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Nappi To Head Recreation

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Mike Nappi has been named superintendent of parks and recreation for the City of Kings Mountain.

Nappi, 32, is currently serving as recreation director of Silver Springs Shores in Ocala, Fla. He will report to work in Kings Mountain April 1.

William Grissom, chairman of the recreation committee, placed Nappi in nomination for the position at Monday night's board of commissioners meeting. The board voted four to one to employ Nappi. Commissioner Corbet Nicholson voted against the motion. Commissioner Norman King was absent due to illness.

The position of superintendent of parks and recreation is a brand new executive post in Kings Mountain, created in 1978 by the recreation committee, approved by the board, to continually upgrade the city's recreation programs. The job pays an annual \$15,000 salary.

The criteria for applicants was established at the time the new position was created. Grissom said Monday night the job called for a person with at least a minimum of five years experience in practical administration of parks and recreation programs.

Nappi was one of 23 men and women interviewed for the post, applicants from within the city and from other areas and states. Nappi holds a BS degree in physical education from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. From 1969-71 he was a teacher-coach at Forest High in Ocala; 1971-74 he was a sports programmer at Fort Carson, Colorado while serving in the U.S. Army. 1974 until now he has been recreation director at Silver Springs Shore in Ocala, Fla.

In his application, Nappi stated his objective as "to obtain a position where I can improve the quality of recreation for an entire community, through proper management of adequate personnel, facilities and supported by a sufficient operating budget ..."

Nappi is married and has one son. He has made three trips to Kings Mountain, the latest on Monday to hunt for housing for his family.



THIS IS GIRL SCOUT WEEK — Mayor John Moss signs proclamation during Girl Scout Week at Monday's City Board meeting which featured recognition of area Girl Scouts. From left Tammy Cook, Brownie Troop 189; Crystal Bolln, Junlor Troop 155, and Clinty Adams, Cadette Troop 4.

Apartments For Elderly

Request Is Granted

The Kings Mountain Housing Authority was granted a rezoning request Monday night on an acre and a half of property on Carpenter St. for the construction of 10 apartment units for the elderly.

This was action tabled at a previous meeting following a public hearing. At that meeting Tim Taylor, a citizen, opposed the rezoning. He cited his uncertainty that the property would be used for elderly housing units and fear that property values would be decreased.

Taylor said he had purchased the former Gus Mauney home and was planning to invest \$80,000 to \$100,000 for renovation of the old home.

But Monday night Taylor told the board to "Disregard my previous statement. Sometimes we let personal feelings stand in the way of what is best for the community. You make your decision and I'll be happy with it."

Taylor and the board was assured by Tom Harper, executive director of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority, that the property on Carpenter St. would be used for apartment units for the elderly only.

The plan is for two one-story buildings on the site; one building containing four units, the other six units. Harper said Tuesday plans call for the units to be constructed sometime in 1979.

The rezoning request was to change the property from R-8 to R-6.

"The local housing authority was authorized approval of 70 units back in 1978 and of those units 10 are to be designed and constructed for the elderly," Harper said. "That's all they will be used for. We have been fortunate enough to get the Carpenter St. property for this purpose. It is located nearer our offices and will give us a better opportunity to serve the older citizens."

Harper said the two buildings are better suited to the neighborhood and is more accessible to transportation for the elderly.

"Our greatest demand for public housing at the moment is by the elderly," Harper said. "Presently we have over 300 applications on file for public housing units. That includes all age, family and income situations. But the biggest demand is for the elderly. That dictates these proposed units on Carpenter St. will always be for the elderly."

In other action, the commissioners voted to honor an annexation request from Etna Oil Co. for its property on Castlewood off Hwy. 74 west. The property is contiguous with the current city limits and is being served by city utilities at present.

The board also approved a recommendation from the Kings Mountain Housing Rehabilitation program to award a rehab contract to Clyde Huffman Construction Co. for \$5,826.66.

Reg Alexander, a rehab program employe, told the board five firms bid on the rehab of the Beasle West property at 218 Fulton St., prices ranging from Huffman's \$5,826.66 to the highest bid of \$8,268.

