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Housing plan draws wrath

By MARY GNIEWEK
A group of Farmington Hills residents plan to launch a petition referendum drive tomorrow night to fight the proposed senior citizen — low to moderate income family housing development sponsored by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).
The group, which calls itself "Citizens for More Responsible Government," will hold a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile.
According to organizer Julieann Hovanian, petitions will be given to all interested participants at the meeting. The group believes it can overturn a zoning ordinance which paves the way for the 264-unit development if it can obtain 3,000 signatures within 45 days of enactment of the ordinance.
The site at Freedom and Drake roads, which would include both senior citizen and family housing, was rezoned from single family residential use to apartment use Aug. 13. City council is presently awaiting further news from MSHDA on the status of the proposal. As its sponsor, MSHDA sets the timing and criteria for the housing development.

can't control it with state or federal guidelines," he said.
"We're going to have to listen to the people in Lansing and Washington, not the people who live here. Livonia provided its own housing for the elderly. We're as affluent. We can do it, too."
"Citizens for More Responsible Government" spent the past week distributing fliers to residents of Farmington Hills to muster support and attendance for tomorrow's meeting.

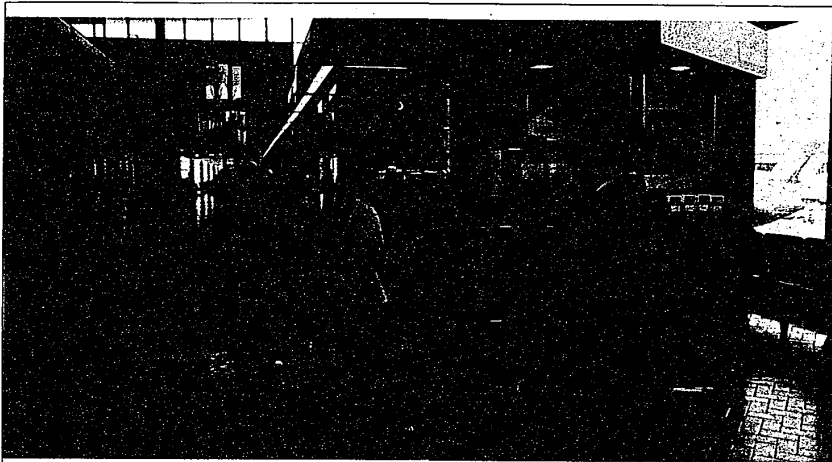
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Earl Oppert, an attorney, said the group's legal position "is out in left field."
"Their name is a poor selection. They should call themselves 'Citizens for Irresponsible Government'" he chided.
"By court decision, the zoning ordinance is not subject to referendum," City Clerk Floyd Cairns agreed.
"It is the opinion of our city attorney and the opinion of the attorney general under the home rule act, they can't referend a change zoning."
Cairns said a referendum attempt to overturn a zoning ordinance on a different matter a year ago was unsuccessful.

"Citizens for More Responsible Government" was organized by action of the Freedom, Beechwood and Gill Homeowners Association to oppose the MSHDA sponsored development.

High school's sex ed program due for revisions

An advisory committee of parents, clergy, educators and health professionals will be organized in January to study revision of the high school sex education program in Farmington public schools to include family planning.
"There has been a family life education program since 1971 in Farmington. It has had community support," said Lawrence Freedman, assistant superintendent of instruction.
"In keeping with the changes in society and the adoption of state guidelines, we recommend implementation of course units in family planning in September 1980."
Freedman said the intent is to prepare a program with community input, evaluation and comment before such a program would be considered by the board of education for adoption or rejection.

The board last week unanimously approved the decision to proceed with plans for an advisory committee to be appointed next January.
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Joanna O'Brien (left) and Rosemary Garrison are among the many visitors to Detroit Metropolitan Airport who stop and notice the display of photographs of the Plante Co. The firm will do similar framing for winners in the current Observer & Eccentric color photo contest. (Staff photo by Art Emanuel)

Photo winners to get frame-up

A new incentive has been added as entries pile up in the Observer & Eccentric second annual color photo contest.

