

Obstacles hinder Mercy plans for elderly

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The sisters, in conjunction with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and Mount Carmel Hospital in Detroit, have been working for several years to develop a "continuum of services" for the elderly on the Mercy property.

The Sisters of Mercy want to put up 120 one-bedroom apartments and build a 120-bed skilled nursing home, Perlmutter said. Both proposed facilities would connect with the Mercy Conference Center, she said.

The proposed apartments would be available at a market price and for senior citizens, 62 years of age and older, who are able to take care of themselves.

As far as the proposed nursing home,

the Sisters of Mercy do not yet have a certificate of need from the state Department of Health allowing them to go ahead with their plans, Perlmutter said.

THE PROPOSED single-family homes would be located in the northwest corner of the Mercy property.

"This would be independent housing and sold in a co-op setting," Perlmutter said. "The specific provisions of this haven't been worked out yet."

The single-family homes would be designed for married elderly who still want to live in a house, but want to be close to other senior citizen facilities "just in case," Perlmutter said.

While Mercy officials are working with a consultant on the traffic issue,

Perlmutter said she doesn't believe that much more traffic will be generated from the proposed facilities.

Even though many elderly residents would have their own cars, most don't do a lot of driving. The amount of traffic generated would not be as great as if a subdivision went up on the property, she said.

Other plans are also in the works to help overcome the area's sanitary and storm sewer problems.

TOGETHER WITH Mercy officials, city engineers have been trying to come up with some solutions to avoid overloading the sanitary and storm sewers which would affect the Lincolnshire subdivision if Mercy is expanded.

A couple of alternatives have been suggested. The first is reconstructing Mercy Center's decorative ponds into retention ponds to collect run off water from the complex and prevent it from flowing across the street into Lincolnshire.

A suggested solution for sanitary sewage problems includes directing all sewage from the Mercy property to a main interceptor on Middlebelt Road instead of through the line across 11 Mile.

But Lincolnshire residents want a better solution than that for the sanitary sewage problems. Residents claim that even though sewage would be sent in another direction, it would still impact Lincolnshire because the tie-in line is at 11 Mile.

"Lincolnshire residents say that would still impact them negatively," said City Manager William Costick. "Their preference appears to be no further development until the sewer problem is solved."

What could be done, Costick said, is to construct another main sewage line north of I-696 which would then flow down Inkster Road to Southfield.

But in order to build, other improvements have to be made in Southfield, Costick said.

ALTHOUGH the sewage would be flowing into another city it would be part of the Farmington-Evergreen district which Farmington, Southfield and Farmington Hills have been working on for years.

Because these kind of sewer improvements are very expensive, Costick said, the city has applied for federal help in construction. In 1984, Farmington Hills did not rate on the federal government's priority list, he said.

"We're repaying for these funds," Costick said.

On the zoning front, work has been going on for some time to find a way in which the Sisters of Mercy could build what they want without having to divide the property into several zoning districts.

Because the sisters are proposing to build facilities which bring together a wide range of services and housing possibilities, a new zoning district is needed, Rowe said.

"They came up with one all-encompassing district," he said.

The proposed new zone, SP-5 — centers for the living needs of the elderly — will be discussed at a public hearing in April, with final city council approval set for May, Rowe said.

"We've finally reached a point where the SP-5 is workable and palatable to the city," Rowe said. "It's an acceptable form to discuss."



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Residents in Lincolnshire subdivision on 11 Mile are opposed to further expansion on the Mercy Conference Center property until their flooding problems are solved.

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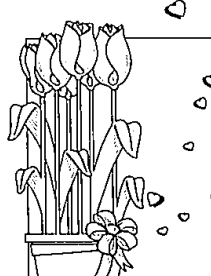
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Statement of Resources and Liabilities	
ASSETS	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,500
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,500
Interest-bearing balances	1,500
Securities	1,500
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IFBs	1,500
Loans and lease financing receivables	1,500
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	1,500
LESS Allowance for loan and lease losses	250
LESS Allowance for transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	1,500
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	270
Other real estate owned	167
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	167
Total assets	36,189
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	11,858
In domestic offices	
Noninterest-bearing	9,231
Interest-bearing	24,627
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IFBs	
Noninterest-bearing	0
Interest-bearing	0
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IFBs	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	250
Other liabilities	168
Total liabilities	36,276
Limited-life preferred stock	0
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	0
Common stock	527
Surplus	655
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