

# Project awaits anchor grocery store

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Ten acres of city-owned land located at the corner of Martin Luther King and Lake Mead boulevards is the site where many community residents and grassroots organizations have rallied and appealed to the City of Las Vegas to have a grocery store built. The previous major grocery store in the area, Vons, closed its store on W. Owens in the fall of 2004.

The City of Las Vegas had received a letter of interest earlier this year from DLC UrbanCore LLC to develop and lease a full-service grocery store anchor. The project was awarded to DLC

UrbanCore LLC, based in Tarrytown, New York, on the condition that it recruit a grocery store — or, at least, show some progress in recruiting a major retailer, like a Kroger or Albertsons by December 31, “when its letter of interest timetable runs out,” said Bill Arent of Las Vegas Planning and Development. However, according to Arent, even if DLC UrbanCore LLC hasn’t firmed up a commitment, the city can and will likely extend its letter of interest as long as some progress is made.

“The city could, as early as [this week] place the item on the City Council agenda,”

said Arent, if an extension is warranted. “The city is waiting for a reply from DLC,” he added.

The process from start to finish — provided everything goes smoothly — will take about six to nine months for completion once a grocery store anchor is recruited, according to Arent. Then the project will have to go before the planning commission and on to the council.

“A major grocery store brings in tenants,” Arent said.

DLC UrbanCore LLC will be the developer and the recruiter for the grocery project, which is part of the area’s redevelopment project expanding the Las Vegas

Enterprise Park.

“This development is an important step forward in enhancing much needed shopping opportunities in a critical area of Las Vegas. It is the right project and the right time,” said Scott Adams, director of the City of Las Vegas Office of Business De-

velopment.

The company, DLC UrbanCore LLC, was designated as the developer earlier this year. It

is a joint venture between DLC Management Corp. and G. L. Blackstone & Associates. The partnership invests in and facilitates the devel-

opment and redevelopment of retail properties and mixed-use commercial sites in urban core markets throughout the United States, according to G. Lamont Blackstone, a principal with DLC UrbanCore LLC.

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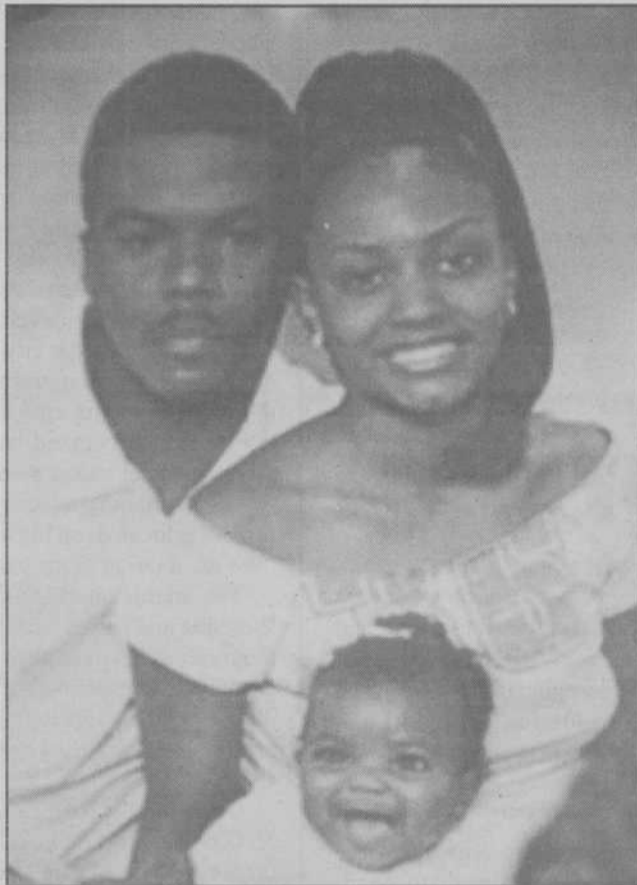
“The number of shots fired doesn’t mean anything, even though it seems a little shocking,” said Jim Cohen, a professor of criminal law at Fordham Law School. “We simply don’t have enough information to draw any conclusions.”

The shooters — four detectives and one police officer — have been placed on administrative leave while the district attorney investigates. They have remained mostly silent, though lawyers and union officials have said at least some of them are eager to give their side of the story to a grand jury.

“We’re going to be forced to look at this through their eyes,” said Eugene O’Donnell, a professor of police studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. “Short of hearing what they have to say, we don’t know much.”

Still absent are the accounts of two key witnesses: the men partying at the club with Bell. Joseph Guzman, 31, shot at least 11 times, and Trent Benefield, 23, hit three times, remain hospitalized.

Police officials said Tuesday that they had located a new witness who apparently saw the officers open fire.



A copy of a photo of Sean Bell (L), a 23-year-old bridegroom killed by police on his wedding day, sits on display at the site of his death in New York, November 29, 2006.

They also were trying to identify more potential witnesses by studying video recorded by a club security camera.

The gunfire followed an undercover operation inside the club, where a team of officers in plain clothes was investigating allegations of

prostitution and drug use.

Police said Bell was involved in an argument outside the club after 4 a.m. and that one of his friends made a reference to a gun.

The detective who was first to open fire followed Bell and his friends as they headed for their car. As he walked toward the front of the vehicle, they drove forward — bumping him and crashing into an undercover police minivan, police said.

After the detective fired, the others joined in, police said. Union officials familiar with the officers’ account say that the undercover detective was convinced there was a gun in the car. They also allege that Bell defied orders to stop and used the vehicle as a weapon.

## NAACP election results posted

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The results from the NAACP Las Vegas Branch 1111 election held recently are released. President Dean Ishman was re-elected by a large margin to another two-year term. Opposing Ishman for president was the organization’s current Vice-President Mujahid Ramadan. Vice President-elect Edward Watson won against Peggy Maze-Johnson. Both have been active in the organization for many years.

Treasurer Nedra Armstrong, Secretary Willie Mae Hunt and Assistant Secretary Otistine Brown ran unopposed. Twelve at-large committee members that make up the NAACP chapter’s board of directors also ran unopposed.

All elected officers serve a two-year term. According to Supervisory Committee Chairman Paul Hunt on the day of the election, about 75 members cast votes in person on Nov. 18 at the West Las Vegas Library

polling site. He also said those elected “will take office January 1.”

The re-elected president detailed the NAACP’s goals for the next two years. Topping the list is “rebuilding the organization and its infrastructure,” said Ishman. “We need volunteers to help us, help the community,” he added. “We need to increase our membership base,” according to Ishman. Other issues of major importance that the local branch will address in the next two years, include the ongoing improvement of the community’s “healthcare, education and economics,” Ishman said.

Ramadan was not available for comment.

The Las Vegas chapter has been in existence for about 25 years, and the national NAACP was founded more than 95 years ago. The current branch membership is reportedly about 500.

The NAACP advocates for equality among and for all races, according to its mission and goals statements.

## CJ Cansler

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taking their pictures), playing golf and cheering his daughter, Alicia, at her soccer games.

Cansler is survived by his wife, Dr. Kathy Cansler; a 12-year-old daughter, Alicia of North Las Vegas; a brother, Mark, of Willington, N.J.; a sister, Barbara of Brattleboro, Vt.; brother and sister-in-law Wade and Bennye of Severna Park, Md.; brother and sister-in-law Kevin and Asa of Willington, N.J.; brother and sister-in-law Jhon and Phyllis of Fairfield, Calif.; mother-in-law Yvonne Crosby of St. Vincent West Indies; as well as a large host of other uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

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