Plans continue for downtown Farmington

A "quality, medium-sized urban inn" for downtown Farmington was reviewed and "received taverably" by members of the Downtown Farmington Development Committee (DFDC) Wednesday, according to Robert Schultz, Farmington's representative on the DFDC steering committee. It 3-member committee will meet Wednesday to determine boundaries

and a statement of purpose for a Down-town Development Authority (DDA). The committee is preparing a DDA or-dinance for presentation to the city council. The committee will meet in Farmington City Hait, 23500 Liberty. Time of the meeting had not yet been announced.

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The urban inn concept was suggested as a "major downtown attractor" by consultant Nick Nicholas and architect Christopher Wzacny, who were retained by the city of Farmington to

advise the group on comment.

Ideas previously discussed at the steering committee level were reviewed by 25 DFDC members at the meeting. The group has a wide range of members interested in downtown Farmington.

NO MENTION was made at the meeting of specifically where a 120-room lun or hotel would be located downtown. Schultz said plans could put

it "aimost anyplace. It would have to be built where something aircady exists." The consultants are viewing two or three likely areas, he said.
In viewing the "major downtown attractor" concept, consultants suggested the group consider "all of the things consumers do, evolve a downtown to have been also as the same that th

a pleasant environment.

• create a uniqueness to attract and
sustain quality business and customers;

• maintain a "small-town, community atmosphere."

One of the special areas for downtown Farmington is the division of a
city by the main artery of Grand River.
DFDC viewed a plan used in Richmond, Va., showing "one way to handle

The DFDC is studying successful plans around the state and country to determine if any ideas are workable for Farmington.

Consultants will present a formal re-

Race discrimination basis of suit

By Casey Hans staff writer

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Charges alleging race and nationality discrimination were filed Nov. 5 by the Michigan Attorney General's office against Mr. Laff's Nightchibu in Farmington Hills, according to information from that office.

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The action folicion against the nightchib by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR), a division of the attorney general's office.

A two-day public hearing on the alleged employing public admissions policy of the control of the contro

'There was sufficient evidence...to bring charges.'

Department of Civil Rights

resentative James Horn.
Livonia resident Christine Ferriter filled the complaint, alleging she and a black companion were denied admission to Mr. Laff's because of race on Dec. 10, 1983. Ferriter is white.
The second complaint involved Toylor resident Ellas Kazoleh and Dearborn resident Samir Mashni, both of Arab descent, who alleged they were

NO OTHER complaints against Mr. Laff's have ever been filed with the MDCR, Horn confirmed. Management at Mr. Laff's could not be reached for comment regarding the charges.

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MDCR field representatives initially investigated the complaints through fact-linding sessions with the involved parties. A conciliation must of the MDCR also investigated both complaints, but were unable to mediate them. "There was sufficient evidence of unlawful discrimination after the investigation to bring charges," Horn sald.

A civil rights commission referee, usually an attorney, will arbitrate the case at the February hearing. The commission is an eight-member panel appointed by the governor to act as final arbitrator in discrimination matters, according to Horn. The commission has the authority to order "cease and desist" action, impose fines and penalties or dismiss a case for insufficient evidence.

Either party has 30 days from the commission decision date to file an appeal in the state Court of Appeals. Horn raid, If charges are upheld, Horn expects the commission to "order formal letters of apology and payment of damages for emotional and mental distress."

obituaries

EARL G. (CORKY) HALL

Mr. Hall, 58, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly Farmington, died Nov. 11 in Veter-'s Hospital, Arizona.

an's Hospital, Arizona.
Mr. Hall was a roofer.
Survivors include his wife, Maryann;
sons, Earl, Terry and David, daughters,
Marylo Dominiak and Lori Conder, one
slater; five grandchildren.
Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, under the direction of the American Legion Post 346 with Chaplain Jay Far"all afficialting. gion Post 346 v rell officiating.

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MARGARET M. KEGLEY

Mrs. Kegley, 87, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 6 in Botsford Hospital, Farm-ington Hills.

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Mrs. Kegley was self-employed.

Survivors include many nieces and

Survivors include many more am-nephews.
Services were at the Heney-Sund-quist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Dr. James E. Tuttle officiating, Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Manistique. Memorials may be made to the Ameri-can Cancer Society.

GENEVIEVE E. VILLEMONTE

Mrs. VilleMonte, 72, of Farmington died Nov. 6 in Hospice of Southeastern

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Mrs. VilleMonts was a homemaker.
Survivors include her sons. Faul and Robert: brother, Robert O'Dell; sister, Madellene Loftus; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass was selebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Arthur Jacobl officiating, Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

RAYMOND (RAY) B. GRANT

Mr. Grant 80, of Plymouth Township ed Nov. 9 in University Hospital, Ann

died Nov. 9 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Born in Arkansas, Mr. Grant was a salesman for the automotive industry. Survivors include his wife, Louise, son, William, daughtors, Gindy Coppes, Suranne Mulien and Sharon Pilat, nine grandchildren.

Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George Stillman officiating. Inurament was in Acacia Park Cemetry, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the Northwestern American Bapitat Church, 19421 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075.

HAZEL D. FLENNER

Mrs. Flenner, 89, of Brighton, for-merly of Farmington, died Nov. 12 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. Born in Canada, Mrs. Flenner was a

homemaker.
Survivors include her sister, Dorothy
Orr, a brother, William Duffy; several
nicces and nephews.
Services were Nov. 13 at Grand
Lawn Cemetery, Livonla, with the Rev.
Alfred Gould of Ward Presbyterian

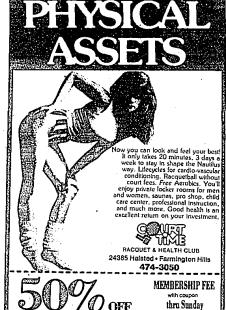
Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the church.

CATHERINE SECUNDA

Mrs. Secunda, 87, of Detroit died Nov. 13 in Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

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Born in Russia, Mrs. Secunda was a homemaker. Survivors include her sons, Kenneth and Holland; four grandelidren and two great-grandehidren. Cremation was in Evergreen Ceme-tery, Detroit. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



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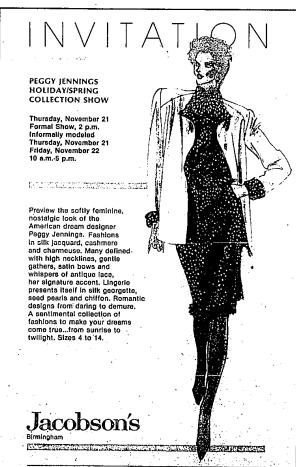


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