In other action, the board:

+ Directed City Clerk Joe McDaniel to investigate petitions for annexation submitted by James Hamrick and Buddy Barnette of Waco Rd. The properties are adjacent. McDaniel will report his findings to the board, advertise the requests and set public hearing dates on the requests.

+ Authorized making application for a Farmers Home Administration

grant to augment Clean Water Bond Act funds to install a sewer pump station and lines in an area not currently served by such a facility.

+ Approved resolutions adopting of partial grants on construction of portions of the Sludge Treatment facility at the Ellison Water Treatment Plant and installation of water lines to the Grace St. site for a new water storage facility and for the erection of a two million gallon storage tank on the site.

The grants are for up to 25 percent of the project costs.

The four firms involved in the grant action are A.P. White and Associates, Inc., Modern Electric Co., Phillips Utilities Co., Inc. and Fisher Tank Co.

Three To Five

Grover Board To Increase

BY ELIZABETH STEWART
Staff Writer

GROVER — Bowing to pressure by a crowded Town Hall overflowing with citizens expecting a decision, the Town Board Monday night unanimously voted to amend the town charter to increase from three to five the membership on the board.

This action means that when Grover voters go to the polls this November they will elect a mayor and five commissioners, with all running-at-large for two-year terms.

It was not an easy decision for the three-member board who had conducted a public hearing two weeks ago, ignored the item on last Monday's regular meeting agenda and heard more pros and cons in a continuing debate at Monday's special meeting on whether or not the town should be divided into districts to give "more equal representation".

The final vote came after several motions died on the floor for lack of second. Motion by Comm. Harold Herndon to elect four commissioners at large and allow the mayor a vote failed to obtain a second. Comm. Tommy Keeter's motion to call for a referendum and offer the citizens five options on whether or not to district the town, leave the board membership as is, give the mayor a vote, etc. died for lack of a second.

Board members stressed they wanted "to do what the people want" and after lengthy discussion Comm. Martha Byers seconded Comm. Harold Herndon's motion to amend the town charter, elect five commissioners at large to serve for a two year term, along with the mayor who would be allowed vote only in event of tie. Comm. Keeter also voted in the affirmative.

"For four years I've heard people say their area of town is not represented on the board and that's why I support districting. "If I can

get a sworn statement from everyone here that none will come up to me later and say their district is not represented I'll second Hoover (Comm. Herndon) motion," said Mrs. Byers.

In seconding Comm. Herndon's motion, Mrs. Byers reiterated that she "would go along with calling the issue to a vote of the people but I feel the people expect us to make a decision tonight. They elected us." The applause from the audience was the answer the commission apparently needed.

Mrs. Jim Scruggs, wife of the Grover School principal, interjected that "I am appalled at the publicity our town has been getting in the media and I think it's time we all work together. We have elected intelligent people who can make decisions. If I were a candidate and couldn't run to serve all the people of Grover I would not run at all."

Quay Moss, who is rumored as a candidate from Spring Acres in the forthcoming election, said he agrees. He said, "Council has hashed this business over enough" and suggested negative aspects to districting. "If a commissioner candidate runs from one district of town he would be expected to vote for that district. If I were elected from Spring Acres, I would feel an obligation to represent the whole town."

Sammy Stevenson, also a resident of Spring Acres, concurred. "The people picked their choice when they picked you commissioners. Give the whole town a chance to vote for five good men."

Mayor Bill McCarter told the group, in response to a question, that it was the town attorney's opinion that with the small number of voters in Grover "we should continue electing our commissioners at large rather than by districting."

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Girl Disappears After Visit Here

The Kings Mountain Police Department is looking for information concerning the disappearance of a 17 year old Gastonia girl from Kings Mountain on Mon., March 5.

Kimberly Yvonne Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myrden Anderson of Brown St., Gastonia, was last seen on Center St. in Kings Mountain about 5 p.m. on March 5.

Mrs. James Williams of 800 Davis

Park Rd., Gastonia, said, "Kimberly was in Kings Mountain visiting a family friend, Mrs. Ruby Moss on Center Street. About five o'clock she told Mrs. Moss she was going to visit me. That was the last time Mrs. Moss saw Kimberly."

