

Hills maps major sidewalk program

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If all goes according to plan, Farmington Hills is expected to have more than 30,000 feet of new sidewalk throughout the city by this time next year.

The Farmington Hills City Council Monday instructed administrators to continue planning an expanded sidewalk program that is expected to cost almost \$400,000 — \$15 a linear foot.

Administrators plan to begin engineering plans for the sidewalks now with construction expected in spring and summer 1989.

Though not yet approved by council, financing of the proposed sidewalks would include \$150,000 from the city's general budget, \$90,000 from the capital improvement budget, plus an anticipated \$100,000 from next year's proposed budget.

City Manager William Costick said council members also told Costick they would consider a policy in which the city would be able to take

necessary rights-of-way from property owners in exchange for city-financed sidewalks.

Other cities, such as Rochester Hills, are using such a policy to complete sidewalk networks, Costick said.

THE CITY'S aggressive sidewalk campaign began in late August when council members asked administrators to expand the existing program.

City administrators, in turn, presented the council with a list of projects in September. But financing was undetermined at that time pending outcome of the recently completed audit of the city's 1985-86 financial year.

The city's policy has been to install sidewalks as part of development as it occurs along major mile roads. Sidewalks are required on all site plans and subdivision developments.

But in addition to these projects, council members, over the last few years, have considered other areas in need of sidewalks. The council has

used capital improvement money — approximately \$80,000-\$90,000 has been budgeted annually — or federal Community Development Block Grant money.

Some of the projects that have been completed after council requests include the north side of Colfax from Flanders west to Gill, and the south side of 13 Mile, from Baptist Manor west to Orchard Lake Road.

New plans represent a marked expansion of the sidewalk construction program, including filling in the gaps to form a complete walkway network.

THE FOLLOWING sidewalks are planned:

- The south side of 13 Mile, from Farmington to Orchard Lake roads. Estimated cost is \$40,500 for 2,700 feet of walkway.
- The north side of 13 Mile, from Farmington to Orchard Lake roads. Estimated cost is \$34,500 for 2,300 feet.
- North and south sides of 12

Mile, from Orchard Lake to Farmington roads. For 700 feet on the north and 720 feet on the south, the estimated cost is \$21,300.

• The north side of 12 Mile from Middlebelt to Orchard Lake Road. For 350 feet, the estimated cost is \$5,250.

• The west side of Drankin from Old Homestead to Grand River. Estimated cost is \$12,000 for 800 ft.

• The west side of Farmington Road, from 12 to 13 Mile. For 5,200 feet, the estimated cost is \$78,000.

• The west side of Farmington Road, from 13 Mile north to Old Timber. For 1,100 feet, the estimated cost is \$16,500.

• The west side of Drake from 12 to 13 Mile. For 1,600 feet, the estimated cost is \$24,000.

• The south side of 14 Mile from Briarcrest to Warner Middle School. For 820 feet, the estimated cost is \$12,300.

• The west side of Milebelt, from Hemlock north to 11 Mile. Estimated cost is \$23,250 for 1,500 feet.

• The north side of 11 Mile, from

Skye Drive to Mercy Center. For 600 feet, the estimated cost is \$9,000.

• The north side of 13 Mile, from Drake to Farmington Road. For 3,200 feet, the estimated cost is \$48,000.

• The north side of 11 Mile, from Orchard Lake to Middlebelt. For 5,000 feet, the estimated cost is \$75,000.

• The west side of Middlebelt, from Kiltarant to 11 Mile. For 150 feet, the estimated cost is \$2,250.

CITY OFFICIALS also received a

request from the Section 36 Homeowners Association for sidewalks along Middlebelt, between Eight Mile and Grand River.

Costick suggested deleting a portion of the 5,000 feet of sidewalk planned for 11 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt, and replacing it with the Section 36 request. The sidewalk requested by Section 36 would cost about \$36,000.

"We would have to do a more detailed analysis," Costick said about the sidewalk request.

