

CDC, Task Force

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er layer of bureaucracy to deal with."

Recommendation called for

At a task force meeting two weeks ago, Alderman Larry Womble told the group that the alderman expect the task force to make a recommendation on a new developer on the New Walkertown Shopping Center. "Whatever you recommend, we will go with," said Alderman Womble. Members of the task force complain that the CDC has not given them the opportunity to be involved in the shopping center, yet the mayor gave them responsibility for coordinating development projects in East Winston.

Alderman Virginia K. Newell remembers that the task force was created to take a broad look at economic development in East Winston. "The task force is supposed to assess needs and develop workable ideas and plans. The CDC is the action-oriented arm of that task force. In the past, every project in East Winston had to come through the task force to get their blessings."

Newell added that she regrets not having more information on the financing and organization of the New Walkertown Shopping Center project, which has suffered setbacks and now has only one store, is several months behind schedule, and without a developer. Developer Herman Turner left the project in a mutual agreement with the CDC.

"I thought I would be eating in the deli, going to the hardware store, having my shoes shined, and grocery shopping over there by now," said Newell.

Which came first?

"The task force is an arm of the city," says Janet De Creny, development coordinator for the city. "They were specifically charged with reviewing proposals on specific projects and recommending and selecting developers, as well as

enforcing the Hamer, Siler, George report." The Hamer, Siler, George report is a comprehensive study of the various aspects of development in East Winston, including specific recommendations.

Although some members of the CDC board felt that the CDC preceded the task force, both organizations were created from the same document, the East Winston Area Plan. The plan, finalized in 1987, calls for three support groups: a merchants association, an economic development council, and an economic development corporation. The CDC was incorporated in January 1988 and the task force established three months later.

Norma Smith, the new chairman of the task force, doesn't understand how the CDC could be confused about working with the task force. James Grace, CDC director, and Joycelyn Johnson serve on both boards.

"We started this process in July, meeting with the staff on two occasions trying to get more information about the CDC and its projects," says Norma Smith. When no information seemed to be forthcoming from the CDC staff, the task force invited CDC board members to a meeting to initiate better communication between the two groups. That meeting has now been indefinitely postponed, says Luelllyn Curry, CDC president, noting that the proposed dates were not suitable for the CDC.

Turf problems?

"We want to build a relationship between the two groups, and we're still discussing how to do that," said Curry. "That may involve a meeting, or it may not."

Joycelyn Johnson, who serves on both boards, maintains that the relationship between the two has not been clearly defined.

"There were some suggestions made at the onset for reporting to the task force but in recent months the task force has not met regularly, and all of a sudden there's a new

surge to revitalize the task force and do what we need to do."

Johnson speculated that there are personality issues that need to be resolved. "We need to get past bickering and address what is a far greater issue than turf wars - the development of East Winston."



Dr. C.B. Hauser stands behind a display showing a number of his awards in an exhibition at the Yadkin County Charles Bruce Davis Museum during the month of October.

Hauser honored with exhibit

Exhibits from members of the Hauser Williams Russell Family have been featured in Yadkin County's Charles Bruce Davis Museum during the month of October.

On last Sunday, October 20, Dr. C. Brady Hauser, who had celebrated his 74 birthday earlier, was honored at 2 p.m. with a reception in the museum. A number of awards he has received are a part of the current exhibit.

Two items drawing special attention were framed newspaper articles showing his arrest and removal from a Greyhound Bus in October 1947 for his refusal to take a back seat in the bus.

Other items of interest were a picture showing him as a member of the 1985 North Carolina General Assembly, two of the seven Million Dollar Medallions he has received from the NAACP, his Honorary Doctor of Human Letters Degree, and a number of plaques from various organizations.

Also drawing special attention were awards and citations Leonard G. Hauser had received for his work

in scouting. His awards included The Silver Beaver and The Whitney Young Award.

A brief history of the Hauser Williams Russell Family and a drawing of the Family Tree were displayed along with pictures of members of each branch of the family.

Among those in attendance were Larry D. Tate and Wanda C. Craybeck of Boonville, Mrs. Mary Greene, Marie D. Gill and Clarence Reynolds of Winston-Salem, Charlene H. Curtis, Donald Curtis, Maurice Curtis, Phillip Hauser, Mrs. Dora Wallace, Mrs. Geneva McKinley-Hauser, Raphael Hurley Hauser, and Mrs. Lois E. Hauser.

Raphael Hurley Hauser is a member of the Board of the Charles Bruce Davis Museum.

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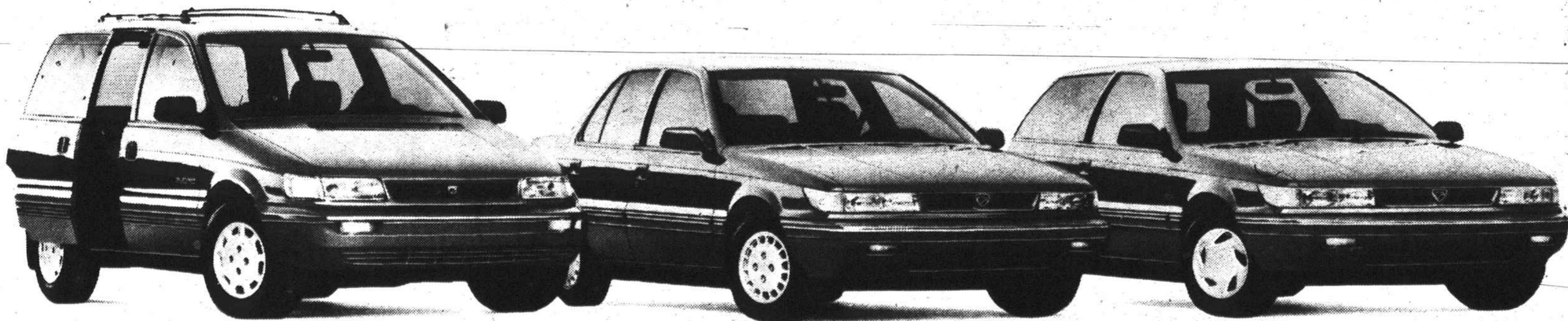
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