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housing is another major goal of the commission, according to Mayor Jones. The rehabilitation of the 300-unit Gerson Park housing project is on the books. The \$12 million plan calls for breaking up the project into five or six small sub-divisions. "We want to try to remove the stigma of public housing," explained Carl Rowe, director of the Las Vegas Housing Authority.

Although both Hawkins and Rowe called for increased racial integration of city housing projects, Rowe said that since the civil unrest in April, demand was down for public housing by both blacks and whites because of fears of inadequate security.

Yesterday's meeting however, clearly revealed that there was money available for improving housing for both low and moderate income people. Federal money from HUD (Housing and Urban Development) allows up to \$60,000 per unit for rehab. The figure is high because it is geared toward rehabing of apartments in large cities like New York and Los Angeles. In addition, a local non-profit group, NCRC, has \$20 million on hand for housing, and according to Councilman Hawkins, has not spent any of the money.

The educational component of the MCEC report recommended specific programs for African American students from pre-school to high school.

The MCEC report endorsed the restoration of the Moulin Rouge and the creation of an African American Cultural Foundation.

Although most of the MCEC report consisted of proposals, the commission has produced some results since its formation. In October, Implement Entrepreneurial Education Programs were held in West and North Library branches. The classes included, "How to Read A Financial Statement," and "Business Taxes."

Community policing, one of the first MCEC recommendations, is in place in West Las Vegas. This system consists of regular cops walking the beat, giving both the cops and residents a chance to

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