



The Kids in Planning Program Creates Wilson City: The City of Peace



Fifth graders at Bolton Elementary created a vision of their city.

Wilson City is considered the “perfect city” by Greg Gilliam’s fifth grade class at Bolton Elementary School. In February of this year, Mr. Gilliam’s class joined with the planners from the City-County Planning Board to develop what they thought would be the ideal city.

The students did two planning exercises; one was an individual project, the other was a group effort. Each student was given an “It’s My Community” base map to design his or her ideal community. These maps were reviewed by planners who then gave each student written feedback on their community design. The students were also given paper models of various buildings to design and put together before the planners visited their classroom. Each student created a residential building as well as a commercial

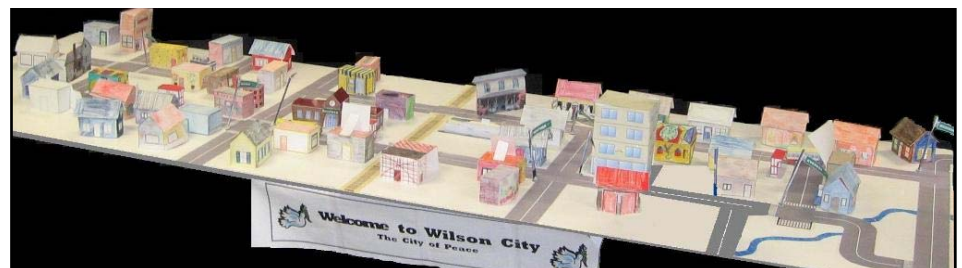
or civic structure. With the help of the planning staff, everyone’s buildings were then brought together to create the ideal city

In the second exercise, which was structured, students had the opportunity to role-play. Either as a planner, a city council member, or a property developer, the students placed their buildings on a very large base map provided by the planners. As part of this, they were able to express their concerns and opinions on the development of Wilson City and learn about the planning process through the role-playing.



Each student participated in an individual and a group exercise.

Final construction of Wilson City: The City of Peace.



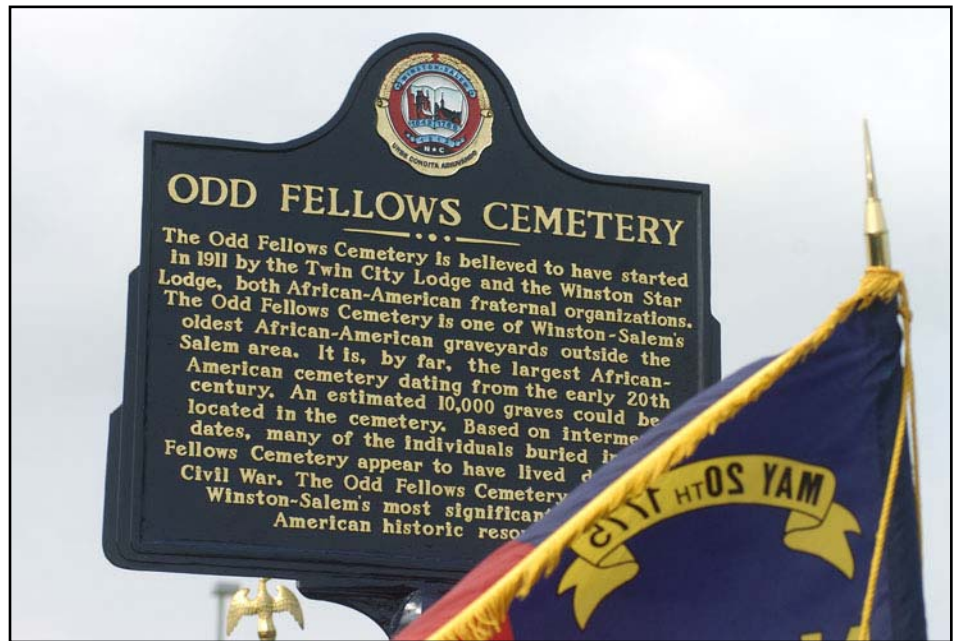
The Kids In Planning Program (KIPP) was developed by the City-County Planning Board to enhance student’s knowledge of community planning and allow them a chance to participate in planning their ideal community. To learn more about KIPP, visit our website at <http://cityofws.org/Planning> or contact us at planning@cityofws.org.

Odd Fellows Cemetery Marker Unveiling Caps A Successful Historic Preservation Month

On May 16, 2010, as part of Historic Preservation Month activities, the Historic Resources Commission honored Winston-Salem's Odd Fellows Cemetery by placing the newest City of Winston-Salem historic marker at the site. This marker brings the total number of historic markers for the City's Historic Marker program to 19 throughout the community!

Located off Shorefair Drive, the Odd Fellows Cemetery is believed to have been started in 1911 by the Twin City Lodge and the Winston Star Lodge, both African-American fraternal organizations. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is one of Winston-Salem's oldest African-American graveyards outside the Salem area. It is, by far, the largest African-American cemetery in Winston-Salem, dating from the early 20th century. An estimated 10,000 graves are thought to be located in the cemetery. Based on interment dates, many of the individuals buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery appear to have lived during the Civil War. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is one of Winston-Salem's most significant African-American historic resources. In 2007, the cemetery was designated by the Winston-Salem City Council as a Forsyth County Local Historic Landmark. In 2008, it was officially placed on the North Carolina National Register of Historic Places Study List.

In spite of sweltering temperatures, approximately 100 people attended the marker unveiling program on May 16. Mayor Allen Joines, Mayor Pro Tempore and Council Member Vivian H. Burke, Council Member Denise D. Adams, and other



dignitaries all spoke recognizing the significance of the historic site to the citizens of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Remarks were also presented by the Friends of Odd Fellows Inc., a group formed to try to restore the cemetery. The most moving component of the ceremony was the participation of the Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Cavalry Association of The Buffalo Soldiers, who posted and retired the colors for the unveiling. The Odd Fellows Cemetery marker unveiling was a tremendous success and provided a well-deserved level of recognition for this highly significant site.



The Buffalo Soldiers

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