Proposed Family Entertainment Complex, 39th Cottage meets opposition

With an estimated expenditure potential at $157,392,900, the vision of Inner City Youth Foundation (ICYF) to create jobs and benefits in the form of a entertainment complex, has run into a wall of opposition.

The proposed complex on 39th and Cottage includes a 12-14 Screen Cinema, a Food Court, a Music Studio, a Food Court (consisting of a Schwartz and youth managed concession stands) and a Day Care Center and would be constructed on the land at Oakwood/Drexel/Cottage Park Ave. (designated site for Comprehensive Entertainment Complex, 39th Cottage and Lake Park Ave. (designated site for Complex) to create smoother access to the Outer Drive.

The project is sponsored by the Chicago Park District and the Illinois Dept. of Transportation and has the sanction of the North Kenwood/Oakland Conservation Commission (CC).

Shirley Newsome, Director, CCC says: "This land is Park District property, plans are in effect to remand the 39th Street/Park Avenue intersection and Oakwood/Boulevard to create a sense of place. People in the community, I will be a gang member if that's the case." said Washington. "I looked at the faces of the youth out here and it is a look of caring. I have the same pain for them as if they are my own. If you can't get the leaders in this community to come out, I will work with anyone to bring justice to this community, I will be a gang member if that's the case." As people joined in the march, CHA officials and Alderman Dorothy Timman (3) stood on the side and watched. Two candidates for 3rd ward alderman took part in the march, Wallace "Gator" Bradley and Atanasio Chapple. *We (21st Century VOTE) are here in support of Continue on page 15

Renaissance Apartments/Plaisance Place

Grand Opening

Mayor Daley Leads Tour

By Beverly A. Reed

On November 9, a dedication was held to herad the progress of Renaissance Apartments, a six building, 117 unit affordable rental rehab in the Central/Woodlawn Community. Despite the steady downpour of rain, the Renaissance Apartments, a 640 unit affordable rental rehab in the Central/Woodlawn Community.

The project was developed through a partnership between the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources Corp. Mayor Arthur M. Brady, Chairman of the Board (WPIC) acted as master of ceremonies introducing, Saul H. Klibanow, Pres. & CEO of NRR, 20th Ward Alderman Arena Trueman, Commissioner, Dept. of Housing, Marma Carrot, Commissioner, Dept. of Planning and Development, Valerie Jarett, Director of the Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as Alderman Trueman described Renaissance Apartments as a "chapter in the book," relating that "this chapter is done, but the book is far from over" in the Woodlawn Community. The Alderman also praised Mayor Daley for his commitment to this project. Commissioner Marita Corr and Commissioner Valerie Jarett agreed on the necessity for economically integrated properties and stressed the importance of community involvement at all levels. Commissioner went on to say "we are celebrating the new by making good use of the old." 

Left to right: Monica and Myra Dixon, new residents of Renaissance Apts. are presented with the keys by Saul H. Klibanow, President & CEO, NRR, A RESCORP Company, and The Honorable Richard M. Daley. Mayor Daley for his commitment to this project. Commissioner Marita Corr and Commissioner Valerie Jarett agreed on the necessity for economically integrated properties and stressed the importance of community involvement at all levels. Commissioner went on to say "we are celebrating the new by making good use of the old."
Victory Sculpture
A Veterans' Everyday salute on
35th Street & King Drive

When World War I ended, the Black community rallied to honor the Eighth Regiment of the Illinois National Guard, which served in France under the 370th U.S. Infantry. A memorial tablet was placed on the Eighth Regiment Armory (35th & Giles, named for Lt. George L. Giles, a highest ranking officer killed in action) honoring members who died in service. The community petitioned for the erection of a monument beholding the value of the "Fighting Eight." Proposals for a permanent monument on Grand Boulevard in the vicinity of 35th Street were set against with opposition by the South Park Commission, who controlled the Boulevard system. The Commission maintained, there was no space for the monument, but changed their position after the Chicago Defender began a successful "Vote No" campaign against the commission board. Funded jointly by the South Park Commission and the State of Illinois, the sculpture was designed and executed by French-born sculptor Leaud Cunelie (1872-1944). The monument was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1928. In 1936, the figure of a uniformed World War I Black doughboy was added. The sculpture is one of the most famous landmarks of Chicago's Black community, and is the site of an annual Memorial Day ceremony when the surviving members of the Fighting Eight gather to honor the memory of their fallen comrades.

