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## From East Winston Project

# Minority Builders Want No 'Crumbs'

By Allen H. Johnson  
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Black contractors in the city say they are not aiming for crumbs from the East Winston shopping center construction project.

They want the pie.

Officers of the Voices of Minority Contractors and Suppliers, an unincorporated group of black contractors, told the Chronicle last week that they are aggressively seeking prime contracts in the

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--James Carter

construction of the \$2 million center, which is set to begin on March 19.

"The goal of the minority contractors and suppliers is to contract for as much of that project as we can handle," said attorney Richard Archia Jr., chairman of the organization. "We intend to bid on

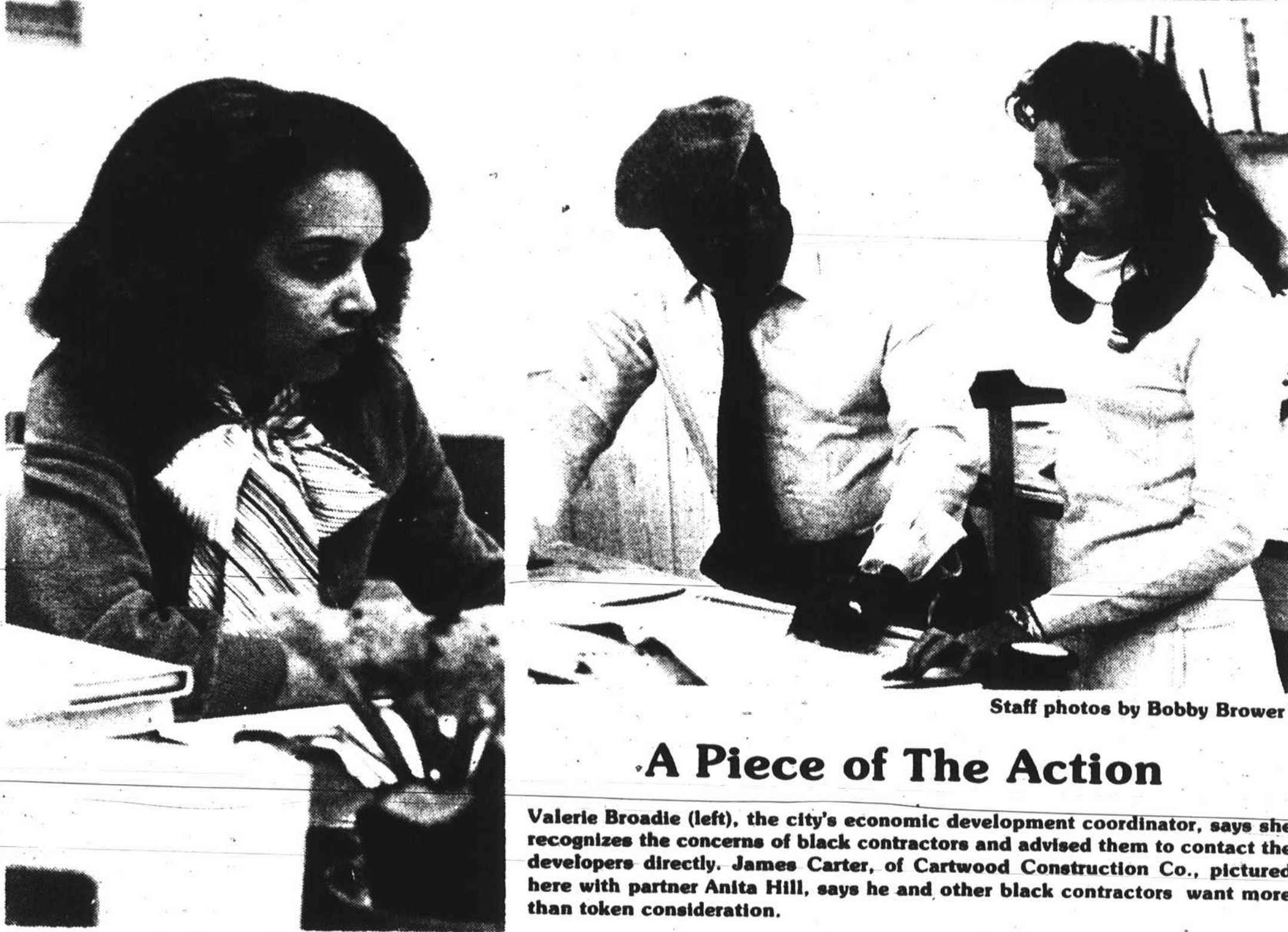
every item of construction for which we have minority contractors capable of handling."

Assistant City Manager for Special Projects Allen Joines said that federal guidelines for Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG), through which the center is partially funded, provide some safeguards for minority participation, requiring "a good faith effort to get minority contractors."

Goals for minority sub-contractors in the project, Joines said, are 10 percent while goals for minority workers are 15 percent. The federal guidelines do not apply to construction handled by the city, Joines said, "but we intend to use the same guidelines."

However, James Carter, joint owner of Cartwood Construction Co. and vice-chairman of the Voices group, said he and his fellow contractors are looking for more than 10 percent.

