

Angry Homeowners Protest New Apartment Plans

BY WYLIE GERDES

FARMINGTON — The Farmington Township Planning Commission's attempt to anticipate the community's housing needs was strongly opposed at an informational meeting of home owners who said the plan would open the door to massive apartment developments in the township.

The vehicle of providing a "mixture of types of residential units" is an amendatory zoning ordinance allowing for Planned Residential Districts (PRD). The planning commis-

sion unanimously recommended the ordinance, which would give developers an option of building multi-family and single family dwellings in one subdivision. The township board apparently will make a decision at its next regular meeting, Sept. 22.

"We are not trying to create any change, but trying to anticipate the demands of the future," L. David Slader, secretary of the planning commission said near the end of the meeting after almost every aspect of the plan had been criticized or questioned by an overflow crowd Thursday evening.

STADER SAID the audience "was not the least bit out of line in saying the things you have," because the planning commission asked the same

questions in its year of study on the ordinance.

However, the high cost of housing is forcing the young and old to leave Farmington to

find living space, he commented. Slader said that he is not the least bit interested in promoting apartments, but the "people reasons" make him

believe that some type of housing less costly than single family dwellings must be available.

Stader's "people reasons" appeared to be the desire to maintain a stable community. Persons who have lived and been leaders in the community for years can't retire here because it's too expensive, he said.

Some of the speakers objected to the mixture proposed for the district. The PRD ordinance provides for at least one-third single family dwellings in a subdivision, but they suggested that at least half of the dwelling units in a district be single-family dwellings.

answered by saying the PRD idea, which is new to the Detroit area, must be attractive to developers.

Some developers, Nolan said, have commented they "can't live" with the PRD.

"There's no sense putting in an ordinance that's not going to be utilized," Nolan added.

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By EMILY ORR, GR 4-7499



HELPPERS - Division chairmen for the Oakland County residential campaign of the 1969 Torch Drive include (from left) Farmington residents Mrs. Richard G. Guertin and Mrs. William W. Bowman and Mrs. Bernard Roland Adams of Northville. The 21st annual United Foundation campaign to raise \$26.9 million begins Oct. 14 and continues through Nov. 6.

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local news
By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook, of Collingham, Farmington, welcomed the birth of a son, Paul Richard, born Aug. 11 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. His weight was seven pounds, four ounces. He is the first grandson on either side.

Mike Midragovic, of Spring Valley Drive, who recently returned from a Yukon hunting trip last Thursday with his wife for a hunting trip in the mountains of New Mexico. Enroute the Midragovic's stopped in Dallas to visit her brother and sister-in-law, who will accompany them on the trip to New Mexico.

ed from California with his niece and family after a three weeks vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cook Jr. of Grand River Ave., enjoyed a camping trip around Lake Superior. On leaving Farmington they drove across the Mackinac Bridge to the upper peninsula then on to Wisconsin, making the complete circle around Lake Superior. On their return home they spent some time at their cabin in Lupton, Mich.

Mrs. Cook is the former Nancy Phillips of Exeter, Ontario. Dick is a 1962 graduate of PHS and of Michigan State University in 1966. He was national collegiate wrestler and was one of the outstanding people who won the Citizens Award of Farmington. During his first year of teaching in Dearborn he won the Detroit News contest "Apple Award." Dick is currently teaching Social Studies at Farmington High and is also wrestling coach.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jazaki and family, formerly of Farmington, are residing in Union Lake, where they are making their home.

Mrs. Charles Fulhman, of 11 Mile Road and Mrs. Desmelik, of Wilmarth, visited relatives and friends in Angola, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansen and family of Wilmarth, have been enjoying their summer with two vacation trips. The first was a two week vacation at Sylvania, in the Ottawa National Forest, where they went on a Wilderness canoe trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hallock, former residents of Oxford St., Farmington, have moved to Florida. The Hallocks lived in Farmington Township more than 25 years. Their new home is

Mrs. Joyce Foster and son, Mark, of Violet St., visited relatives in Saginaw, among them an aunt from New York City.

Mrs. Rose Mnastan, of Detroit, spent Labor Day weekend with her aunt, Mrs. Alice Zaklan, and uncle, Sam Mekjian, of Wilmarth St. Sam just returned

After spending one week at home they drove to Alexandria, Va., where they visited Mrs. Hansen's sister, Mary Ellen, and family, then off on a sight-seeing tour of Washington, D.C.

Returning they drove to New York to visit another sister, Jackie and family in Westfield, N.Y.

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