South Street Journal

"Views of the Blues" exhibit at the Harold Washington Library's dedication of their "Poets Room". South Street Journal has just released her latest book of poetry "Welcome to BevWorld".

Former Bronzeville (Grand Boulevard) resident Gwenolyn Brooks, Poet Laureate of Illinois, shares a moment with Woodlawn resident, Beverly Reed, Associate Editor, South Street Journal at the Harold Washington Library's dedication of their "Poets Room". Beverly Reed has just released her latest book of poetry "Welcome to BevWorld".

The former Woodlawn Maternal Child Care Center receives donation from Masons

The members of Western Consistory #28 (42nd Cottage Grove, Prince Hall Affiliation, in their continuing commitment to the Mid-South Community's disadvantaged neighbors, donated a substantial amount of milk and formula to the Woodlawn Maternal Child Care Center (WMCCC).

As a result of this donation, emergency assistance will be provided to the many uninsured, underinsured, low-income Black girls with small children who come to the center for help. Helen Cinney, Social Service Director for WMCCC stated, "the donation was timely and the efforts of the organization is very much appreciated." James Coffie and Ernest Johnson, who chair the Consistory's charity project, voiced their commitment and dedication by pledging to their maintenance ongoing support of WMCCC.

The UnZipped

WO, CHA Tenant Chairperson Arzenta Randolph and some 2,000 Chicagoans were in Springfield by Mayor Daley to support his Safe Neighborhoods Crime bill which intends keeping jails filled up for the suburban people and tapping telephones of people suspected of gang activities. Sound like Bobby Doug? encrypted.

Looks like the City of Chicago's Planning Commission is all set to designate Grand Boulevard community the Black Metropolis Historic District as a Chicago Landmark, painting the way for National Historic Tourism Destination. African - American Tourism is a $4.5 Billion Industry. Informal sources say Mayor Daley. Tillman is working behind the scene to block the historical designation. Says it may threaten the Lou Rawls project on 47th & King. However, Tillman and company will receive about $230,000 for the project. Thanks to State Rep. Lou Jones.

On the rear of the Black Alderman in Mid - South - Townswain, Pecosbinkle, Harlotcock along with Tillman are part of the Black Caucus that's forming in City Hall.

An active Woodlawn election judge said Dino McNeil had more election judges on election day in the 20th Ward than anyone...and word is that former alderman Cliff Kelly may be the choice for mayor for the Harold Washington Party in case Rush, Gardner, or even Roland Burris do not get the nomination...and on Burris, South - Side is doing it again. Liberty Baptist Church on 47th and King is the drive this location Saturday at 2 pm for a mass meeting to draft him to run for Mayor.

The many hats of Angelone Rose, not only is he head of Allentown Development Corp. and Mid-South Planning Corporation he is also a professor at Spertus College in the Loop.
The Renaissance Apartments in Woodlawn

When Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation (WPIC) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources Corp. (a RESCORP Co.) came together to create a plan to reduce the number of abandoned buildings in the Woodlawn Community, no one expected the results that are Renaissance Apartments. 117 units with 1-4 bedrooms in six buildings located between Ellis and Kenwood from 61st to 62nd Street. The apartments feature euro-style cabinets, brand new appliances, wall to wall carpeting and on-site laundry facilities.

Marguerite Malloy, Vice-President, Neighborhood Reinvestment Resources (NRR) provide insight on the organization and implementation of this project. Malloy told South Street Journal she joined the project after the initial plans had been laid out, but was eager to incorporate her ideas and energy to the planning process.

The financing for pre-construction was provided by Cole Taylor, Harris Trust, Hyde Park, Northern Trust and Savings of America. Lenders included Savings of America (1st. Mortgage), Chicago Department of Housing (2nd Mortgage), Chicago Low Income Housing Trust Fund (3rd Mortgage), and the Equity was provided by Chicago Equity Fund.

