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City disqualified from federal program

By LYNN ORR

Inability to meet federal guidelines prompted Farmington City Council to scrap two community development projects this week.

If the city's application for a \$39,000 federal grant is approved, funds will be redistributed to other projects that meet federal criteria for the community development grant.

Council decided to abandon two projects, the proposed Warner Farms road improvement and the Shawsee Park Improvements because

they do not constitute a 25 per cent concentration of the city's low income persons.

About the quarter of Oakland County's proposed Community Development programs for the 1976-77 year fail to meet federal criteria, according to Lewis Rapp, program manager of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Area Office in Oakland County. HUD administers the community development grants.

Farmington's road improvements, park improvements and downtown

beautification were included in the projects failing to meet certification requirements.

Harold Martin, division director of the Property Management Division of Oakland County, agreed that the road repair program for Warner Farms does not meet the low income requirement.

"WE WOULD have to agree that the city would be placed in a difficult position of attempting to subsidize that 25 per cent of the city's low income persons reside in that sub-

division," City Mgr. Robert Deadman told the council.

"In fact, attempting to locate any particular subdivision in the city that would contain 25 per cent of our low income persons would probably be an impossible task, as the city clearly does not have pockets of poverty," Deadman said.

Deadman believes the Downtown Beautification Project can qualify for the federal money, however.

"It is intended to prevent and eliminate blight and deterioration of the older central business district build-

ings," he said. "Further, the planned project is a continuation of the four-year plan which began with a planning study supported with Community Development funds."

The \$39,000 total program budget was reallocated as follows: \$10,000 for community housing grant program to subsidize homeowners who meet federal criteria; \$10,000 for the central business district redevelopment and beautification; \$15,370 for sidewalk ramps for handicapped citizens; and \$3,330 for contingencies.

The city has about \$6,000 remaining in the subsidy and grant program, Deadman told Tupper, and has received unused funds from other cities, such as Lathrup Village and Huntington Woods, which were unable to use the funds.

Although Farmington has had some success in providing the home improvement funds to low income families, Deadman said few applications had been processed recently.

...but facelift gets green light

Downtown Farmington shoppers and strollers can look forward to even more improvements in the central business district, as the Downtown Beautification project steamrolls ahead this week.

The resurfacing of the parking lot near the southeast corner of Grand River and Farmington Road and the planting of 50 trees in the downtown district will begin shortly after City of Farmington council members approved the projects Tuesday night.

The city's share of the resurfacing project will total \$4,476, a slight increase above the estimate; while the Farmington Holding Company will foot the major share of the bill, about \$37,000.

"In conference with the owners, we have agreed that the city's calculations of the gross building space are essentially correct," City Mgr. Robert Deadman told the council.

"The owners, however, believe the complex of buildings from the southeast corner of Grand River should be considered unique, as they are cut up into small, rentable spaces with wide hallways, stairs, and dead spaces."

THE OWNERS also contend that because of the location of buildings in relation to the proposed improvement, they fail to receive the same benefit as those properties that are con-

tiguous to the parking lot improvement, Deadman added.

Credits were adjusted to the total cost, and three areas of benefit were determined for the special assessments to pay for the resurfacing.

Area "A" (Scott Colburn's Suddery); area "B," (the Vintner and the Reading Room); and area "C," (all the other areas) were readjusted, reducing the assessment of the Farmington Holding Company by about \$1,000.

Bills, payable within 30 days of the first installment, were mailed yesterday, so the project could get underway immediately.

The Stolaruk Corporation, 13300 W. Eight Mile in Southfield, was awarded the contract based on submitting the lowest bid for the work. Special assessments and general obligation bonds will pay for the project, Deadman said.

COUNCIL MEMBERS also accepted the bid of Green Ridge Nursery to purchase 25 Redmond Little Leaf Linden trees; 20 Summit Seedless Ash trees; and five Crispin King Maple trees to be planted by CETA employees in the downtown district.

The city will also purchase 40 tree grates and 40 tree guards, in addition to the trees, totaling \$7,980. The trees, guards, and grates will be purchased with federal community development funds, Deadman said.



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Residents play name-change game

By LYNN ORR

"A rose by any other name..." Maybe for Juliet, but the what that's a name still plagues many of us.

To some, it's a cruel, sadistic joke played on them at birth; to others, it's cause for legal action.

Marriages, nicknames, and initials often become repressives for others attempting to sneak out from under the name syndrome.

Our names probably are the most personal form of identification we use daily, but we don't always like what we've got—often because childhood name-calling took its toll.

"How would you like to be called Peter in the third or fourth grade?" Pi. Pete Amato responded when asked if he liked his name. "I like it now," the City of Farmington police officer says reluctantly, but elementary school teasing had a field day with Amato's monicker, we're led to believe.

A friend of courtier Marilyn Dewar's probably saw double trouble. "His name is Peter Abbott," she tells us, suppressing a giggle.

"NLY KIDS have hangups with names," admonishes Dan Byrnes, pub-

lic safety director of Farmington, but he admits to some squeamishness about his middle name.

"When I was young, I didn't like it because I was harassed; but today it's different. How many people do you know with the name Aloysius?"

