Petition may stop Inner Harbor development

The Citizens for Preservation of Inner Harbor, (CPIH) presented a petition to Mayor Schaefer on May 24 that proposes that the Inner Harbor open space be dedicated as a public park.

The group announced at a press conference Wednesday that 12,182 signatures of Baltimore city registered voters far exceeded the 10,000 signatures required by law to bring the proposal to referendum.

If the petition is certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, the Inner Harbor Public Park proposal will be placed on the Baltimore City ballot in the November general election.

"This has always been one of our major intentions — the people should have the direct opportunity to decide how their Inner Harbor open space should be used," said Louise Alder, chairperson of CPIH.

If Baltimore city voters approve, the city administration will be required to change the City Charter to dedicate the open space land as a public park, thereby preserving and protecting it for such purpose and use.

In simple terms, it means that the Rouse Company would not be allowed to develop several commercial buildings planned for the Inner Harbor.

ROBERT WINDER — ads his name to a number of Baltimore city voters who are signing a petition to preserve the shore-line Inner Harbor open space as a Public Park.

Miss Black America pageant, June 4

The Miss Black America of Maryland Pageant has been scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 5 p.m. at Greenspring Junior High School, 4701 Greenspring Ave.

Twenty-four contestants, competing in beauty, poise and talent categories, will vie for the crown. The winner will compete for the national title in the national finals of the Miss Black America Pageant, scheduled for later this year which will be televised throughout the country.

Contestants in the Maryland Pageant are: Dorothy Armstrong, Walbrook Senior High graduate; Jean Bennett, Carroll Park High graduate; Meikil A. Berry, community College of Baltimore student; Shedina Boldin, Northwestern High graduate; Sharon Y. Colvin, Coppin State College student;

Also, Trina Cunningham, Western Maryland College student; Adrienne Gilliam, Maryland College of Notre Dame student; Jacqueline Harrington, Director of Starfire Unlimited; Sylvia Harvey, Morgan State University student; Deborah Howell, Coppin State College student; Eleanor Lawrence, Morgan State University student;

And, Rose M. Mask, Utica College graduate, Syracuse, N.Y.; Laura L. Middleton, Morgan State University graduate; Virginia Miller, Towson State University student; Andrea Mosely, Morgan State University student; Sherri L. Oliver, Community College of Baltimore student; Donza Payne, Towson State University student; Marzelle Thomas, Morgan State University graduate; Nivel Wainwright, University of Maryland - College Park student; Adella D. Ward, Eastern High graduate; April Y. Washington, Walbrook Senior High graduate; Shirlette Williams, University of Maryland - Baltimore County graduate; Norva Woist, University of Maryland - College Park graduate and Michelle Yates, Morgan State University student.

Chairperson for the 1978 Miss Black America of Maryland Pagent is Mrs. Celonia B. Walden, trustee of the Howard County Commission of the Arts and Howard Community College.

Judges are Ralph Matthews, Managing Editor, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper; Alfie J. Williams, consultant and on-air consultant to WEBB Radio; Margaret C. Lindsay, chairperson of Music at Forest Park High School; Larry Wilson, public service director, WCAO-AM - WXYV-FM Radio; Eva Anderson, artistic director of the Baltimore Dance Theatre; Dennis Holly, anchor man for WMAR-TV News and Dr. Roland B. Williams, (HEW) Medical Advisor to President Carter.

Honorary Co-Chairmen are Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, Sen. Clarence Blount and Del. Arthur G. Murphy Sr.

Co-Committee Chairpersons are Rev. Harold Dobson, executive director of Baltimore O.I.C. and Mary Clayburn, public affairs director of WWIN Radio. Carl Adair, AMOCCO Service Stations owner.

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Local GM plant hits 8 million mark

The Eight millionth vehicle to be produced at the GM Assembly Division plant at 2122 Broening Highway since operations began there in 1935 rolled off the assembly line at 10 a.m., May 24.

Plant Manager Robert K. Bates drove the red and buckskin half - ton Chevrolet Fleetside pickup off the line. He was joined in the cab by Donald A. Bouchard of Detroit, Chevrolet Motor Division truck sales manager. The vehicle will be shipped to B and M Chevrolet - Cadillac Co. of Winchester, Va.

Bates parked the truck next to a 1935 Chevrolet truck also built at the Baltimore plant in its first year of operations. The driver of the 1935 model was Lawrence E. Magee, the plant's quality control liaisiton with GM dealers, who was present when both units were built.

Awaiting the milestone unit along with Magee were six other employes present when the two trucks were built. They were William J. Langrehr, Vincent J. Wiszinckas, David E. McQuay, William H. Storey, Edward J. Danielczyk and Albert J. Mattes.

At an early morning breakfast, Bates told a group of civic officials, business leaders and Chevrolet dealers from the greater Baltimore area that employment of the plant has increased from an average of 2,400 people in 1935 to 6,800 in 1978.

About 2,000 of those 6,800 employees are black.

Bouchard, who is responsible for Chevrolet truck sales nationwide, projected long term growth in truck sales in the United States could reach the five - million mark in the 1980's.

He said the five - million truck market possibility is more than three times what the industry sold in 1968 and added that he expected sales of 3,750,000 in 1978 and four millio by 1981.