Residents Meet on
Empowerment Zone

Residents from Oakland, Robert Taylor Homes, Woodlawn, and Fuller Park met recently to get a better understanding and take part in the Empowerment Zone process targeted for the Mid-South area. Approximately 200 people attended four meetings held at Kenwood Fieldhouse, Robert Taylor Girls and Boys Club, Jesse Coleman Library, and Fuller Fieldhouse.

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Operation PUSH Hold Installation Service For New President

The regular Saturday Morning Community Forum will include the installation service for the newly-elected president of Operation PUSH, the Reverend Jimmy Daniels. The Community Forum will begin at 10 AM. at the National Headquarters, 930 E. 50th Street. PUSH Leadership will discuss the new initiatives for the organization as it enters into its 24th year.

According to Rev. Jimmy Daniels, "Operation PUSH will focus on spiritual regeneration, economic development/consumer power and educational empowerment. Pumping life back into the Commercial Division is another goal because there is an absence of jobs there is more crime. Connecting African American and other minority businesses with corporate America will benefit the community.

Operation PUSH has been without a president since Rev. Henry Williamson left that position. Rev. Daniels will operate as the Chief Executive Officer and official spokesperson. Operation PUSH is expected to grow and improve with this addition to the leadership.

ADD ONE/PUSH PRESIDENT

Rev. Daniels has served on the Board of Directors of Operation PUSLI for the past seven years. He is also the pastor of the Rush Street Church in Summit, Illinois, where he has led the congregation for the past 14 years. He is also the president and CEO of Total Facilities Maintenance Company in Wood Dale, Illinois. He was formerly the president of the MIBO (Minority Business Organization) which was instrumental in initiating and maintaining a relationship between minority businesses and major corporations.

The Community Forum which is open to the community also airs on WOCH-AM and WJPC-AM. For more information call Operation PUSH, 312-373-3366.

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Nursing Home To Be Showcased Nov. 29th Open House

Community Care Center located at 4314 S. Wabash has won a reputation as one of Chicago's premiere urban-based nursing homes. A staple in the community for over 20 years, the center was recently acquired by a new team of visionaries who are committed to its continued improvement. Management will showcase the new facility during an open house, Tuesday, November 29 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

Community Care Center combines medical care with a caring and stable staff. The 24-bed facility offers many services that ease concerns of relatives. The center has earned high praise from doctors, residents and their relatives based on the high standard of medical care. Community Care Center, is a Medicaid-approved facility, provides skilled professional nursing services for short-term rehabilitative and long-term convalescent care. The staff works closely with the patient's physician in prescribing treatment and services. Specialized services include: 24-hour nursing care, Comprehensive rehabilitation program that includes physical, occupational and speech therapy, Respiratory Therapy, IV Therapy, Skin and Wound Care, as well as Hospice Care. Individual and Group Therapy is also available.

Dr. Alphonso Noblesa, is a specialist in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics who provides services for the residents at the facility. He said "I'm very impressed with Community Care Center. The staff is very professional and very accommodating. The service they deliver to the residents is first class." Dr. Noblesa continued to say, "The doctors who service residents have special training in chronic care and geriatrics so the medical services are top-notch."

Seniors enjoy a wide array of activities including aerobics classes, entertainment, field trips and health awareness seminars and screenings. Community Care Center also has volunteers who visit and provide companionship for the seniors.

The Center's "Adopt a Grandparent" program is particularly popular with the residents. Young people from area schools and agencies participate in this initiative. This cross-generational program encourages bonding between residents and young people.

Community Care Center houses a non-denominational chapel, a barber shop and a gift shop. Geneva Miffler, a long-time resident of Community Care Center, raves about the facility. "I like it here because it is a place for us to call home." Mrs. DaVita Johnson who recently selected the center for her mother's care after an exhaustive search said, "When I was looking around for a place for my mother, I chose Community Care Center. I wanted a place where staff was caring, knowledgeable and friendly. My mother loves it here because of the friendships she's made and the overall sense of fulfillment she feels here."

