

Proposed city marker put on hold by council

Cost estimates have made uncertain the future of a proposed historical district map marker that would identify the oldest part of Farmington and be displayed downtown.

The Farmington City Council was set to approve funds for the lavish marker, which would be installed on the south side of Grand River west of Oakland, on Monday.

But a member of the Farmington Historical Commission, supporter of the project, protested the \$2,050 price tag.

That price includes materials — a brick walkway and planters — and labor, which will be provided by the department of public works.

"I was thinking of a few bricks and some petunias. I don't think we want to be quite this grandiose with the public's money," said commission member Nancy Leonard.

The city agreed to foot the bill from its contingency fund, since the historical commission's \$1,200 fund for landmark registration falls far short of that.

"Two thousand dollars for the extra stuff is ridiculous," said Mrs. Leonard. "I think the commission should be aware of the extra money."

"I just don't think you should spend \$2,000 for this," she told the council.

City Manager Bob Deadman attributed most of the cost to an expensive walkway that would be constructed at the site so that the marker could be viewed by passersby.

City council decided to wait for a recommendation from the historical commission before proceeding with plans.

Deadman said the marker probably wouldn't be constructed until next year anyway because of the DPW's busy schedule this summer.



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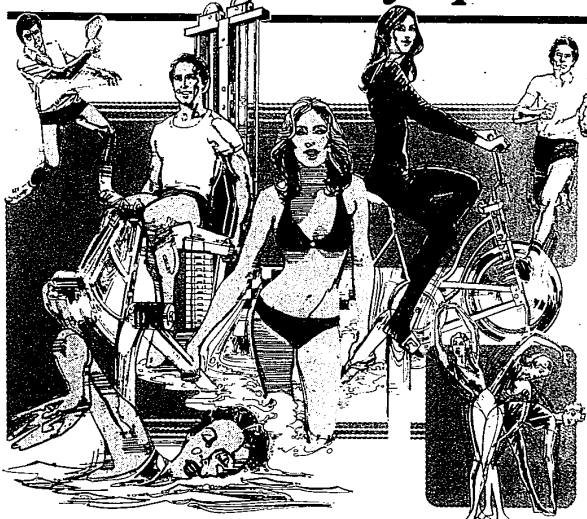


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