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Staff photos by Bobby Brower

## A Piece of The Action

Valerie Broadie (left), the city's economic development coordinator, says she recognizes the concerns of black contractors and advised them to contact the developers directly. James Carter, of Cartwood Construction Co., pictured here with partner Anita Hill, says he and other black contractors want more than token consideration.

## ESR Sets Up Counseling

By Allen Johnson  
Managing Editor

The Experiment in Self-Reliance opened shop in the Patterson Avenue YMCA Monday to aid residents in the area with relocation.

The private, non-profit organization, which has been helping disadvantaged residents in Winston since 1964, has based two staff persons in the office, says Executive Director Louise Wilson.

At press-time Mrs. Vera Williams, had been hired at the request of the Liberty-Patterson Neighborhood Council to fill one of those staff positions.

Mrs. Williams, her as yet undetermined co-worker and other ESR workers will help Liberty-Patterson residents in a number of ways, beginning with a door-to-door outreach program to introduce themselves and explain the services available.

"We will work with the people in immediate need," Mrs. Wilson said.

Wilson said that those residents will be referred to ESR by the city's Community Development Department.

"We will work with others later," Wilson said. "We hope to get to the whole area sooner or later to find out

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Dr. Douglas Covington

## Childcare Center

### Winston-Salem State May Phase It Out

By Yvonne Anderson  
Staff Writer

An expansion program, currently under way at Winston-Salem State University, may phase out the university's 9-year-old Early Childcare Center, say school officials.

Chancellor Douglas Covington requested that the center be eliminated effective

June 30, 1982, in a letter dated Nov. 18 and addressed to Raymond H. Dawson, vice president of academic affairs for the general administration of the University of North Carolina.

In the letter, Covington states that the \$62,964 allocation for the center would be used instead to hire a director and a

counselor for the university's counseling division, a secretary for the education division and a director for recruitment and alumni relations. According to Covington, these areas are acutely understaffed and a vital element in the university's expansion program.

University officials say that all programs of the

school are being re-evaluated to determine how the school's resources can most effectively be used to serve the student body and the community.

Director of WSSU's Education Division, Melvin Gadson, said, "We are looking at the total structure of the university in terms of programs. But, the

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Staff Photo By Santana

Legal Aid counselor Rebecca L. Thompson interviews a client. On March 31, the Legal Aid Society of North Carolina will terminate seven of its employees and reduce the volume of service it now offers to the poor.

## Budget Cuts Force Legal Aid To Reduce Staff And Services

By Allen Johnson  
Managing Editor

The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina Inc., which provides legal counsel for the poor, has been forced by reductions in federal funding to eliminate seven of its staff positions, roughly 40 percent of its current manpower.

Three staff attorneys, two paralegals and two support staff members have been told that their jobs will be terminated on March 31.

"This is a terrible thing to happen," said Thorns Craven, director of the agency. "We have never had sufficient staff to meet the tremendous demand for legal assistance in the community, and this reduction will mean that we will have

to be even more selective in the cases we are able to accept. Many, many poor people with legitimate and urgent legal problems will go unrepresented."

Last year the Reagan ad-

did reduce the amount of money for the Corporation by 25 percent.

That reduction has been passed on to grantees across the country.

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Northwest North Carolina was established in 1963 as The Legal Aid Society of Forsyth County. The office was begun by local attorneys and was financed by a foundation grant. When the federal government enacted a legal ser-

VICES program in 1965, the local office became a recipient of those funds and expanded its staff.

In 1975, the Legal Services Corporation was established by Congress, and funding was increased. The local office expanded its services to Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, Davie and Iredell Counties and changed its name to reflect its new responsibilities.

Throughout its history, the The Legal Aid Society has had the support of the community, Craven said. "Clients look to our office for assistance with their legal problems and the local bar supports the office as the best way to provide organized legal services to poor people."

Those services will have to

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## Community Development, Neighborhood Coalition Meet

By Yvonne Anderson  
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The Citywide Neighborhood Coalition and officials of the Winston-Salem Community Development Department met Tuesday night in an attempt to iron out their differences.

Members of the coalition, co-chaired by Mazie Woodruff and John Holloman, expressed a lack of cooperation between the two organizations during a Jan. 18 board of Aldermen's meeting, charging that the new Community Development guidelines lack

community input.

Anticipating cuts in federal revenues, the Community Development office drafted those new guidelines under which it would make loans, grants and repairs to designated community development areas.

The major rift between the two organizations came with the proposal of either lowering the standards of property rehabilitation to increase the number of cases that could be taken with a decrease in funds or keeping the standards the same and helping fewer people.

Coalition members felt that any lowering of property standards would only worsen an already bad situation. At the meeting Tuesday night, residents complained of shoddy repairs and, in some cases no repairs, that were overlooked by city housing inspectors.

"It's just awful the way things are done," said one woman. "Work is done that isn't up to par, using bad materials and doing generally a bad job. And it is being passed by inspectors. Lowering any standards would mean more of this."

Another area of contention was incentive loans of-

fered by the C.D. department for investors to upgrade substandard structures.

"Why should these investors be given financial incentives to bring property up to minimum code standards, when that is already required by law?" asked Howard Wiley, advisor to the Coalition.

Gary R. Brown, director of Community Development, said that the incentive loan would only be made with the stipulation that property be brought up past the minimum standard to property rehabilitation standards.

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