The six winners — three in Oakland County and three in Wayne County — all will receive framed enlargements of their photos from The Plante Co., an area firm known through its displays prominent in Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The firm offered the award to each winner, with the first prize in each county to be a 16-by-24 inch enlargement in a 24-by-32 inch frame.
This is in addition to the gift certificates that will be presented by World Camera, with stores in Livonia, Birmingham, Avon Township and Renaissance

Center. The certificates will be in amounts of \$100 for the two first-place winners, \$75 for second place and \$40 for third place. Winning photos also will be published in this newspaper.

Three weeks remain to submit entries for the contest, which has as its theme photos of children in recognition of the International Year of the Child. To be eligible, entries must be received by Sept. 17 at Observer & Eccentric offices at 1225 Bowers, Birmingham, or 461 S. Main, Plymouth.

Only color slides will be accepted, and pictures must have been taken during the past year. Amateur photographers of all ages are eligible. Others

rules of the competition and entry blanks are published on the back page of this section in today's paper.

The Plante Co. markets the work of William Plante, who travels around the world taking pictures that emphasize natural beauty and stark reality.

Like the Plante photos as framed for sale, the winners in the O & E contest will be double matted, framed, glassed and ready for hanging.
The firm, in addition to its familiar displays in the airport, has an outlet in the Great Oaks Mall, Rochester.

Teacher contract extension rejected

Talks reach 'gut-level' issues

By MARY GNIEWEK
Negotiations are scheduled to resume this morning between school administrators and representatives of the Farmington Education Association (FEA). Both sides said they hope to settle a new contract before school opens next week.
The district's 770 teachers have been without a contract since Saturday, Aug. 25. The FEA bargaining team rejected an offer last Thursday to extend the old two-year pact.
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from \$11,016 to \$19,783 for teachers with bachelor's degrees and \$12,163 to \$23,006 for instructors with master's degrees.
• Improved dental, long-term disability and life insurance, and the addition of an optical plan.
• An early retirement incentive plan. It would allow, for example, a 55-year-old teacher to retire after 30 years service without giving up benefits.

THE FEA HAS also requested that maximum weighted class size not exceed 28 in kindergarten to third grade; 29 in fourth to sixth grade; and 25 in split grade classes. Present maximums are 32 students in K-3 and 33 in 4 to 6.

In the weighted system, normal achievers count as one, but students with physical handicaps count as 2.5 or 3 students.

The teachers also want a five-day period at the junior high level and next year at the middle school level. Senior highs now have five period days, and Junior highs, six period days.

Classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 5.
"I see no reason not to have a contract by then," said Zan Alley, liaison with the Michigan Education Association (MEA) and a member of the bargaining team.

"I find the extension offer disturbing at this time. Before we've had discussion on gut level issues, they just throw up their hands."

Bob Coleman, chief negotiator for the administration, said there was no ulterior motive behind the offer of contract extension.

"We offered it so that teachers don't have to return to work without a contract. We'd like to see school start on time."

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Coleman said he expected hard bargaining this week.
"It's a rather extensive package. There will be some difficult negotiations to work out. We can't agree to their initial proposal."

"WE HAVE ALWAYS been where we should be regarding ability to pay. I hope we can maintain that," he said.
Coleman is director of personnel and employee relations. Other negotiators for the administration are school principals Don Keen, Dick Close and Dan Cowan.

For the FEA, four teachers, Chrzanowski, Richard Corp, Sue Huan and Jim Miner, and MEA Uniserv Director Ms. Alley compose the bargaining team.
Both sides have met 16 times since May. Tentative agreement has been reached on nine items. They are association rights and responsibilities; teacher rights and responsibilities; teacher protection; teacher employment and assignment; vacancies promotions and transfers; reduction of personnel; school calendar; retirement policy; negotiation procedure; and 1979-80 school calendar.

The FEA will hold a general membership meeting update on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Oakland Community College. Also a tentative meeting is slated Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The only strike in Farmington history occurred in 1973. It lasted two weeks.



Making the cut

Jim Schmiede removes the barbed wire from atop the fence that surrounds the athletic field at North Farmington High School. It's all part of the clean-up, paint-up and fix-up duties being performed by the

maintenance people before the Farmington public schools open on Sept. 5. See additional photos and a story on Page 3 of this section.

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Recognition — or lack of it — keeps Garry Marin from a more successful boxing career: The 20-year-old Farmington featherweight has lost twice in the past two years at the Ohio State Fair tournament. Both times he thought he won by a wide margin. For his story, turn to Page 7 in Section B.