Mrs. Williams said Mrs. Moss offered Kimberly a ride to the Davis Park Rd. address and went to her bedroom to change clothes. When Mrs. Moss came out Kimberly was gone, according to Mrs. Williams.

"Mrs. Moss drove around trying to see if Kimberly had started walking," Mrs. Williams said. "On the way Mrs. Moss saw a friend and asked if he had seen Kimberly. The friend said he saw a blonde haired girl fitting Kimberly's description getting into a green 1974 Ford LTD on Central a bit earlier."

A check of all friends and relatives by the Andersons turned up nothing. Mrs. Williams said Kimberly dropped out of Hunter Huss High at the end of the 1977-78 school year and went to work at Supreme Manufacturing in Gastonia. The plant officials said Kimberly has not returned to work nor has she picked up her last paycheck.

"We do not know if Kimberly was abducted or whether she has run away," Mrs. Williams said. "If anyone has any information about her, please call the police."

The KMPD number is 739-3636.



KIMBERLY ANDERSON

Immunization Records Of Students Incomplete

By GARY STEWART
Staff Writer

Immunization records of 1,103 students in the Kings Mountain school system are either incomplete or show no proof of immunization against red measles.

The board of education heard this report Monday night from school nurse Betty Masters, who noted, "I had no idea we were in this kind of shape" until three weeks ago when she began checking the records.

Mrs. Masters said 428 student records show no immunization and 675 more are incomplete and do not show the minimum immunization required by state law.

Mrs. Masters said letters have been written to parents of those 1,103 students asking them to show proof of immunization. "We've gotten a good response," said Mrs. Masters. "We may have to send students home if we don't get response from these letters."

Mrs. Masters said the biggest cause of the problem of incomplete records is the school board's acceptance of students from other districts without requiring immunization records.

"The state law requires that we give them 30 days to produce proof of immunization," Mrs. Masters said. "Somebody is going to have to be responsible for making sure the records are received."

Supt. Bill Davis pointed out that school policy spells out that the

principals have this responsibility.

"I'm sure a lot of these records are in other school systems," Mrs. Masters said. "Most school systems will hold back records if school fees aren't paid. We have one case of a doctor's son who transferred here. I know he has had his immunization but we have no written proof of it."

In another lengthy discussion Monday night, the board was told by several teachers that some firm guidelines need to be set and followed in retention of students.

George Lublanekzi, president of the local ACT unit, said teachers are "sitting on a fence and don't know which way to go." He said students who need to be retained are being promoted through a "chain of command" which includes the principals and superintendent.

"It's like in the army," said Lublanekzi. "We're going from the captain to the lieutenant to the sergeant to the PFC. And the PFC's the one that gets all the blame."

"Kids know from way back that I don't have to work. I'll get passed anyway," he added. "We're going to have to get firm. The teachers' hands are tied and many teachers are afraid to say anything about it. We need a guideline that everybody goes by, where there is no bending."

Jerry Hoyle, teacher at KMHS, said principals are asking "Is the student falling because the teacher has failed?" "Some principals always put the blame on the

teachers," he said. "It puts pressure on the teacher to pass them all."

Dean Westmoreland, teacher at KMHS, noted that "several years ago, I don't know if it was policy or just practice, nobody was retained. The teachers socially promoted because it was ordered. We objected to it all the way."

Howard Bryant, director of instruction, commented that teachers "can't require the same thing of everybody. It seems to me if the student is taught on his level and fails, it's his fault. But if he is not taught on his level and fails, it's the teacher's fault."

Steve Wells, Grover teacher, pointed out, "When the students get to the 11th grade and take the competency test, all are on the same level."

After Wells spoke, board chairman Alex Owens closed the discussion. No action was taken.

In other action Monday night, the board:

+ Was told that school bus driver pay was increased from \$2.62 an hour to \$3.00 on March 1.

+ Adopted the 1979-80 school calendar.

+ Was told that CETA funds for the period of April 1-September 30 would be \$52,000 instead of \$17,000 which was announced last month.

"We expect continued reductions," Supt. Davis said. "We need to use

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