

Housing plan stirs emotions

Hearing draws crowd

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the program, Farmington Hills has accepted HUD money for such programs as the Walden drain, loans and grants to rehabilitate homes, and park development.

In order to qualify for HUD funds, a city must be willing to provide some form of housing for low and moderate-income persons. This year the HUD regulations include housing for those "expected to reside" (ETR) in the city. The ETR classification includes persons who now work or might be expected to work in the community.

"WE'RE GOING to vote you out," one man shouted during the meeting, while others consistently interrupted Mayor Dolan.

Former Mayor Dudley received a standing ovation after her speech given before TV cameras present in the audience.

"We don't want the help with the strings attached," Mrs. Dudley argued, adding that residents might be willing to pay more taxes to avoid federal mandates.

In a telephone conversation with the Observer on Tuesday, Mrs. Dudley confirmed that she twice voted in

favor of the community development program during her term in office, which ended last December.

"I voted for community development in the past because at that time the council attitude was to take the money from the federal government and run without fulfilling the intent of the act," Mrs. Dudley said.

"I felt the only way to make this attitude—which in my opinion was unethical—known was to begin the process."

Councilwoman Joanne Smith says the council was well aware that accepted community development funds would lead to low-income housing proposals in past years.

Hills Housing and Building Authority member Ben Marks protested Mrs. Dudley's remarks in a Tuesday phone call to the Observer.

"I don't like people taking advantage of a situation because it's a hot issue," he said. "I would like an explanation on Mrs. Dudley's past voting record on the block grant program sponsored by the federal government."

OTHER residents protested the city's application, which they alleged targeted the southeast section of the

city for low and moderate-income housing. Massie Kurzeja, member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Citizen Participation, asked the council to amend the application to include the entire city. Councilwoman Catherine Jones asked the administration to look into the matter of amending the application.

In response to the angry overtones of the meeting, Councilman Joe Alkateh pleaded with the crowd to work with the council to resolve the city's problems.

"We're not going to shut the door and say we don't want it without an attempt to find a reasonable solution," Alkateh continued.

A minority of audience members spoke in favor of pursuing the program, including Mary Lazaratos, president of the Farmington-West Bloomfield Area League of Women Voters; resident Aldo Valenzia; and John Reynolds of Oxford.

"We have an obligation to help our senior citizens or minorities live the way they would like to live," Reynolds said.

Others asked the council to reject sites in "already crowded" areas of the southeast section.

Group to study school closings in Farmington

At least two more elementary schools will be closed in the Farmington School District during the next three years.

That's the word from school administrators based on a school task force report which foresees a loss of 681 elementary school students in 1980-81 year.

With the phasing in of the sixth grade classes into a middle school system in 1980-81, elementary schools will suffer an additional enrollment loss of 1,099 students, according to Supt. Lewis Schulman.

Totally, Schulman anticipates seeing 1,780 fewer students in Farmington elementary schools in three years—a 10 per cent decrease.

The predicted decrease in the elementary population prompts administrators to recommend closing an elementary school in 1979 and another by 1980, according to Schulman.

The task of deciding which buildings will be closed will go to an expanded version of an already existing committee studying school boundaries led by Asst. Supt. Larry Freedman.

TWO RESIDENTS and a teacher will enlarge the membership of the committee and report their final recommendations in May, 1979.

A preliminary report on the group's findings is scheduled for January.

While the school district's overall enrollment is declining, the number of youngsters attending classes on the west side is increasing. The committee will study existing school property on that side of the district and make recommendations on accommodating that increase, according to Schulman.

Administrators anticipate an understanding, if somewhat reluctant public for their findings.

"We have talked to the community so they know this is not the last school to be closed but one of a series," said Schulman.

"In the past we have received if not enthusiastic response, at least understanding," he said.

"In no way do we want to generate undue apprehension," he said.

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Tue.	9:30 a.m.	9/12	GRANT SCOTT MEN'S individuals or teams
Wed.	7:30 p.m.	9/15	MEN'S 100
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	9/15	LADIES CLASSIC-135 average and lower
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	9/15	WEDNESDAY MIXERS-2 couples or 4 men
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	9/17	LADIES Non-Smoking
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