

Second Public Hearing Next Tuesday

Mapping, Streets New CD Grant Requests

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Planometric and topographical mapping, street widening and sidewalks were the only new proposals made Tuesday night at the first of two public hearings on the third year of the city's Community Development funding.

Philip Hager, president of the Kings Mountain Improvement Association, requested consideration of widening Waterson St. from Morris St. to Waco Rd., and for sidewalks and curbing and guttering.

"We will have a bottleneck at Morris St. is Waterson is not widened on out to Waco Rd.," Hager commented at the 7:30 p. m. meeting Tuesday. "That's as far as the street widening goes on Waterson St. under the Canaler Urban Renewal program. It stops at Morris St. And with Duplex (plant) located in that area there will be traffic hazards at the change of the work shifts."

Al Morets, Kings Mountain planner, recommended CD funding be applied for to create planometric and topographical mapping in the Canaler St. area "as a tool for future

planning for the city. We have had a great deal of planning in this area, but I'm talking about what the city will need in the next 20 to 40 years."

Morets explained that planometric mapping is made from aerial photos and shows all of the existing structures and streets and green areas. Topographical mapping will give the land elevations (the high and low levels of the land).

"In the Canaler Street project we are cleaning up the mass of water and sewer lines, which is there due to not enough long range planning in the past," Morets said. "When this project is completed this area will be one of the most beautiful residential areas in the city. Residents will have proper water and sewer service, electrical service and there will be a beautiful park with a clear stream. The green area has, in the past, been a jungle with debris hidden in high weeds and a breeding ground for rats."

At the second public hearing next Tuesday (February 15) Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission executive director Gene White will give a complete update on the Canaler St. Urban Renewal project.

For the third year of a five-year CD fund project the city is entitled to \$1,040,000 for community projects. The total entitlement under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 is \$4,160,000.

The majority of Tuesday's public hearing was taken up with recapping past projects and ongoing projects under CD funding.

Mrs. Joel Marable, who heads the Home Base Child Care Program, told the board and audience Tuesday night that about 80 youngsters in the community have been helped under this program.

"And it is having a positive effect on the parents of these children and on the neighborhood where they live," she said. "We have seen not only inner pride, but outer pride as well. The youngsters in this program have asked me to give you their thanks and to tell you that their future lies in your hands."

The first year the program was funded \$5,000 in order to create a pilot program and to give time to organize and discover where the needs are in the community. During that year (1975) Mrs. Marable and her volunteers worked without compensation. The second year the project was funded \$25,500, "to carry on the program. For the third year Mrs. Marable is requesting an increase in budget to \$30,500, "to expand the program and bring more youngsters into the program."

Applicants For Rural Route Needed

The United States Postal Service announces an examination for substitute rural carrier of record at the Kings Mountain Post Office.

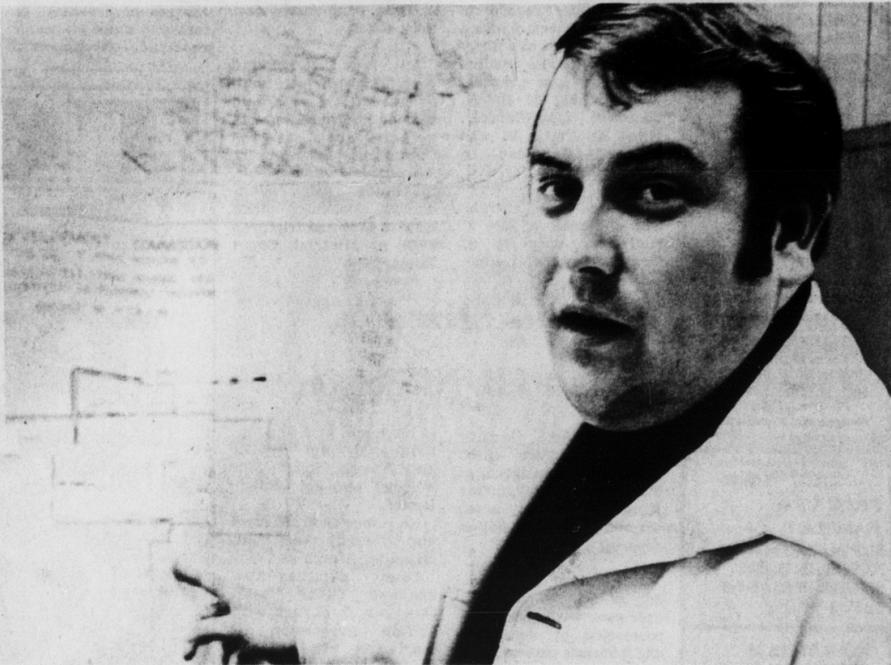
The examination will be given in Charlotte for the Kings Mountain office.

Full particulars about this position and an application blank may be obtained by contacting the local postmaster Charles Alexander.

Cemetery Clean Up Is Urged

City Cemetery Superintendent Ken Jenkins reminds Kings Mountain area citizens that all Christmas flowers should be removed from cemetery graves by Feb. 15, in accordance with a city ordinance.

The city commission passed on March 22, 1974 ordinance which prohibits Christmas flowers being left on cemetery lots after February 15th. The ordinance instructs city employees to remove the flowers themselves after that date and dispose of them.



CLEANING UP THE MAZE - Al Morets, Kings Mountain planner, asked for Community Development grant funding this year for planometric and topographical mapping of the Canaler St. Urban Renewal project area and other areas of the city for more complete long range study and planning. Part of the problem of finishing the Canaler St. area now is cleaning out the mass of underground water and sewer lines which are inadequate to serve needs.

