

Scarborough Looks To Future

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 one Democrat, and that's Roy Matthews," she said. "That's the most biased, partisan mayor I've ever seen."
 Housing has been one of Scarborough's main points of focus on council. She said the city should commit more money for new housing while rehabilitating existing units. Although snubbed for a seat on the housing committee, Scarborough attends its meetings.
 "We have housing, but it needs to be revitalized," she said. "We need to upgrade the present housing stock."
 The city has been slow in meeting its housing needs for lower-income families while other projects are quickly implemented through bond referendums.

"If we can spend \$15 million for a performing arts center and \$9 million for Discovery Place, why should we cry about \$9 million for housing?," she asked. "It's not right."
 Scarborough stood by her defense of the \$100 million road bonds package passed last year. Although westside opposition to the bonds may have been warranted, those concerns should have been brought to council earlier, she said.
 "It should have been brought up in the budgetary process," she said.
 Scarborough plans to run for another two-year term, she said, to help the city map out its long-range planning. With the experience of one term in office, Scarborough said she can now turn

her attention to the future.
 "In the past year or so, I've been putting out fires," she said. "I plan to get out of the putting out fires mode and get into more strategic planning."
 As the city grows, new services will be required, Scarborough said, and new revenues will be needed to pay for them. Charlotte's challenge is to balance the two without raising property taxes. Scarborough supports a seat tax at public-owned facilities such as the Charlotte Coliseum and raising the guest tax for the city's hotels and motels.
 "It's real critical that we plan well," she said of the city's future needs. "We've got a lot on our plate, but we can't bite and digest it all without getting some heartburn."

Springfest Changes Its Policy

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 had not focused on the issue of how to get more black participation."
 For that reason, Patterson said she believes it was good that the situation with Mason occurred this year. "It was bad that it had to happen," Patterson related. "But it's good that Mason said, 'wait a minute' and forced Springfest to focus on the problem."

Mason has reapplied for a vendor position with Springfest '89 and is hopeful she will be included. She's glad the organization has gone back to the original policy of multiple vendors. She believes the Springfest festival is better served by having more than one balloon vendor. "Competition (among the vendors) brings out the best quality," said Mason.
 She is heartened by the re-

sponse elicited from Springfest since last week. Mason said "I'm pleased that we have gotten to the point when the lines of communication are open and minds are open."
 "Springfest is a good festival. It's good for the city, locally and on the national scope. But it needed to be opened up so we all could share in it."
 "I guess it just took this effort to make a good thing better."


"Bigger than that particular issue, this situation has caused the leadership of Springfest to realize this would not have happened if it had broader participation," said Patterson.
 According to Kaufman and Patterson, the Springfest organization is now working to get more African-Americans involved. Plans now are to have meetings with representatives of the black community.

Mason, at this point, has "mixed emotions" about having been the catalyst behind this situation. "I never thought I'd have to go through something like this. But I believe it is good for the community. People will see a better Springfest (because of this)."

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