Engineers plan meeting

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Rouge Valley, Chapter 190, will hold its monthly dinner meeting Nov. 10 at the Sweden House at Frank's Nursery Plaza, on Grand River one block west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

He will speak on Polycrystalline Diamond and Titanium Coated Tooling for deep hole drilling and other applications.

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House may be moved

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would be sold to the potential buyer for \$12,500 — half of the appraised value of the land. The city originally bought the property for \$5,500, Costick said.

Details of the proposal must still be worked out and information should be available within the next couple of weeks. If all works out as planned, city officials are hoping the Harger House can be disassembled and moved by May 1, 1989, Costick said.

But first agreements must be drawn up between the potential buyer and the city and Standard Federal Savings of Troy — the subdivision's majority landowner that owns the Harger House.

Councilwoman Joan Dudley asked Costick whether a similar sale offer on the city-owned acreage was made to another party, which made an earlier offer to maintain the historic house as a residence.

Though Costick told her the party was unable to find a buyer in the city to relocate the house, he agreed to offer the same opportunity for the 12 Mile acreage.

Costick called the offer to disassemble and move the old dairy farmhouse a "Godsend" in light of an approaching deadline to determine the structure's fate.

HUNT CLUB residents met in mid-September with city officials and officials of Standard Federal Savings of Troy to determine what should be done with the house that sits in the middle of the neighborhood's commons area.

At that time, residents told city officials they wanted a solution to the growing controversy that surrounds the historic house. City officials were given 90 days to make a decision.

City officials and members of the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission have waged a battle to preserve the house, built in 1837 by John Dallas Harger — one of the area's earliest settlers.

During the more than year-long controversy, residents have become progressively adamant in wanting the house removed or torn down. Residents made it clear in September that they do not want to give up any portion of their 30-acre commons area for the Harger House.

Residents also told city officials that they are opposed to the sale of the house to a private owner for restoration on site. The hill the Harger House sits on is considered by residents to be a prime portion of the commons area.

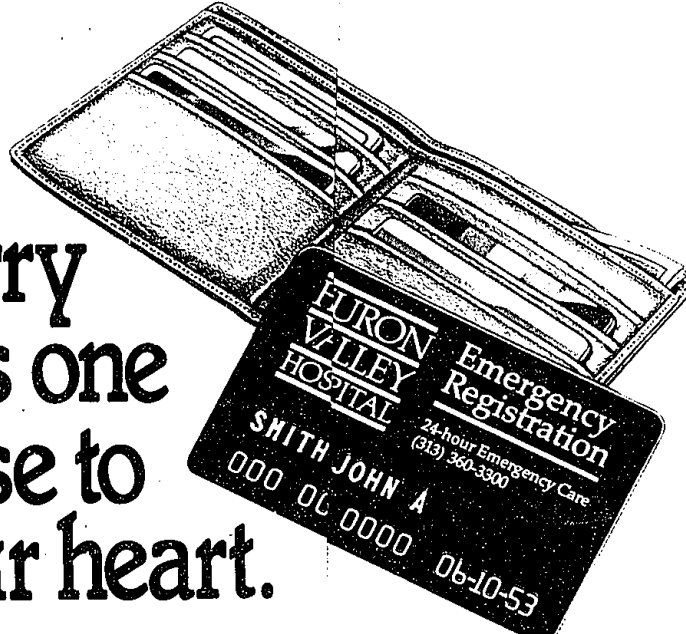
The recent offer to disassemble the house and move it follows one of two options — determining whether the house could be moved or finding a private owner who would be willing to move and restore it — that Costick said faced the city following the September meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS and historic district commissioners had expressed concern about the difficulty in moving the house without damaging it. City officials have also been uncertain about the costs of dismantling the house.

Councilman Donn Wolf announced Monday that one of the state's stone construction experts estimated the cost of disassembling the house stone by stone to be about \$80,000.

Though there has been some community support for moving the house to Heritage Park, west of Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile, the city's costs would be extremely high, Costick said.

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