Photo By Tom McIntyre



STREETS - Philip Hager asked for CD money to widen Waterson beyond renewal area.



ASSISTANCE - Mrs. Joel Marable asked for more CD money for Home Base Child Care Program.

Grover Wants Eaton Water Line Extended

GROVER - The town council Monday night voted to request the county to extend the water line serving Eaton Corporation to Grover.

Councilman said by installing a pressure regulating valve the water level in the community water storage tank could be controlled and that using this control Grover could supplement its present system or use water supplied by Kings Mountain entirely.

In July 1976 the town suffered a severe water shortage because of pump and control failure and a second shortage last month because of a broken water main. Because of this the council felt the residents were being jeopardized because of inadequate fire protection.

Under its present system, the Town of Grover cannot adequately service more or larger water consumers and there is a demand for this.

At Monday's meeting for the council also voted to make application for \$7,277.75 under the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 for a deep well and water line construction on Hwy. 226 northwest of town.

The total projected cost of the project is \$39,111. The town will pay \$21,833.25 from its general fund and revenue sharing monies.

Grover presently operates off three deep wells and has a fourth available for manual operation if needed.

The town consulting engineers, John A. Edwards and Co. of Raleigh, will advertise for bids on February 20. The bids will be opened on March 1 at 2 p. m. and there will be a town hall meeting at 6:30 p. m. the same day to hear the engineering recommendations. Project completion is expected to be about July 22.

Missing For One Week

Have You Seen George Sullens?



GEORGE SULLENS
... missing for a week

George Sullens, 15, student at Kings Mountain Junior High, has been missing from home since Tues., Feb. 1, and persons knowing of his whereabouts are asked to contact his mother, 739-8713, or the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Mrs. Ora Lee Farham, mother of the missing youth, said she talked to her son at 8 a. m. on February 1 before he left for school. He never reported to Junior High nor to the home of one of his friends.

The mother is worried because she said "George has never gone from home like this at all."

Young Sullens was last seen wearing blue jeans, black sweat shirt, and light green snow boots. He stands five feet six inches tall with sandy blonde hair and hazel eyes.

"The city cannot afford to wait on Federal funding to study the federally induced 201 sewer plan," Hunnicutt said. "There are some projects the city must go ahead with."

Hunnicutt said high priority should be placed on upgraded water lines which will feed the existing water storage tanks on N. Piedmont and the proposed two-million gallon tank for Cleveland Ave.

He also said that Union Underwear's plant, while providing more jobs for local residents, is also creating a sewer-drainage problem. "The plant is located in the McGill treatment plant basin, which cannot handle the sewerage from the plant," Hunnicutt said. "So, we suggest high priority be placed in construction of a larger sewer line and a pumping station in this section of the city to feed the waste water across town to the Pilot Creek Plant."

This, Hunnicutt, indicated is what he meant by the city not waiting on the Federal 201 funding. He said the red tape involved in getting this funding can be staggering and time consuming.

Mayor John Moss and Commissioner Bill Grissom updated the gathering on the continuing plans for

upgrading Davidson and Deal St. Parks and for renovation at the community center.

Mayor Moss said the city is negotiating with the KM District Schools to purchase 10.34 acres adjoining Deal St., Park to increase the recreation area.

Plans call for updated field lighting, widening of entrance roads and parking area, increasing the road to encircle the park, new fencing and construction of concrete bleacher seating. Also construction of tennis courts and new filters for the swimming pools.

Mayor Moss said plans also call for renovating City Stadium, following completion of Davidson Park. "The city is negotiating with the Mauney family for additional property, with the idea of expanding the park and having it face Gold St.," the mayor said. "We want to have available the best facilities possible for all of the youth sports events the city hosts."

Citizens with ideas for projects which are eligible under the CD guidelines are urged to attend next Tuesday's public hearing. For assistance in outlining ideas and projects citizens are urged to contact the mayor's office prior to the hearing.

Rev. Robert Boggan

In Motivation Rally Effort

Local Methodists will form a caravan February 26 for Charlotte Coliseum to join those 278,000 United Methodists living in the Piedmont and western North Carolina counties for a major Motivation Rally for Evangelism. The program will last from 10:15 a. m. until 1:15 p. m.

According to Rev. Robert E. Boggan, Jr., pastor of Kings Mountain's Central United Methodist Church, "evangelism has been placed on the front burner in United Methodism."

The church has lost a million members in a decade, says Boggan, but

that's not the worry. The concern is that souls which need to be saved for Jesus Christ are being lost.

So, according to the Kings Mountain minister, during 1977-80 the 9.9 million United Methodists have made Evangelism a priority. Intentional programs are being designed to reach people and save souls.

Boggan said that during the period of Feb. 27-March 4 local churches will hold a program of visitation evangelism, mobilizing the active members in teams to visit all inactive and disenfranchised members, and prospective members.



REV. ROBERT BOGGAN

There will follow during March 18 a program of preaching evangelism in the churches of this district.

A major effort during the four-year period of Evangelism as a priority will be made in the Church School, according to Rev. Mr. Boggan. Statistics show that most of the adult church members in United Methodism emerge from the church school.

The Motivation Rally in Charlotte will feature Dr. Charles Allen as keynote preacher. He heads the 11,000 member First United Methodist Church of Houston, Tex., and is one of the denomination's most popular preachers.