

## Study goals outlined

# Group splits on hiring consultant

By JUDITH BERNE

No vote has been taken, but it appears there will be two recommendations to the state highway department on who should carry out an environmental impact study of the proposed Northwestern Highway extension.

At a joint meeting of the department's two Northwestern advisory committees Tuesday night, a majority of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) appeared to favor the two consultant approach. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) appeared to favor hiring one consultant.

At the same time, the two committees came close to consensus on the design the study will take.

"Essentially TAC has adopted most of the recommendations of the CAC," TAC Chairman William Wagoner, a City of Berkeley planner, said.

The original plan was presented by the technical committee in August and amended by the citizens group in November and December.

AT TUESDAY'S meeting, the TAC agreed to most of the amendments but held to leaving how issues would be identified up to the consultants.

"We didn't feel we should dictate to the consultant," Wagoner said.

"Consultants will be responding (to our inquiries) with methodologies. Why not have a range?" Gary

Krause, TAC representative from SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments), said.

George Snyder, from the citizens group, disagreed. "We were told (by the highway department) it was important to identify that technique, to have some handle these consultants can put a pencil to," Snyder represents Eastern Michigan Environmental Action Council on CAC.

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The first session will include advice on selecting and understanding business activity; choosing a legal form of business entity by evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of sole proprietorship or partnership, buying versus creating a business and examination of governmental attitudes.

Three local women business executives will give an over-the-shoulder view of pitfalls to avoid in starting a business and representatives of the Service Corps of Retired Executives of the Small Business Administration will explain the function and services of their group.

On Feb. 12, students will be offered advice on choosing a location, layout for the business, marketing aspects, methods of merchandising, and management problems.

The final session, slated for Feb. 26 will deal with financial controls, planning, and the need for such professional services as legal, insurance, banking, consulting, computer, CPA, and business associations.

In the final session students will brainstorm establishing a model business and the coordinator, Robert Ingram, will summarize the total aspect of women as small business owners.

Directed by Dr. Charlotte Neuhauer, business administration chairperson, this workshop will meet 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday, and is offered for two hours credit or non-credit. The course fee for those interested in credit is \$5 plus tuition and \$10 per day for non-credit, which includes lunch. Non-credit participants may choose to attend one, two, or three workshop dates.

Information on registration may be obtained by calling the Madonna College business administration department at 423-8000, ext. 45, prior to Jan. 23.

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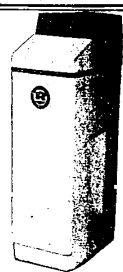
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