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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

COMMUNITY CLAIMS IT WASN'T INFORMED OF MEETING COMMITTEES LOOK TO IMPROVE POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

By Lee Brown

Las Vegas' two police/community relations committees met Wednesday evening at the Doolittle Community Center in the hopes of informing the public as to what has been done to improve police/community relations, especially since the racial unrest in April. However, one thing was missing; the community.

The Metro/Community Relations Sub-Committee, recently joined forces with the Police/Community Relations Committee, in the hopes of establishing a better rapport with the African American community, but only a handful of West Las Vegas residents and members of the press were in attendance.

The Metro/Community Relations Sub-Committee, created by Mayor Jan Jones' recently established Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force, was formed as a direct result of the upheaval following the Rodney King verdict.

Thomas Gholson, Deputy Director

of the Housing Authority, is chairman of the committee, and acted as the programs moderator. Lt. Cliff Davis of the Metropolitan Police Department is also on the committee, along with long-time West Las Vegas resident John Foster.

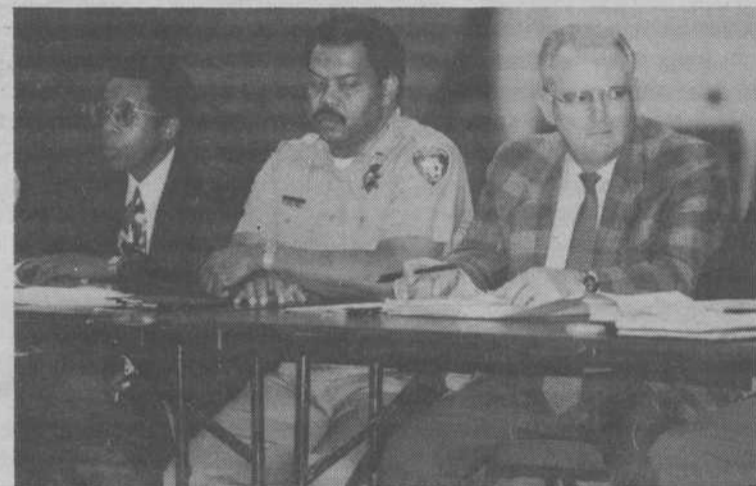
Gholson provided, to the small group on hand, a list of the sub-committee's immediate Action Recommendations, which was comprised of several priority plans of action that included supporting the August 25, 1992 policy and procedures changes agreed upon by the Police/Community Relations Committee and the Metropolitan Police Department, and organizing, by November 1992, programs for Las Vegas Housing Authority Residents Councils to interact with Metro, including Town Meetings to discuss community policing actions with the general public.

The Metro/Community Relations Sub-Committee recently met, for the first time, with the two-year-old Police/Community Relations Committee, ac-

ording to Gholson, and the two intend to work closely in the future.

Undersheriff Eric Cooper represented Police/Community Relations Committee, which was formed in 1990 at the request of community leaders. The committee is comprised of 11 members from various ethnic groups within the community and 4 members of the Metropolitan Police Department. Citizen members of the committee include local NAACP President, Rev. Jesse Scott, and Chester Richardson, while LVMPD members include Sheriff John Moran, Lt. Cliff Davis, and Cooper.

According to Cooper, a survey was sent out to a cross section of residents of the minority community this past June. The survey asked residents what changes they would like to see in the manner that Metro deals with the public, and if there was a specific program that they would like to see Metro sponsor in the community, amongst others.



Metro/Community Relations Sub-Committee Chairman Thomas Gholson (L), Lt. Cliff Davis (C), and Undersheriff Eric Cooper, have high hopes of establishing a better rapport with the entire Las Vegas community.

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As a result of the survey, the committee came up with a list of proposed recommendations that were presented to the LVMPD and resulted in 12 department policy and procedure adjust-

ments which included the utilization of a Use of Force Board, Minority Recruitment, Cultural Awareness/Minority Relations Training, and Community (See Committees, Page 5)

EOB TRANSPORTATION COMPLAINTS CONTINUE

By Joan Shepard

A Las Vegas handicapped senior citizen who claims she has been mistreated by the transportation division of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County said she will meet tomorrow with the state's Equal Rights Commission to see if her rights as a disabled senior citizen have been violated, the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice has learned.

Unlike many others who have complaints against the E.O.B. bus service but who are afraid to come forward, Lois Kellup, 62, who uses a cane and walks with a limp said she refuses to be intimidated. "I am a fighter," said Kellup.

The handicapped women's complaints include: verbal abuse and denial of service.

"I was called a bitch, by a dispatcher," said Kellup. "I complained and nothing happened. The dispatcher was promoted."

Kellup said she met with John Del Mare, E.O.B. transportation director,



A transportation driver climbs aboard an empty E.O.B. bus that was spotted parked in front of an apartment complex during a busy afternoon.

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about the incident which occurred earlier this year.

Kellup said that following her complaint about verbal abuse she did not receive bus service for five weeks. At the time of the complaint, earlier this year in February, Kellup was working as a foster grandparent at the Nevada Treatment Center. She transferred to Child Haven in September.

The handicapped senior said her transportation woes have continued. Kellup said she now must transfer at the Downtown Transportation Center in order to get home whereas before she got direct service without transferring.

In response to Kellup's charges, Del Mare said they were "without substance."

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THE WINDSOR PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT PRELIMINARY PLANS UNVEILED

By Muhammad Abdullah

The following is an Executive Summary of the Windsor Park Revitalization Project which was completed by James Hobby, B.S. Project Administrator for the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Windsor Park development is a subdivision of the intersection of Carey Avenue and Clayton Street in the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada. The development consists of about 48 acres and contains 241 lots. The subdivision was constructed in the juncture of two or more fault escarpments. Fault escarpments in the Las Vegas Valley are normally seen as relatively large linear hills/ridges. The subdivision was constructed in three phases beginning in 1964 and ending in 1966. The subdivision has experienced differential subsidence for a number of years and is evident from the condition of some of the houses, street and sidewalks that there is distress.

This preliminary plan presents a path for action by the City of North Las Vegas with funding assistance from the Federal Government and the State of Nevada and support from Windsor Park residents. The preliminary plan has taken over 60 days of research and review of recommendations of existing geological and engineering data as well as one-on-one interviews with the residents and involvement of seven City Departments: Public Works, Building and Safety, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Community Planning and Development, Finance Department, and Community Clean-up/Improvement. Additional assistance was provided by the North Las Vegas Housing Authority and the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) College of Architecture.

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