For more information, call 312/538/8300.

Residents of the 21st police district in the Oakland community had an opportunity to speak directly with top city officials and get details on municipal programs at the recent Mayor's City Services Fair at Grant Memorial Church, 4025 S. Drexel.

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IIT recognized the three legislators for their contributions to higher education and, in particular, for helping the university to win designation as a Research Hub for Advanced Battery and Fuel Cell Technology, a $5 Million U.S. Army Research Office Program.

IIT also honored Community Recognition Award recipient Patricia Dowell-Cerasoli executive director, and Angelo Rose, Chairman of the Board of the Mid-South Planning Development Commission for Community Redevelopment; Tom Gray, President of Greater Chicago Neighborhoods for Contining Services in the Community, Beverly Blackwood, Douglas Community Academy, for Education; Dr. Kenneth Shrag, IIT chemistry professor, for Faculty Commitment to Community Enrichment; Jeanne Clark, Chicago police 21st district commander, for Public Service; Rosa Soto, IIT architecture student, for Student Community Service; and Leonard McGee, president of the Gap Community Organization, for Sustained Leadership to the community.

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of this calendar year and some officials are saying that it is time for this program to go. I am deeply disappointed that some critics fail to see the enormous potential the TJTC has to assist not just structurally unemployed citizens. Certainly, the program is not without its flaws. TJTC jobs are almost always low-wage and low-skill. And critics say that participation in these programs does guarantee a livable wage or certain career advancement. Furthermore, some say that the tax credits are windfalls to employers who would have hired the targeted disadvantaged workers anyway. But these problems point simply to a need to reform the program—not disband it altogether. The purpose of the TJTC is to provide opportunity where there is none. Instead of giving up on the very worthwhile goal intended by the TJTC, I have been working hard in Congress to instead encourage a permanent extension of the program while simultaneously undertaking the kind of reform needed to make the TJTC a more focused part of the solution to our country’s job crisis.

Recently, I offered testimony before the Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures outlining some my recommendations for reforming the TJTC. Perhaps the best way to turn around this program is to change the formula through which it applied. Under current law, the TJTC allows employers to claim 40% of the first $6,000 earned by an employee. The employer must be retained for at least 90 days or 120 hours of work. Many say that administered this way, the tax credit encourages high employer turnover, which turnover, which results in employers collecting multiple, windfall tax credits. By changing the credit percentage and employee wage base from which the tax credit is earned, we can eliminate potential abuse of the credit by employers and also discourage inadequate short-term employment rates.

These and other recommendations are by no means exhaustive. But they are an important starting point. So many of our country’s social ills—drug use and drug trade, crime, climbing poverty rates—can be linked directly to the lack of employment opportunities for able-bodied men and women. This country sorely needs to generate jobs for these individuals. During this time of great need, we cannot afford to ignore the potential of programs like the TJTC.
Harold Washington

a Product of this Community, Grand Boulevard

"Not only could he (Washington) speak the King's English, but he had a working knowledge of the 47th Street dialect. Oh, yes he could...He never left home."
Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Mayor Washington's pastor, Progressive Baptist Church, 48th Wabash

Harold Washington was a soldier of the Machine. Washington worked closely with the late Congressman Ralph Metcalfe (1st District now held by Bobby Rush). His excellent leadership ability enabled him to establish a distinguished public career. He served as State Representative (26th District) from 1964 to 1976, and as State Senator from 1976 to 1980. He then served as Congressman (1st District) from 1980 to 1983. In all of his positions he served the Greater Grand Boulevard Community.

Becoming a critic of the Democratic Machine, he left the party. In 1977, he ran for mayor against Michael Bilandic and lost, but his campaign helped him gain momentum citywide. The political power of Blacks surfaced more during the election of Jane Byrne in 1979. Many Black political leaders realized the potential for a Black Mayor, to become recognized throughout the city as simply Mayor. In spite of repeated confrontations with the alderman who opposed Mayor Washington, he was able to make improvements in the city which could be seen and felt across racial and class lines.

