

Kannapolis Eligible For Development Planning Grants

Governor Jim Martin and Tommy Rhodes, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, last week announced development planning grants to four counties and 11 municipalities, including Lincolnton and Kannapolis.

The awards, totaling \$125,171, are a portion of North Carolina's federal Community Development Block Grant allocation for fiscal year 1985.

Lincolnton will receive \$7,821 to study several low and moderate income neighborhoods and develop a comprehensive community development plan. Kannapolis' \$9,900 award will finance an assessment of the city's housing and public facility needs. Information gathered during the projects will be used to prepare a future CDBG application for community revitalization activities.

Both Lincolnton and Kannapolis

are in the 12-county region served by NRCD's Mooresville Regional Office. Albert Hilton, office manager in Mooresville, noted the value of the development planning grants to small towns and newly incorporated municipalities.

"Small towns like Lincolnton and cities just recently incorporated like Kannapolis often do not have the resources to hire a full-time planning staff, although community development needs in such areas are

as serious as those in larger and more cities.

The development planning grants will enable Lincolnton and Kannapolis to contract with community development professionals who will study the city's needs and determine how to use CDBG applications may help solve identified problems," Hilton said.

Communities receiving development planning awards must have that future CDBG projects resulting

from the planning activities will primarily benefit low and moderate income persons.

Since 1982, when the state assumed administration of the CDBG funds, 49 communities have received development planning awards.

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Mary Clark
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NAACP Spiritual Emphasis Program Will Be Held Sunday

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

The same energy that characterized the recent NAACP national convention in Dallas, Tx., Mary Clark hopes to see during the upcoming NAACP Spiritual Emphasis Program to be held Sunday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at Greater Bethel AME Church.

This program, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP, is a time for "reviving the NAACP ties with the black church," comments Clark, "to reach people and help get more young people involved with the NAACP."

Clark was present in Dallas the last week of June, 1985, for the NAACP convention. She acknowledges that a lot was discussed about jobs, economic conditions, self-reliance, a black-Jewish coalition and also the close connection between the NAACP and the church.

"Back in 1909, the NAACP was founded in the church," tells Clark. "Today, the church is still the backbone of anything we do. Our spiritual enrichment and faith comes from the church and it is through the church that we reach the masses."

Clark is vice president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg branch NAACP and she has been co-chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Auxiliary, NAACP for the last eight years. Mary Peeler is the new chairperson of the Auxiliary.

Rev. D. L. Morrison, pastor of Greater Bethel AME will be the speaker for the Spiritual Enrichment Program on August 18. During the event, Clark hopes to see "many young women getting involved to help the chapter live on." Additionally a membership drive will kick-off at this time and the NAACP will be soliciting new members. Genael Frazier is chairperson of new membership.

Plans are for the Spiritual Enrichment Program to go from church to local church in the Charlotte community throughout the year. In November, a large gathering will take place at the Park Center, though planning is still in the initial stages.

The community is urged to come out for the kick-off of the Spiritual Enrichment Programs at Greater Bethel AME. The church is located at 201 Grandin Rd.

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The keynote address, "In the Company of Women," will be delivered by Elizabeth Minnich, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at the Union Graduate School. WBTB Fun Bus will furnish a shuttle bus from WomanReach at 1416 E. Morehead St. to the Marriott City Center.

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