

Redevelopment Board Sets Immediate Goals

Cansler Requirements Complete

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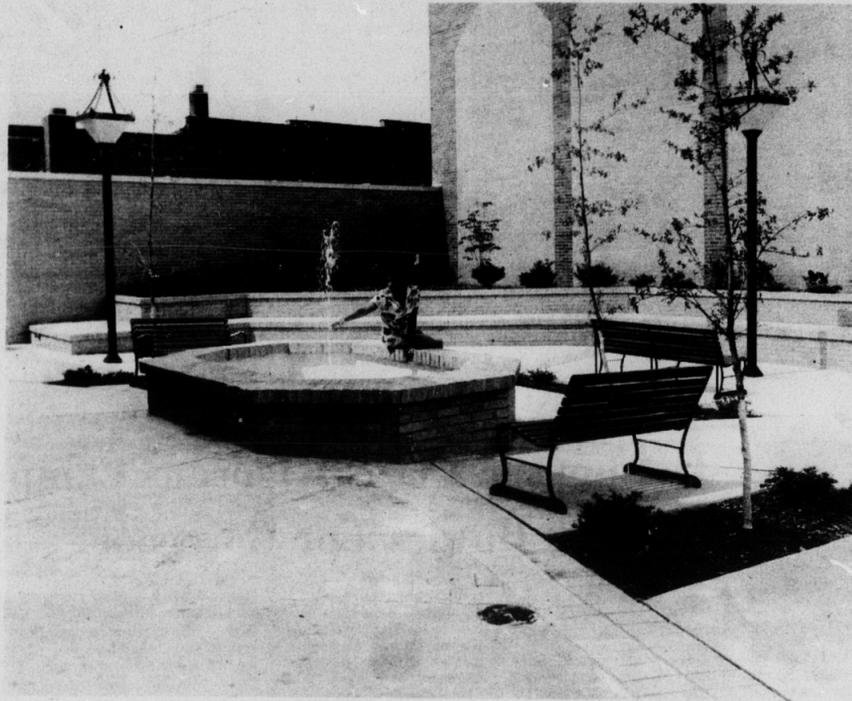
Gene White of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission announced Tuesday that with the approval of an amendment between Kings Mountain and Southern Railway, the Cansler Street requirements have been fulfilled.

The Kings Mountain City Board had approved the amendment to the original 1936 agreement between the town and the railway company Monday night in its meeting. This board action made it possible for the redevelopment commission to finish the last of the requirements as imposed by HUD. According to White "now there is no reason federal funding won't be coming." HUD issued certain requirements that must be met before money can be allocated for development. The agreement was the final issue.

The redevelopment commission also approved giving a contract for review appraisal to Francis Scott Key, a professional consultant from Atlanta. Key will review appraisals made by other consultants and offer recommendations to the board concerning fair market value of lands. These lands and properties he will review are in the Central Business Urban Renewal Program.

Carl Mauney and Paul McGinnis recommended Tuesday that White begin immediately to acquire property needed to fulfill future urban renewal plans. About 25% of properties needed for the project have been acquired and several plots must be bought to fill the new area schedule. Those plots for which the board desire immediate action are the Royster property where the downtown Gulf station is located, Bonnie Mill, and the Thomas Peeler Building. Thomas Peeler and the Morrison Building share a common wall, so the commission wants to buy them both in order to save on future demolition costs. A list of immediate priorities will be set up for the next meeting.

The commission also stated that the pedestrian walk or "mini-park" is completed and when the commemorative plaque arrives dedication will take place.



The "Mini Park," as now completed, stands as an example of the urban renewal of the central business district. The overall project however, according to redevelopment director Gene White, will not likely be completed by the July 1974 deadline. See related story on this page.

Here, pretty Lynn Finger relaxes at the fountain. The "Mini Park" will actually serve as an entrance-way to the proposed new downtown. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)

Board Divided On Rezoning Property

The Kings Mountain City Board met Monday night to attend to several items of business among which were petitions for paving, curb and guttering, and three public hearings.

