

Drive-in's screen pulled down



Samuel Walker experienced mixed emotions when the screen dropped — excitement for his company's new venture, but nostalgia at the passing of another drive-in.

It was the end of one era... and the beginning of another.

The screen at the Troy Drive-In was knocked down Monday at high noon — the first step in the actual construction of a research park containing offices, a hotel and a restaurant on the site.

Samuel Walker III, president of the Anthony S. Brown Development Co. based in Birmingham, watched as the giant screen fell to the ground moments after cables and supports were cut.

What went through his mind? "Just a tremendous excitement about the beginning of a new venture that's going to be exciting for Troy," Walker said. "On the other hand, nostalgia, the end of an era when drive-ins were in their heyday."

The screen, a white-painted surface on steel, was to be hauled away and sold for scrap. Ditts for the speaker posts. The individual speakers were sold to another theater company.

THE MARQUEE will remain in place for a while advertising for prospective tenants.

Wayne Wright, a member of the city plan commission who met his wife, Rhea while both worked at the drive-in, stopped by to take a few final pictures and reminisce.

The Troy Drive-In opened in 1955 and closed after this summer season.

"Right now, we're working on engineering plans for sewer and water systems," Walker said. "We hope to start work in spring."

All necessary site plans, rezonings and liquor license applications have received local approval, Walker said. All that remains is to take out building permits and get to work.

Ultimate plans for the 32-acre site near Maple and I-75 call for five office buildings with an aggregate floor space of 346,000 square feet, a 160-room Marriott hotel with restaurant, and a separate 300-seat Stuart Anderson Canteen restaurant.

Girl Scouts receive their own U.S. flag

Members of Girl Scout Troop 163, who are sponsored by Nardin Park United Methodist Church, are now owners of their own American flag, which was flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. Senator Donald Riegle (D-Mich).

The gift came from Quakertown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which has given many flags to many Farmington area groups since its organization in 1971. The gift was presented by Quakertown's flag chairman, Mrs. Charles Long, and accepted by troop members Jennifer Jacobs, Jennifer Fitzgerald and Amy Solomon.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 1984**

Mayor Williams opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on December 10, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Alkatch, Dolan, Dunley, Marks, Soronen, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Catras and City Attorney Bilbau.

Minutes of November 19 and November 26, 1984 were approved as amended.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Gehring Machine Project at 24800 Drake Road for Economic Development Corporation.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Halsted Associates Project on west side of Halsted Road and North of Grand River for Economic Development Corporation.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Northwestern Enterprises Limited Partnership Project at 50555 and 30445 Northwestern Highway for Economic Development Corporation.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Royce Venture II project at northwest corner of Halsted and Hills Tech Drive for Economic Development Corporation.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Slavik/Sloan Investors Project at 35055 West Twelve Mile Road for Economic Development Corporation.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Plan for Vini Property Trust Project (Rios Project) located at Northwestern Highway between Middlebelt and Thirteen Mile Road for Economic Development Corporation.

Hallwood Court located in Section 19 was accepted into the city's street system.

It was determined to hold a Special City Council meeting on Thursday, January 3, 1985 for Awards Night and discussion of Capital Improvement Program.

Council appointed Joan Reynolds, City Clerk, effective January 1, 1985.

Public Hearing date of December 17, 1984 was set for vacation of portion of drain easement over Lot 137 of Farmington Hills Hunt Club Subdivision No. 2, Section 20. Jan Dolan was elected Mayor for 1985.

Robert Clarke was appointed a member of Economic Development Corporation.

Council determined to proceed with formal application designating Metroview and Green Hill Road as major roads of the city.

Council adopted formal policy on Equal Employment Opportunity and Sexual Harassment.

Council approved participation in Oakland County Road Commission 1985 Tri-Party construction program.

Council authorized purchase orders to Dick Morris Chevrolet for nine Public Safety automobiles, Jack Canley Chevrolet for 1 Public Safety automobile and Packer Pontiac for five Public Safety automobiles for a total of \$135,818.10.

Council approved purchase order to Halt Fire, Inc. for a new Rescue/Mid-Size Pumper Truck costing \$104,287.

It was determined to hold an executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss current litigation.

An informational meeting to be held jointly with Planning Commission, Sisters of Mercy and residents of the area will be scheduled for either January 23 or 29, 1985. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

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