MCEC

(Contuned from Page 5) meet and talk to each other.

Another tangible example of MCEC's work was the bank fair held at Cashman Field last month when the city's major banks pledged to improve their relationship and their rate of loans to minority applicants.

At the fair, potential applicants were able to speak directly to bank executives and air their complaints.

The MCEC report should be formally adopted by the City Council at the beginning of 1993, according to Richard Blue, Intergovernmental Coordinator for the City of Las Vegas.

Yesterday's special council meeting, Strategic Planning for 1993, included discussion of the city's redevelopment plans. A few sparks flew when Councilman Hawkins asked if redevelopment was only targeted for downtown Las Vegas. Thomas McPherson, deputy city manager, assured Hawkins that West Las Vegas was included but only discussed downtown projects in his presentation.

Before yesterday's meeting, Councilman Hawkins complained to the Sentinel-Voice that in 1992 the city had \$20 million in redevelopment money for downtown for the failed Main Street Station project but only \$58,000 for the Clean Center in West Las Vegas.

There will be another presentation of the MCEC report at 3:30 p.m. at the Reed Whipple

Center on December 17.

West Las Vegas will be a major item on the City's agenda in 1993. Councilman Hawkins

BANK AMERICA

(Continued from Page 21) Bank of America Nevada is cosponsoring an interviewing skills workshop this Saturday, December 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center at 950 Tonopah Street. Southern Nevada Reinvestment and Affordable Housing Committee is co-sponsoring the workshop. (SEE RELATED STORY, PAGE 6)

According to Etter, the workshop has many objectives. He says the bank is not only looking

and Richard Blue stressed success in West Las Vegas would only result from citizen participation and inclusion.

for qualified applicants to staff existing open positions, throughout the bank, but it's also looking for individuals to staff its new West Las Vegas branch.

The bank has named Patricia Davis, a long time employee, to be the branch sales manager of the new Bank of America Nevada West Las Vegas facility. Davis joined the bank in 1979 as a management trainee and currently works as assistant branch manager at the bank's Maryland Parkway and Desert Inn facility.



Even Bernie Foster's daily jogging routine did not interfere with his presenting a sizeable donation to the Hiram Walker Foundation on behalf of the West Coast Black Publishers, of which he is President. Accepting the check is Bob Wheat, Canadian Club Whisky Business Manager in Northern California, (left). The Hiram Walker Foundation was established to support minority education in the food service management and retail industries. It is designed to recognize and ensure the continuation of cullnary excellence by investing in the future talent of the hospitality industry by encouraging and supporting minorities to enter and develop professional careers in the culinary field.

POET'S CORNER

The Noose Still Swings

Keith A. Brantley

From hanging by our necks to hanging by a string; please understand, The Noose still swings It swings from the past directly to the present; disguised as justice for the deeds unpleasant. Our necks to the Noose form the stigma which clings; they name us criminal, thus the Noose still swings. Lynch mobs are dressed in blue and in beige, just in case victims become enraged. Behind bars we know why the caged bird sings:

Clearly Spoken But Never Heard

outside our windows

the Noose still swings.

BY STEPHANIE BROOKS

I SPEAK LOUDLY ON MY EMOTIONS
BUT I'M NEVER HEARD,
I SPEAK LOUDLY WHEN I TELL PEOPLE I LOVE THEM
BUT I'M NEVER HEARD, I CRY OUT LOUDLY BUT I'M NEVER HEARD, I SING OF SWEET THINGS IN LIFE BUT I'M NEVER HEARD, I ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING FROM PEOPLE BUT I'M NEVER HEARD, I ASK FOR PEACE AMONG MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS BUT I'M NEVER HEARD,
I SEE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WITH THE ABILITY TO TEACH
BUT THEY ARE NEVER HEARD, I SEE PEOPLE ON DRUGS WHO NEED HELP OR SOMEONE TO TALK TO BUT THEY ARE NEVER HEARD. I SEE PEOPLE WHO NEED JOBS BUT CAN'T SEEM TO FIND ONE BUT THEY ARE NEVER HEARD, I SEE BABIES ADDICTED TO DRUGS DYING DAY BY DAY BUT THEY ARE NEVER HEARD, I SEE PEOPLE NEEDING TO BE LOVED

I SEE PEOPLE NEEDING TO BE LOVED
BUT THEY ARE NEVER HEARD,
PEOPLE ARE CRYING OUT BUT NO ONE SEEMS TO HEAR. IF WE WOULD
LEARN TO PUT THINGS TO THE SIDE, AND LEARN TO HELP OTHERS THE
WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE. LEARN TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AND STOP KILLING EACH OTHER. DO ME AND YOURSELF A FAVOR AND
SIT DOWN AND THINK TO YOURSELF HOW CAN YOU LOVE SOMEBODY
ON THE STREET AND NOT LOVE YOUR OWN BROTHER?
THE WORLD NEEDS TO WAKE UP AND SEE LIFE FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS,
BECAUSE LIFE IS NOT PROMISED TO NO MAN NOR WOMAN. OPEN YOU THAT

EARS AND TRY TO LISTEN FOR IT MAY BE SOMEONE DEAR TO YOU THAT

NEEDS HELP BUT YOU DON'T HERE ME THOUGHIII



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