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return in misery and suffering and a low return in economic benefits. The city will be rewarding property owners who haven't maintained. It will create a housing shortage that will adversely affect the market and cause speculation," he said.

Erlitz told the Chronicle Tuesday afternoon that the relocation program advocated by the East Winston Restoration Association would hurt low and moderate income people, and he suggested instead the \$1.3 million earmarked for acquisition, demolition and relocation be viewed for the rehabilitation of existing housing and new housing.

He told the board that 119 families would be moved, forcing them to compete with people from the Liberty-Patterson neighborhood and Columbia Terrace. He also said that the number of people affected by the expansion of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., should also be added to the list.

"All of the people being moved are black. It is a mistake to break up neighborhoods - to scatter people around the city is a bad thing. We should keep neighborhoods together," Erlitz said.

He concluded, "The city can and should spend money on housing for low and moderate income people."

Edwin L. Patterson, representing Lloyd United Presbyterian Church on Chestnut Street told the aldermen, "People in the Chestnut area want their homes fixed up. The people in the community have a sense of community pride and good citizenship. They have formed a savings club, a flower club and have incorporated

themselves and have a neighborhood watch program that is really effective," he said.

Other East Winston residents, voicing displeasure about the possibility of being relocated, asked the board to consider alternative programs and to invest the federal money back into their communities.

A 50-year resident of Archer Street, Cromas Archie told the board, "There are a lot of old fellows in the community. Many of them are widowed, some of them have no legs. The people in the community take care of these men. If they had to relocate, they wouldn't last 30 days," Archie said.

"Last year, the sewage was so bad in my house that I had to move," said Rachael McLendon of Granville Street, adding, "After I moved, the owner fixed up both the inside and the outside and raised the rent."

Tracy Singletary, a spokesman for the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a former contractor, said that many of the homes considered for demolition are structurally sound.

"Do you know what causes substandard housing? It's when there are more people than there are houses and the landlords can rent without fixing up places. Houses are dying from lack of preventive medicine," he said adding, "Placing emphasis on rehabilitation would put pressure on the landlords to fix up the houses."

Veronica Templeton, spokesperson for the Housing Task Force of the Winston-Salem Improvement Association asked the board for a moratorium on tearing down houses until people can be moved.

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"He marched in Atlanta on. If we stop for even one minute we will have lost everything Martin Luther King worked for. If we quit we are more evil than the oppressor. If we can't move forward we should stand and mark time, because we will not move backwards," she concluded.

Mrs. Mazie Woodruff, a former Forsyth County Commissioner, told the crowd that "we as a people must not go down from here today not teaching our children who Martin Luther King was or why he did what he did. We must not go to sleep or let his greatness go down, but continue his struggle."

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on. If we stop for even one minute we will have lost everything Martin Luther King worked for. If we quit we are more evil than the oppressor. If we can't move forward we should stand and mark time, because we will not move backwards," she concluded.

She also offered an apology for Mayor Wayne

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same sex. This marked the first time that an open forum had been held on this issue in our city.

For an hour and a half a panel of psychologists and counselors led by Ms. Donna Burke and consisting of Dr. M.A. Schubert, Dr. Wayne Sotile and Dr. Ted Dougherty spoke and responded to questions from the audience on issues of homosexuality.

The discussion appeared to lead to the conclusion "that homosexuality is not an illness nor is it the greatest of sins; that problems the homosexuals face stem from anxiety over a fear of detection, and a low self-esteem due to a life of rejection; and that homosexuals should be respected as individuals and helped to improve their production, and the quality of their life."