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Washington directed his outstanding campaign right in line with the community. His organization captured worldwide press attention. Defeating Jane Byrne, States Attorney Richard Daley (who has since become Mayor), and finally Bernard Epton, to become the first Black Mayor of Chicago.

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His death sent a wave of grief over the entire city that had not been felt since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Washington For Chicago

Led by Lu Palmer and the Chicago Black United Communities (CBUC), located on East 37th Street, as well as other organizations in the area, such as the Chicago United Front, the movement for Chicago's first Black Mayor was on full speed.

The Voters Registration campaign was headquartered on 47th and King Drive in the Fuller Building. The neighborhood political organization was based at the Charles Hayes Center on 48th and
When a community supported by a media vehicle asks for even more support, this time against an advertiser that supports that media vehicle, what is a publisher to do.

South Street Journal is totally dedicated to serving the Mid-South communities any every positive way. However, it saddened us when this small starting newspaper is captured and bit the hand that feeds it. Therefore, it is for the views of one organization regarding a community matter (although some would fail to recognize or possibly never the relationship between the newspaper and one of its major advertisers).

It is a known fact that a business cannot continue to run without financial support. Advertising is vitally important to keeping this newspaper circulating.

The advertiser in question is One Stop Food and Liquors who has been one of the first long term major supporters of the newspaper. Without their ads and others like them from South Street Journal cannot continue to circulate, far from improving to supporting the challenge the advertiser to meet the community needs. And in essence may have handicapped the production of South Street Journal.

In our proper report to the news objectively regarding commercial interest, it is the wish of the South Street Journal that the organizations lodging complaints against our advertiser exercise all possible communications, or make sure that the advertising dollars coming from that advertiser is replaced before asking South Street Journal or any other media vehicles to report any negative views, such as closing a business down.

However, the meeting of the minds between One Stop and the Barrier busters are in place to accommodate wheel chair customers.

This is the time the winners were tested to bite the hand that feeds us. Each time when the Mayor was with us precinct captains, "His attitude towards black people, he was a loving person, He made time to be funny, and once again at a campaign for John one year, when the Mayor came with his of him as a role model instead of just memories of Late Mayor tremendous sense of humor."

Betty Bowling
22nd & Michigan

Will Another one Bite the dust of Death - In the name of the Law

Dear Editor:

Hi, my name is Marilyn Mulero, I'm Hispanic, 24 years old, and have two children. I desperately seeking your help. I employ at a law firm in the third ward and I was there training for the sixth ward. He was a fun-loving person. He made time to be funny, serious and always with the people.

Ruth Cummings
Woodlawn Community

"He was always a people person. I knew him when we both were precinct captains, he was in the third ward and I was there training for the sixth ward. He was a fun-loving person. He made time to be funny, serious and always with the people."

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McCormick Place Expansion
Affirmative Action Results

Since the conception of the McCormick Place Expansion project, reports from the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) said it has been strongly committed to an aggressive affirmative action program for the McCormick Place construction, which will be completed in early 1997. MPEA work closely with the design/build team, MC3D, Inc., to meet or exceed the minority employment goals and has been successful in the awarding of contracts which include solid commitments for MBE/WBE participation.

The report most recent figures (as of 7/1/94) indicate that, of the $398,415,943 already awarded or committed by MC3D, the amount to MBE/WBE was 34.5 percent and 8.2 percent, respectively.

The totals for the hiring of skilled and unskilled laborers is equally impressive. Work hours for minority male participation is currently 40 percent of total, and female participation is 6.5 percent of total.

In addition, 69.6 percent of the total work hours have been performed by residents of the McCormick Place construction, which will be completed in early 1997.

MPEA remains committed to continuing this aggressive affirmative action plan in conformance with the legislation which authorized the project.

However, Chicago Black United Communities (CUBC) President Eddie Floyd questions the developers, especially MC3D's affirmative action plan. "MC3D has one of the smoothest (con) games than anyone in the construction business," he said. "Much of it is orchestrated by developer Joe Williams and Richgie Stits of Stein Development is the game of the affirmative action shell game."

