountain, told the approximately 300 women in the audience that it was hard to manage a career and a home, especially for black women.

"Scheduling and sticking to that schedule will either make you or break you. Women and mothers need to realize that children are able to assume more responsibilities that we give them credit for," said Proctor.

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Barbara Proctor

Blacks Challenge Census Hiring

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A dozen black elected officials and other leaders accused the local office of the U.S. Census of not hiring the political referrals they have sent for the more than 650 temporary jobs being filled.

However, the local district manager has said the political referrals are not the decisive factor in hiring and the county Democratic chairman has said that not a single black leader has sent him a referral.

The Census is a count of the nation's population taken every 10 years since 1790. This year mail forms

were sent to 90 per cent of American homes. Census takers will visit homes which did not respond.

The black leaders, led by Commissioner Mazie S. Woodruff and Alderman Vivian H. Burke, said they "were totally ignored in the selection process," and not told about the referral system until they called Rep. Steve Neal's office.

Alderman Burke said that they were given referral forms to fill out two weeks ago after contacting the congressman. Burke said all six persons she referred and Woodruff said all four she had referred were not hired.

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