

Olympic Committee opens dialect with ethnic minorities, disadvantaged

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Frank Joklik, president of the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee, made no promises when he and other officials met with a coalition of advocates for ethnic minorities and the disadvantaged.

But Joklik said he does intend to keep the dialogue between the organizations open.

It was the first meeting ever between the two groups, although the advocates have been pressing for years for 2002 Winter Games organizers to consider the needs of minorities and the disadvantaged. They met Tuesday at Centro Civico Mexicano.

The advocates want better representation on the SLOC board, buildings that can be used after the Olympics for low-income housing and a chance for businesses owned by minorities and women to share in the Olympic wealth.

Glenn Bailey, a leader of the coalition Salt Lake Impact 2002 & Beyond, said he hopes the next time the two groups get together, they will act on rather than talk about the issues.

"We've been working on this for 2 1/2 years," Bailey said. "No one is interested in having this meeting again."

The coalition recently suggested to Gov. Mike Leavitt five potential candidates for board vacancies, which the governor fills jointly with Salt Lake Mayor Deedee Corradini.

Salt Lake City activist Annie Boone asked Joklik why Olympic housing for news media could not be used after the games for low-income residents.

"Rents are skyrocketing in Utah," said Boone. "We have an affordable-housing crisis."

Joklik's response: "That's of great concern to us." But it is too soon to get into specific plans, he added.

"It will be necessary to build some housing," said Joklik. "But we're at a very early stage in that process."

Robert Garfil, the new SLOC chairman, suggested that the activists put their suggestions in writing and send them to Olympic leaders.

Joklik went a step further.

"Just come and see us," said Joklik. "I've never refused a call from anyone, and I never will. I am serious when I say come see us."

"If I thought it was that easy, I would have come a long time ago," said Bruce Quint, a community developer and a member of the coalition.

Quint said that before the next meeting with SLOC officials, he would like to see a plan that includes housing that will make sense for Utahans long after the games have come and gone.

"I'm suggesting they expand their ideas to include public-private joint ventures that will produce a variety of kinds of housing," Quint said.

Boyer Jarvis, another coalition member, acknowledged that the organizers' job is not easy.

"We appreciate the heavy burden you carry," said Jarvis. "We don't want to get in your way, but we want to expand the benefits of the Olympic experience to low-income people."



Sharonda Moore battles for a rebound in the Rams' win.

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cult at the start of divisional play. After Saturday's game the Rams will be out of action until Dec. 30 when they take on Lock Haven State. The Lady Rams won't return to campus for practice until Dec. 27.

"I feel okay in spots," Clark said. "Against A&T we played the best game of the season. To beat them like we did in their place - that was an outstanding win for us."

"But still we lack consistency," she added. "We'll do well in spots and then we'll go through stretches when we don't play well. Hopefully the upperclassmen will step up and do well and that will rub off on the



Holly Griffin goes in for a layup.

freshmen and they will feel a little more relaxed. We're hoping they won't have a lot of the burden on them."

AJ's takes championship game over Hypetime in Hanes Hosiery Morning Basketball League

Mark Salley, "T" Best and Leroy Williams supplied the firepower and AJ's All-Stars held on to take a 102-90 victory over Hypetime in the championship game of the Hanes Hosiery Gym Morning League last Wednesday.

AJ's jumped out to an early 24-16 behind the outside shooting of Williams and the power play inside of Salley and Best. AJ's offense was working to perfection using its inside-outside connection.

Hypetime backed by the play of Dewight Morgan, Ronald Edwards and Lavar Douglas, bounced back to make the score close in the second half. Morgan and Edwards did most of their damage on the outside, while Douglas worked his way in the paint for several electrifying baskets to boost his team. But AJ's regrouped behind

its stingy defense and clutch free throw shooting to hold them off down the stretch and take home the championship trophy.

The victory capped a stellar season in the adult morning league. The season started off with strong play by all of the teams and last week's championship game was the highlight of the season for the league's top performers.

Salley led all scorers with 37 points for AJ's. Best scored 22, Williams added 21 and Anthony James chipped in with 14. But the key down the stretch for AJ's was its tough defense.

Douglas led his team with 31 points. He was backed by Morgan with 21 and Edwards with 17. The three also got good support from the other members of the team.

National NAACP backs boycott of Phoenix Open PGA golf Tournament

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - A plan to protest the Phoenix Open golf tournament apparently will be backed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Rev. Oscar Tillman of Phoenix, who heads the Arizona NAACP, recently proposed the demonstration to call attention to alleged racism within the Scottsdale Police Department.

"He won't have any problems getting an approval from us," NAACP general counsel Dennis Hayes told The Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix.

"This could be something to goad the government or status quo to do the right thing. These are serious issues," Hayes said Monday from Baltimore.

He said the NAACP conducted between 50 and 100 demonstrations across the country during 1997.

Tillman has spoken of activities ranging from picketing to possible disruption. Hayes said the protest would be "nonviolent and peaceful."

The PGA tournament is set for Jan. 22-25 at Scottsdale's Tournament Players Club. It draws one of the largest crowds on the tour - about 420,000 last year when Tiger Woods took part.

Tillman has been critical of what he sees as Scottsdale's "business as usual" attitude since a jury awarded \$100,000 to former police officer Jess Torrez, who said he was fired for speaking out against racism in the department.

Mayor Sam Campana has urged Tillman to reconsider his plan, and Kenny Harris of the nonprofit Phoenix Thunderbirds, who organize the tournament, said Tillman picked the wrong target.

Harris, who like Tillman is black, said the Thunderbirds raised \$2 million for area charities during the past year.

"I have great respect for (Tillman); he has great passion. (But) we do so much for the community, especially for the minority community. I hope when Reverend Tillman realizes this, he may decide to call off the protest," Harris said.

"I think he's going to hurt more people than help," Campana said Monday.

On Sunday, former Vice President Dan Quayle also spoke against the protest while conducting a golf clinic at the Tournament Players Club.

"What connection is there between the Phoenix Open and the Scottsdale police?" asked Quayle, a Paradise Valley resident. "There is none. I hope they can resolve it in some other way."

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East and that is Holt's biggest concern going into the tournament.

"My main concern right now is getting everyone healthy," said Holt, who replaced Alfred Poe as the Carver coach prior to the start of the 1997-98 academic year. "Whoever can put three games together back to back is going to have a god chance of winning this thing. Reynolds has to be considered the favorite, but on a given night anyone can beat anyone else. Hopefully, everyone will be healthy."

Carver struggled at times without point guard Anthony Nelson and power forward Rashad Davis in their loss to East. "We didn't take care of the ball

and then we didn't defend," Holt said. "We have to take care of the basketball and we have to maintain pressure on people."

"The first game is the most important one. We have to be focused on what we're doing. And we play so many people that we have to make sure we know who's playing well so we can keep them in the game in the second half."

If the Yellowjackets play up to their potential, Holt said he thinks the Yellowjackets can come away with the tournament title. Carver captured back-to-back titles in '91 and '92.

"I think our chances are as good as anyone," Holt said. "We've got to play good defense, and we've got to play good help side defense and prevent the entry pass into the low post."

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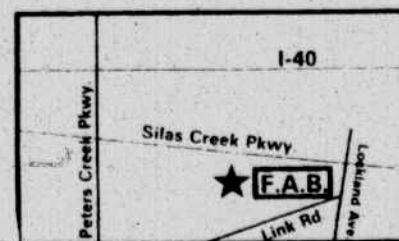


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