

Goynes wins Western citizen planner award

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Las Vegas Planning Commissioner Byron Goynes recently received the Sheldon D. Gerber Merit Award for Excellence in Environmental Planning - Citizen Planner at the annual Western Planner Conference.

The conference was held in Dickinson, North Dakota last week. The Western Planner organization is comprised of American Planning Association chapters and sections in 12 western states, excluding California.

Goynes was honored for his commitment to professional planning for the city of Las Vegas and his contributions to the city's Northwest Open Space Plan adopted in 2005, the new Traditional Neighborhood Development land-use category adopted in 2006, the small wind energy systems ordinance adopted in late 2006 and his advocacy for the inclusion of open space within planned developments.

Goynes' leadership in mass transit was also recognized. He has worked professionally in the field of transit for the last seven years, which has included directing the mystery rider and customers with disabilities programs.

As a planning commissioner, he has discussed transit concerns such as density, along with routes, bus turn-outs and trail linkages to transit routes. In joint Planning



Las Vegas City Planner Byron Goynes has earned recognition at the annual Western Planner Conference.

Commission/City Council workshops, he is seen as extremely knowledgeable on the issue of transit and is an advocate.

Goynes has served as an appointed planning official of the city of Las Vegas for 15 years.

He was appointed to the city of Las Vegas Board of Zoning Adjustment in 1992, serving in that position for eight years. In 2000, he was appointed to the Planning Commission and is the current vice-chairman.

During his tenure he has

served on numerous design review committees and has been present at more than 300 Board of Zoning Adjustment Planning Commission meetings.

Goynes has lived in Southern Nevada for more than 40 years. He's run for various positions in the past, including Clark County clerk and Las Vegas City Council Ward 6.

He is the son of Theron and Naomi Goynes. Theron Goynes is a former North Las Vegas City Councilman and mayor pro tempore.

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Pastor Ollie Reddick, left, of New Revelation Baptist Church joins Mack Smith, center, and assistant pastor Rogers Lynch III as they passed out school supplies to some deserving youngsters during their back to school celebration on Sunday.