Tim Desmond, director, MC3D, Alderman Madeline Haithcock (2) and Toni Preckwinkle (4), State Representative Lavanna Jones (5), Congressman Bobby Rush have been successful in the awarding of contracts which include solid commitments for minority/women employment goals and has been committed to the McCormick Place construction, which will be completed in early 1997.

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Daley Launches Statewide Campaign for Tougher Crime Penalties

Mayor Richard M. Daley launched a statewide campaign to pass crime legislation in which 2,000 persons and organizations from around the state will take part. From the Mid-South community groups took part was the Chicago Housing Authority Central Advisory Council and The Woodlawn Organization. Reports to South Street Journal that transportation expenses were paid for by Daley.

Daley vowed to build a statewide coalition of elected officials and concerned citizens to lobby the legislature to pass the Safe Neighborhoods Bill in the fall session, which runs from November 15-17 and November 29 through December 1.

Daley's Illinois Safe Neighborhood Bill, which targets gangs, guns, drugs, juvenile justice reforms and domestic veto session. "Illinois must come together as one state and launch a statewide campaign to pass the Illinois Safe Neighborhood Bill, Daley said, "because the threat of crime and violence in our communities is the most important fight in our state today so I'm launching a statewide campaign to pass the Illinois Safe Neighborhoods Bill, "Daley said, during an event honoring approximately 175 role models who served in a joint Police Department/Board of Education program called "We Care".

Daley said that his administration plans to introduce a range of new measures during the fall session as well, including one which increases penalties for shooting police officers.

The proposal raises the minimum sentence from 10 to 15 years, requires that the sentence be served consecutively, instead of concurrently with other sentences, and requires that they serve the full sentence, without any time off. The bill also calls for the telephonic tapping of suspected gang members.

"This sends a message to the criminals and police. To the criminals it says that no crime is more serious than firing a gun at the men and women who put their lives on the line each day for our safety.

To the police, it says that we stand with you 100 percent, and we'll do everything we can to protect you," Daley said.

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Empowerment Zone
(where the funds for) the Empowerment Zone (are distributed) our area people will say, "I know what is it about." The South Side Cluster held a planning meeting at Illinois Institute of Technology where specific issues were addressed:

1. Updating the community on the process of the Empowerment Zone - how they will benefit, time frame for implementation; and how it will be governed.

2. True Business Section - a new committee was formed to help develop businesses in the community, and show how they can take advantage of the Empowerment Zone package.

3. Human Services - Social services, and activities available.

Butler was asked why City officials weren't represented. "The city's governance body had their first meeting since June, but the City of Chicago boycotted. They were told not to come to the meeting by city officials," she said. "(Since) we have been meeting with them they should have been here."

Last spring numerous organizations throughout the country submitted proposals to the federal government seeking to be designated as an Empowerment Zone.

The Clinton Administration decided which communities would receive the funding. Each community was required to develop a business plan and develop a community outreach and planning meetings. From here details of the proposals are worked out for economic and job development.

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History in the Re-Making on 36th & State

By Chris Moore

Not until the National Trust in Washington, D.C., expressed an interest in preserving the Bee Building on 36th and State Street did the City of Chicago declare it a landmark structure, according to Harold L. Lucas, Black Metropolitan Coordinator of the Mid-South Planning Commission. The City in now renovating the building with plans to turn the first floor into a branch library. Alicia Mazur from the City of Chicago Landmark Division said "There is a budget of $2.7 million allocated to restore the building retaining the original architectural design. "Clean up work has started, along with demolition and reconstruction of interior walls.

The project is a joint venture with the city and private firms. The major contract holder is U.I.M., who will hire the subcontractors for designed work detail. The architectural firm, McClint (expert in historic preservations), will restore the original Terricata Facade. However, far more significant than the design is the symbolic and practical implications the Bee Building holds as part of the future of African-American economics.