Bouchard cautioned that with the greatly increased demand for trucks, there will be many far - reaching changes in the kinds and types of trucks offered and the way they are sold.

"Probably the most visible change will be in truck fuel costs and maintenance," he said. "Rising fuel and operating costs mean that vehicles will have to be more fuel efficient and require less maintenance than today's trucks.

The plant began as a Chevrolet Motor and Fisher Body Division car and truck assembly operation on March 11, 1935, and was assigned to the GM Assembly Division in November, 1968.

City to rent art studios next year

By January 1979, artists in Baltimore will be able to rent studios in an unused school that is being renovated, the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Art and Culture promised this weekend.

Located at 1427 Light St., what used to be School No. 33 provides 15,000 square feet of space to be utilized as artists' studios, an exhibition gallery and workshop areas.

Short- term leases, three or six months, are also available but may not be renewed.

The tentative deadline for submitting applications in June 15, 1978, Ms. De Palma said, with all highly - qualified fine artists and art - oriented crafts people eligible for studio rental.

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Carter says jobs for Baltimore

The administration said Tuesday it will funnel more money to 34 areas of the nation, including Baltimore to begin a $400 million program aimed at encouraging private industry to train the hard - core unemployed.

Since President Carter took office, the federal government has been successful in getting jobs for out - of - work Americans, with the unemployment rate dropping to 6.2 percent in a past winter. But the gains have been enjoyed mainly by Vietnam veterans and whites.

Minority unemployment has virtually been unchanged in the past year.

Carter invited 140 business and government leaders to a White House summer to seek commitments for the new program.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall told a news conference all 450 prime sponsors under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act will receive funds after Oct. 1 if Congress renews the CETA authorization as expected.

Marshall said the 34 areas designated for planning money in advance of the Oct. 1 date will receive up to $25,000 each to begin immediate formation of private industry councils, which Marshall called "the key to this entire effort."

"This is the missing link in our whole Manpower system," Marshall said, adding if the government can not graduate more people out of CETA programs, it would be difficult to reach the goal of 4 percent unemployment by 1983.

Ernest Green, an assistant Labor secretary, said the $400 million is expected to finance on - the - job training for 125,000 to 150,000 persons beyond the normal work day. Those trained would be paid regular wages by the employer.

"This money is for training beyond the normal work," Green said. "This is not money for work."

He estimated firms would get an average of $1,800 per year per individual for such training.

The Secretary also announced that Vice President Walter Mondale will head a new ad hoc task force of Cabinet members to give greater government cohesion to meeting problems of youth unemployment.

The CETA councils will be comprised of local business and community leaders, educators and union officials selected by the prime sponsors to develop training programs.

The project is being spearheaded by the National Alliance of Businessmen, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, business roundtable and trade associations.

Marshall said first checks will go out to the communities in three to four weeks.

NAB Chairman Ruben Mettler emphasized in a statement that the program was not creating new private jobs.

"NAB is helping the hard - to - employ find and qualify for existing jobs, and is helping to break down external barriers to their employment," Mettler said.

The 34 areas selected for planning funds were: Baltimore; Newark, N.J.; Oakland, Calif.; El Paso, Tex.; St. Louis; Detroit; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; Los Angeles; Atlanta; Boston; Milwaukee, Wis.; Seattle, Wash.; Chicago; Kansas City; San Francisco; Cincinnati; Cleveland; San Jose, Calif.; Denver; Memphis, Tenn.; Houston; San Antonio, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Hudson County, N.J.; Modesto, Calif.; Suffolk County, N.Y.; Broward County, Fla.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; Albuquerque, N.M. and four programs for large numbers of towns under 100,000 population in Michigan, Arizona, North Carolina and Mississippi.

Justice Thurgood Marshall won't quit 'for many years'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Justice Thurgood Marshall, who turns 70 July 2, says he expects to stay on at the Supreme Court for many years to come.

He discussed his plans in a speech to the University of Virginia graduating class.

Marshall, the court's first and only black, has had pneumonia twice in the past eight years and suffered a heart attack in 1976.

These physical setbacks have led to speculation he might retire in the near future and thus make a Supreme Court appointment available to President Carter.

But Marshall told the graduates he intends "to keep on plugging at my present job for many years to come."

He could, if he chose, retire in July on full salary of $72,000 a year.

Following his heart attack Marshall told a reporter he had a "deal" with his wife: "When I'm starting to get senile, she's going to tell me. Then I'll retire."

Thurgood Marshall

Marshall told the graduates his generation's turn to take a stand for things that matter is drawing to a close, and now it is up to the young "to undertake the projects of this age."

President Lyndon Johnson appointed Marshall to the court in 1967, and prior to that he was U.S. SOLICITOR GENERAL. Earlier, as a civil rights lawyer, he argued on the winning side in the high court's 1954 school desegregation decision.

Marshall and Justice William Brennan, 72, often vote together. They and fellow liberals carried the day in many major cases when Earl Warren was chief justice.

But since Richard Nixon's appointees began to take over, starting with the arrival of Chief Justice Warren Burger in 1969, their influence has waned.

Brennan could have retired in 1971 and Burger in 1972.

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