Originality is what altered Farmington Hills Building Inspector Roland Pfaendtner's thinking about his handle.

"When I was a kid, I always swore I was going to change it," says Pfaendtner (pronounced Pfenner). "As I got older, I found out it gave me character and people remember it."

Pfaendtner compromises, however. For restaurant and plane reservations, he gives the phonetic spelling.

Lamberto DiStefano, court clerk for 4th District Judge Margaret Schaefer, actually began the legal process to change his name when he came of age.

"Right at the last minute I decided not to," says DiStefano, whose friends call him Bert. "Out of respect for my parents I decided to retain it, and now I find that people don't forget it." The Italian name seldom gets spelled or pronounced correctly, he admits.

DORIS WAGNER, clerk-typist for the Farmington Hills police department, is adamant about her name.

"I hate it. It comes out funny when I introduce myself," says Ms. Wagner. "A lot of people tell me I don't look like a Doris. I'd rather have my middle name—Marie."

Ms. Wagner is convinced most people don't like the name Doris, including others named Doris and most of her friends.

"My parents call me Dodie or Dee; my friends call me Doe, and everybody in the department has some name for me. They never call me Doris."

"Every other Doris I've talked to hates her name, too."

Judy Byrnes, City of Farmington employee and wife of the public safety director, doesn't mind her name. "It's okay, everybody has it," she says. "It's my middle name I don't like," she says, refusing all attempts to get her to reveal it.

Court reporter Gloria Cowens liked her last name well enough to marry another Cowens, not so unusual, she

says. She once processed a marriage license in Royal Oak where the whole wedding party had the last names of Smith. "The bride, groom, minister, best man, and maid of honor," says Ms. Cowen. "That's unusual."

Farmington Hills clerical worker Nancy Avery has few problems with her name.

"I've never been anywhere where there hasn't been another Nancy—from school right on," says Mrs. Avery, otherwise known as Ms. Miscellaneous at City Hall. "My husband has the weirdo—Collins Avery, which everybody gets mixed up."

Mrs. Avery doesn't have the problem, however. "His nickname is Socks, so that's what I call him," she says.

Shirley Shottroff, who works in the finance department at City Hall in Farmington Hills, likes her name, although others might consider it unusual.

"My maiden name was Farquhar, a Scottish name, and that was worse than this is," she says.

Farmington City Mgr. Robert Deadman admits to some childhood unhappiness with his name. "It's an old English name from the French," he says, the European pronunciation being De-ad-man.

"If I had my druthers, I might have

picked Smith or Jones, but I never bothered to change it."

Deadman's secretary, Josephine Bushey, says her friends call her Jo and her last name is French.

"When I was small, I was subject to a lot of kidding," she says, but pronunciation is the stumbling block now. Does she want to change it?

"Not unless I got married," she says with a smile.

Marilyn Dewar's mother might have given her daughter a very feminine name, since her own was unusual—Wayne Louise. To avoid hurt feelings among many female relatives who wanted a namesake, Ms. Dewar's grandfather named his daughter after the county.

"As a kid, she was put in all boys' classes at Cass Tech," says Ms. Dewar. "That's where she met my dad."

Farmington Hills Pi. Peter Larson, Jr. ("always Pete," says the police officer) likes his name, but he used to worry about marrying a girl named Marian.

"I went with a girl named Marian, but I didn't marry her," he says. "It's Arlo Newell, Jr., better known as Rusty around the Hills traffic division office, doesn't object to the name Arlo but seldom hears it."

"I'm even Grampa Rusty to my grandchildren."

There's no place like new home for Farmington Hills firemen

Farmington Hills Fire Station 2 lacks heat and is sparsely furnished, but its firefighters agree the new quarters beats the old place—a gas station on Northwestern Highway.

Conditions are improving for the crew. A telephone was installed about two weeks after the move and the city says the heat will be installed before the snow flies.

For Fire Station 2 and its men, it's just one of several delays that have kept the project half-completed for one and a half years.

Switching architects in mid-project and delays in obtaining building materials kept the building without walls for several weeks.

In spite of the delays, the crew says it's glad to be in a larger building.

where all this equipment was when we were in the garage," said District Chief Larry Schreffler.

"IT'S MUCH BETTER than the garage," said volunteer firefighter Dwayne Cowger.

The extra space in the new quarters will include a dispatch area, a reading room for the men, an office for the district chief and a cooking area. Sited for the future is the installation of a row of roll-away beds to accommodate a full-time members of the department.

Until then, those activities are carried out in a jumbled corner of the bay area which contains the radio system, office equipment, stove and reading area.

In addition to the heating system,

the crew is awaiting the arrival of some furnishings for its new station. A pool table covered by a drop cloth stands in the reading room. So far, it's the only furnishing in the entire room.

Meanwhile, the crew is using the extra space to clean some of its equipment. A hose drier stands drying itself in one end of the bay area after receiving a fresh coat of blue paint. It will be used to dry the hoses after stations so they avoid becoming mildew-

Station 2 will house a crew of medics from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays. A two-man duty crew of firefighters is stationed there also.

Station 2 serves the area bounded by Ten Mile, Fourteen Mile, Inkerster, Orchard Lake and part of Power.

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