This is a very important achievement for African-Americans, having our organization (UBM) involved in the re-development of the very blight, that signifies the Renaissance of African-American growth," stated Chairman Paul King. Agency Director Christine Dunn-Parker (Urban City Youth Foundation) is the official Affirmative Action Officer for the Bee Building project. Dunn-Parker confidently stated, "we are here to insure 50% subcontractors and 50% employment for community based businesses and residences also involved.

Residents in the area along the State Street corridor, are seemingly unaware of the rich history of the building and its importance in their lives.

Lucas further proclaimed, the focus is to restore black bldgs. (Supreme Life Insurance building, the Bee bldg., etc.). Creating new structures which in turn will create new economic growth for the Black community.

Regarding the Bee Project, Lucas mulled over the idea of turning the third floor of the facility into a computer archive where the neighborhood youth could receive advanced training in African-American business history." MSPDC figures estimate that there will be $200,000 for community arts, and $400,000 for book selection. The Chicago Library Board is the chartered owner of the library itself.

However, residents in the area along the State Street corridor, are seemingly unaware of the rich history of the building and its importance in their lives.

"We need to be informed," commented security guard Arthur Nailer, "I know nothing about it." Nailer also exclaimed, "We need to know more about the parties involved and what the goal is then we'll decide if it is best for us!" Resident Delois Jackson said, "I'll pass there all the time but I never knew what it was about." "I think it is a good idea, the children in the neighborhood really need something positive to do."

Mid-South received three of the City's Largest Street Resurfacing

The City of Chicago launched the largest street and alley resurfacing program in the city's history. The $220 million program includes resurfacing 2,000 blocks of residential streets, 1,000 alleys, and 30 miles of main streets, repairing thousands of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and replacing miles of sewers. Over 40 bridge, viaduct and road improvement projects are also included. According to the city of Chicago transportation bureau of highways, out of the eighteen streets city wide-Mid-South community benefit with three from this years Arterial street resurfacing which are: State Street: 55 to 47th Street (3 ward), Woodlawn Avenue: 61 to 59th Street (20th ward, and 47th Street, Lake park to Lake Shore Drive (4th ward).

Alderman in the Mid-South substantiate their proposals for street resurfacing about last March. Ald. Toni Preckwinkle proposed eight with the understanding the city would not grant all that she proposed. The other aldermen preferred not to say at that time which street they submitted, waiting for the city to make final selections.

During the beginning of the project Beatrice Mackraft, a Grand Boulevard resident said it is a shame how the city continues to drag its feet on the complaints of the south side community resident. "There are streets in my town that have been in need of repair for the last year or two, but nothing ever seems to get done for some reason" said Mackraft.

However, the city feels this year's resurfacing program is unique for two reasons: it is five times the normal pace of resurfacing; and aldermen were given a menu of projects to choose from, so they could tailor the improvements to the needs and desires of their ward. For example, some aldermen have dedicated part of their street allotment to alleys, and vice-versa. The neighborhood infrastructure projects are a part of the city's "Chicago's Great Neighborhoods Program." The program included community policing, abandoned building demolition, graffiti removal and a $4 million neighborhood clean-up program, under which the city has reportedly paid to hire 1,000 additional disadvantaged young people to stay above the normal summer jobs program, which was expected, to employ 11,000 young people last summer. However, residents of Taylor Homes said they received an average of 2 jobs per building for youth during the city youth job program.
Drug Off at Beethoven Elementary

By Charles Taylor  Staff Writer

Frances Oden sounds like one of those positive people able to find rainbows in the battle weary midst of a deteriorating system. Oden is principal of Ludwig Von Beethoven Elementary School, 27 W. 47th Street. Beethoven is nestled with the Robert Taylor Public Housing area, a territory often portrayed as an urban battle zone. The rainbow she found is a multispectrum behavior program called Drug Off.

"The goal of Drug Off is to take young people to avoid gangs and drugs. "Oden explained. Her voice is high pitched making her sound like she's still whistling. At least listening about the Drug Off Program. A happy Blue Bird type of sound. Beethoven, her educational nest entices with its blue glass structure, with an occasional blue backboard to lend a "60's" tone.