A public hearing on a request to rezone two tracts of property on York Road was held with only one man speaking against the petition. Paul Ham of 607 Floyd Street, told commissioners that "The smell, fumes, dust and noise is so bad now that we can't keep the windows up. If they're up, you can't even hear the television." The two tracts of property on either side of York Road are zoned R-8 and NB (neighborhood business).

John Dilling, owner of the property, wanted it rezoned to GB (General Business). Dilling, speaking on behalf of the petition stated that rezoning would enable him "to make the land more attractive and improve the community."

Originally the petition was designed for spot zoning but after perusal by the zoning board and meetings with local church groups in the area it was decided that zoning the whole plot would be better.

Commissioner Jonas Bridges of ward 5 in making the motion for approval of the action said, "since the zoning board has OK'ed it I do not include light or heavy industry, it moves it be approved."

The vote was 5 to 1. Commissioner of ward 2, W. S. Biddix in dissenting stated, "I have been against this petition all along."

Another public hearing was held on a preliminary resolution with respect to curb and guttering on Maner Road.

Herman Green and Tom Beam, residents on the road voiced their support of the idea and expressed wishes that the petition be approved. Green said the only stipulation he had was that the city initiate a program of permanent taps in the area before undertaking the task. "In the past there has been no consistency with taps. Holes and ditches are common."

Fred Finger, speaking on behalf of the Lambeth Corporation, asked the board to credit the Corporation, \$1,008 for share of C & G Expense, for 228 feet of 6 inch main that the Corporation had put down before Maner Road was in the city limits. Mayor Moss appointed a committee to study this request and report back.

A public hearing on paving Williams Street was also held but no one was present to speak for or against. The board approved the preliminary resolution.

The board also approved consideration of paving, curb and guttering for both Pine View Street and Caldwell Street. Public hearing on the matter will be held August 14.

Also considered in the meeting was the advertising for a combination accounting-utility billing machine for the city. City Clerk Joe Daniels told the board that the present accounting machine was a 1956 Model and when it breaks down, parts have to be salvaged from junk yards. The Mayor expressed a desire to have this new machine and called the combination accounting and utility billing machine the best bet. The advertising for a truck and garbage packer for the Sanitation Department was approved also.

A consideration of a request for refund by American Lease Property was approved by the board. The refund, in the amount of \$13.39, was approved because of an error in listing. It was discovered that the company had been taxed for a leased car by the city when in reality it should have been assessed by the county.

In the final action of the night the board approved consideration of an amendment to an agreement between Southern Railway and the City of Kings Mountain. The original agreement made in 1936 gave the city access to right of way near the tracks. The present amendment is just an extension of present authority. It was brought up that this right of way might have to be under jurisdiction of the Redevelopment Commission because of recent HUD rulings. An inquiry will have to be made into this situation.

Break-In Reported

Only one report came from the Kings Mountain Police Department this week. According to police report, Center Service on York Road was broken into some time Wednesday night. Clyde Whitstine of 118 York Road reported the break in 7:20 Thursday morning.

Numerous items were taken from the store including three television sets, several radios, tape decks and tape players. Officers Ivey and Reynolds investigated the larceny.

Woman Charged In Knife Slaying Of Husband

One murder was included in the Cleveland County Sheriff's arrest reports from July 1 to present.

Rosie Lee Weather, 23, of Route 2, Kings Mountain was charged in the butcher knife slaying of her husband, Nezeal Walter C. Weather Jr. According to arrest reports, the killing was reported to the sheriff's department by the Kings Mountain Hospital at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8. Mrs. Weather is being held in the Cleveland County jail without bond.

Other arrest reports include: Leonard Earl Tarbush, 27, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Gary Payne, 27, of Route 1, Grover, simple assault.

Mary Helen Camp, 26, Route 1, Grover, abandonment of child.

Fred Crocker, 23, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, capias for non-support.

Jerry L. Lawson, 17, of 118 Sadie St., Kings Mountain, capias (reason unknown).

Francis Richard Ledford, of Route 1, Box 478 Grover, parking violation.

Charles Patrick, resident of Grover Road in Kings Mountain reported the theft of his garden tiller to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department last week. As of present no arrests have been made in the matter.