- Other points made during the seminar were:
- Over 10 percent of the population is homosexual.
- The incidence of homosexuality is not increasing.
- Homosexual parents want their children to be heterosexual.
- Homosexuals are no better adjusted nor are they no more maladjusted than are heterosexuals.
- Homosexuals who have come out of the closet appear to be well adjusted.
- There is no one cause of homosexuality, a few choose to be homosexual, but others have no choice.
- Society should encourage self-fulfillment and all should be respected as individuals.
- Problems arise when the principal programmers of life, the family and religion, are challenged at an age when the individual does not possess sufficient skills to deal with such grave issues as sexuality or morality.
- Complications arise when there is no group to turn to such as the family nest for support.
- There is a place for some homosexuality in all of us.
- The issue of homosexuality will eventually fade from the scene as it is often raised by persons in high places who are uneasy about their own sexuality.
- Although the Bible condemns homosexuality, the Bible is not the last word; revelation is not complete, it continues. Consider the treatment of women and slaves in the Bible.
- Pressure by counselors to persuade homosexuals to change their sexual preference implies that homosexuality is bad and is unethical.

The seminar was one in a series of eleven seminars in the Mental Health Association's "Introspect '80-81" Series. The seminars look for answers to life's problems with the aim of promoting good mental health by stressing prevention of mental disorders.

Other topics to be considered in the '80-'81 Series include: "stress management, talking about sex, teenage suicide, mind and body, displaced homemaker, explaining death to children, civilizing your child, and being a single parent in a couple's world."

The seminars which are open to the public at no charge are held at the Highland Presbyterian Church. The next seminar will be held February 17 and it will deal with "Mental Health Systems: Who? What? Where? How Much?"

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group "couldn't get any concrete information as to why a white developer from Minnesota was here or what happened because we weren't invited to meet him" were misleading.

"I don't understand why John said they were not invited. The city has not been uncooperative, in fact, the city has done everything it can to accommodate the EWLDC," Broadie said, of the city's attitude toward the non-profit corporation.

According to records, city officials, including Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, City Manager Bill Stuart, special assistant Allen Joines and Broadie have all or in groups met with the black developers five times in four months.

On December 16, the EWLDC submitted a preliminary proposal to the city. On December 18, the city returned the proposal

presented any type of proposal to the city of Winston-Salem since his visit. Broadie said that he is sending representatives to conduct marketing surveys and to test the proposal site of the shopping center on Claremont Avenue.

"It comes down to this, Broadie said, "East Winston needs a shopping center. Even though we don't have a firm commitment from any supermarket right now, we're working on it, and when we're ready to start developing, whichever group can do it the best will do it."

NAACP to Aid East St. Louis

The NAACP for the first time in its history has promised to lend full support to the community of East St. Louis, Illinois in an effort to revitalize that decaying, mid-western city.

Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks, following a recent two-day informal meeting with East St. Louis City officials in New York City, stated that, "The NAACP has traditionally come to the aid of those who do not carry enough political clout to fight the adverse socioeconomic problems that affect their lives. The fact that we now apply this same principle to an urban area, therefore, does not represent a change in our policy."

"The City of East St. Louis fits into the pattern of economic decline facing many urban cities today. The pattern of a rising unemployment rate, inadequate housing, a declining tax base due to the flight of major businesses, insufficient city resources and an overall fiscal problem bordering on bankruptcy are all too familiar." NAACP experts in economic development, education and labor agreed to assist the economically crippled city by helping to develop and coordinate comprehensive programs designed to bring the city out of its economic plight. NAACP Labor Director Lewis Carter suggested that, "East St. Louis may even become a pilot project for an urban revitalization program that could conceivably work in many other cities throughout the United States."

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majority of the audience called King "the leader of the greatest social movement of our time."

The mayor also tooted his own horn by criticizing the press for coverage of his administration over the past two years.

While the mayor was

booed, when Stevie Wonder was introduced, the crowd went wild.

"Thank you for coming, you have made me so very happy," said Wonder who thought of the idea of the march and rally, sponsored it and paid for it with a sold-out concert last Friday night.

"All of us who believe so deeply in the dream that Dr. King spoke about know that you beautiful people believe in it too." With that, Wonder launched into his rendition of "Happy Birthday," a tribute to King, calling for the national holiday.

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