Drug Off rewards positive action. Its policy attempts to influence a child's perception of self-worth and provide a personal value system based on doing what is right. "Some kids are involved in gangs at this level" (fourth grade). The four fourth grade classes are used as a rallying point. Each class has computer which flashes a list of nine items on the screen. Each item is given a certain amount of points. The list keeps track of activities the children may participate in: church attendance, recreational activities, homework, street safety, classroom behavior, home work production and absenteeism."

NAACP Election, Another One of Significance

Yolanda Love-Jones, Staff Writer

The 1994 general election is over and due in part to a low African-American voter turnout, the Republican party was able to sweep the majority of the political races nationwide and consequently win the congressional control of the United States as well as legislative control of the state of Illinois.

There is still however, an upcoming election that may have a significant bearing on the condition of the African-American community. On Saturday Nov. 19, a new president will be elected to the oldest branch of the NAACP, Chicago's Southside chapter, at the center of which is a controversial campaign.

Candidate Earl B. King, founder and CEO of the No Dope Express Foundation, recently blasted the NAACP for allegedly "changing rules" at the last minute in order to keep his supporters from backing him, bringing immense heat to the race. King recently registered 5,000 new members at the Southside branch to increase his chances of winning, as the group's potential. Oden describes "Henry" as a young man in the critical age category with chronic absenteeism. He would not come to school even with the promise of clothing. Since enrolled in Drug Off he has not been absent one time this year.

Bill Auski, principal of nearby Ferrin School, (the only other Chicago school participating in the program) quoted a study by urbanologist professor Pierre De Vise who currently Professor Emeritus at Roosevelt University. De Vise's study, Auski said, emphasized, "the greatest concentration of poverty in the nation is located within the 47th to 31st street, the Robert Taylor area. Auksi, a father of two young daughters, is just as high on Drug Off potential as is his colleague, Oden. Yet some of his comments also are similar to Officer Ginnie. "There are no jobs here, this is not normal," he lamented. "I'm not being subjective, he continued, "we're talking extremes very poor." Citing a recent study undertaken by Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Auski said the Secretary's probe found "Chicago has by far the greatest unemployment rate of any public housing project in the nation at 95.6%.""Laurie Dorne, a Robert Taylor Farren highlights the possibilities of Drug Off in the development of her students. She noted the system has "an enormous amount of distractions" that often plague kids and replaces it with a new and positive focusing on family, social and economic wellbeing."

At Beethoven, Maul Smith represents a student for a low test grade. The child is despondent, others in the Drug Off synthesize and offer encouragement. When Smith arrived forward, the teacher, she says softly to the young man, "you can do it, I believe in you." After offering him the opportunity to change things around for the better, the entire class seemed to take it up.

King who has received considerable press coverage for his associations with 21st Century Vote, an organization under fire for trying to increase the political awareness of the African-American youth America so desperately fears. "Ever since the NAACP disengaged itself from the civil rights marches initiated by Martin Luther King, they have continuously shied away from groups and individuals that involve themselves directly with the people whom we are supposed to be the most concerned about, African-American women and children," said the candidate.

King firmly states that he will dedicate himself to the advancement of the black community, I'm not prejudiced, but I'm going to give 150% to help uplift my people. The NAACP was once at the forefront of groups striving to fight lynching and racism, now that we're lynching and terrorizing ourselves, they don't seem to know what to do. I want these gang members to realize that they're the leaders of tomorrow instead of at the barrel of a gun or the end of a pipe trying to blow their brains away with these negative vibes that are being tossed upon us in a genocide situation."

Against King are the Rev. Anthony Williams, the Rev. Wilfred Reid (both have churches in the Mid-South community) and the current president Herbert Brown.
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Bradley. "It is a good effort, and I think
should continue, it is an education for our
youth and purpose to address the issues that
face the community."
One of the many issue was chant was,
Stop Police Brutality. Other concerns to
marchers stress was jobs, decent housing
conditions and stop the sweeps.

"This couldn't have been a better ending for
such an effort," said Chappel. "I was ask to
come to support the march, and we got the
message that it needs to be something done
about police brutality. They (police) roll on
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top to keep the pressure on them. But, the
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