Compact School Broken Into Tuesday

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department reported a break-in at the Compact School, Tuesday morning. According to reports, D. L. Parker, director of the federal school program, discovered the break-in around 10 a.m. Items listed as stolen were 1 G.E. portable black and white television with 24" screen valued at \$350, 1 black and white television with a 19" screen worth \$30, 1 Royal Manual Typewriter at \$150 and 1 adding machine estimated at \$65.

Parker said he had been to the school building on Friday and everything was in order. When he returned Tuesday he found the glass in the door broken out and the items missing. He further stated that the General Electric set had been bolted to a cart and the person or persons had taken cart and all.

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Musicians Honored At Boyce Memorial

Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church held evening worship on Sunday, July 9th which was devoted to Music Appreciation. Following the service a reception was held in the church parlor. Honored at this reception were those who had served in the Ministry of Music over the past several years. A red rose and a certificate of appreciation were presented to Mrs. Garrison Goforth, Mrs. Martin Harmon, Mrs. J. E. Anthony, Jr., Miss Frances McGill, Miss Reta Pifer, Mrs. Gene Steffy, Mrs. Grady Patterson and Mrs. W. K. Crook.

Special gifts in silver were also presented, by the church, to Mrs. Fuller McGill who served as Organist Choir Director from 1941-1968 and also to Mrs. John Gamble who served in the same position from 1968 to 1972.

As of 1972, the new Director of Music and Organist is Mr. Robert Cashion, Mr.

Cashion is also employed in the Kings Mountain City Schools as a Cultural Arts Consultant in Music. A native of Kings Mountain, he was formerly associated with the Presidents Office, University of Maryland, and served as Organist for the University Baptist Church.

Dr. Charles Edwards is the minister of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Mirror Features Top Cartoonist

Beginning this week, the Kings Mountain Mirror is proud to offer editorial cartoons by Ranan Lurie, praised as one of the finest in the world, and Life Magazine's first and only political weekly cartoonist in its entire history. Lurie's cartoons are now available to local newspapers through United Feature Syndicate. Lurie is one of the few political cartoonists who appears in top liberal and conservative newspapers, and is completely independent.

The Mirror chose Lurie's cartoons in an effort to expand and modernize our editorial page, and providing a first class editorial cartoon is one of the essential ingredients. Lurie's drawings have a national and sometimes international flavor, but yet are attuned to the issues confronting Americans in every locale.



Dr. Charles E. Edwards, Minister together with Mrs. Fuller McGill, Mrs. John E. Gamble and Mr. Robert Cashion at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, Kings Mountain.

Capt. Brewer Laments "Wasp"

For history buffs and World War II veterans, last Saturday was a sad kind of day. I was the decommissioning ceremonies for the "Wasp." The "Wasp" was a highly decorated aircraft carrier in the Second World War. But even if you are not interested in warships you might just recognize the "Wasp's" commander from 1961-62. He was Captain William Brewer. Captain Brewer is known by many in Kings Mountain and he is married to the former Pauline Neister of this area.

The "Wasp" was an attack carrier during the War but when Brewer took command it had been converted into an anti-submarine warfare aircraft carrier. Under Brewer's command the "Wasp" sailed the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet as well as in the North Atlantic as an anti-submarine vessel and good-will ship.

Captain Brewer joined the navy as a pilot and earned the Naval Unit Citation and Order of the British Empire, during his hitch in World War II. In 1962 he commanded the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Air Wing during the Cuban missile crisis. Brewer is presently the director of the

Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce.

Mauney, Cooke Reappointed To Hospital Board

George W. Mauney and Rev. S. T. Cooke were reappointed to the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees in a June 28 meeting of the board. Officers for the board were also voted on and the following were re-elected: President, George W. Mauney; Vice-President, George H. Houser, and Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas A. Tate.

The other members of the hospital board include John L. McGill, Carl F. Mauney, Harry E. Page, James Harry, Hugh D. Ormand and Robert E. Hambricht.



They're changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace... Christopher Michael went down with Lindsay-that's not exactly the way the poem by A. A. Milne reads, but it's appropriate in this case as Women's Editor Sylvia Holmes made this picture in London of the

Changing of the Guard. This picture is used here to illustrate some of the fine photographs Sylvia made during their visit to their native England recently. She will be sharing more with our readers for the next few weeks.