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AT LEFT: The Bond Office Building at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills was a former Farmington Public Schools building before it fell into derelict and was closed. Allstate is the building's major tenant.

# Buildings stand out

## Hills turns spotlight on beautification efforts

The Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, reactivated last fall, has been busy considering ways to promote the concept of beautification throughout the city.

Realizing that the commercial and office buildings that line the city's main streets set the mood for the city's image, the commission has decided to give public recognition to owners of those buildings who have made outstanding and significant improvements to their property.

Because their improvements enhance the overall appearance and image of Farmington Hills, the commission feels they deserve special attention for their efforts.

The commission will be inducted and honored by the commission. For its first "spotlighting," the commission considered buildings that have been restored or renovated in Farmington Hills. Attention was drawn to the following selected buildings:

- The Bond Office Building at 31500 13 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road.
- The Finsilver Office Building at 29905 Middlebelt, south of Northwestern Highway.
- Solar Inc, the historical Pettibone House at 36400 12 Mile, west of Drake.
- Tamara Skin Care at 32400 Northwestern Highway, south of 14 Mile.
- Pennell Oil Change at 31260 Northwestern Highway at Middlebelt.

The commission would like to congratulate the owners of these properties who have beautifully adapted their buildings into picturesque, eye-catching structures, and have helped develop and maintain the first-class image of Farmington Hills," the commissioners said in a press release.

TENTATIVE PLANS have been made for an annual awards night, where these business owners, recognized throughout the year, will be invited.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 1985

Mayor Dolan opened the public hearing and regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on December 16, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Dudley, Marks, Sevr, Soriano, and Wolf. Members absent: None. Others present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Reynolds, City Attorney Bibeau and Planning Consultant Coates.

Minutes of November 25, 1985 and December 9, 1985 were approved as presented. Consideration of approving Project Plan and Bonds for Michael & Marion Hitch (EDC Resolution No. 4) was withdrawn at the request of the proponent.

Council Introduced Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 95-9-85, to rezone Lots 20 thru 24 and 29 thru 43 of Farmington Heights Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 2 from RA-4 to OS-1.

Council denied Introduction of Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request 38-9-85, to rezone land on the north side of Twelve Mile, east of Middlebelt in the SW ¼ of Section 12 from RA-1A to OS-1.

Council Introduced Zoning Map Amendment, Zoning Request PC 42-10-85, to rezone land west of Middlebelt, south of Grand River, in the SE ¼ of Section 35, from B-3 to RC-2.

PRD Plan 1-1985 was approved for cluster and multiple on 71.810 acres on south side of Nine Mile, between Gill and Green Hill Commons Subdivision.

Vacation of easement was approved in Grand River Crest No. 2 Subdivision in Section 36.

Consideration of vacation of portions of Collax Road and Metroview Road in Supervisor's Sub. No. 8 in Section 32 was adjourned to a date uncertain at the request of the proponent.

Council approved City Attorney's contract with Brennan, Bibeau & Poehlman, effective January 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

Council awarded bid for Special Assessment Bonds Series 1985 to Manufacturer's National Bank of Detroit at the rate of 7.74%.

Council appointed Mutual Bank of Detroit as paying agent regarding \$305,000 City of Farmington Hills Public Improvement Special Assessment (LTCO) Bonds, Series 1985.

Preliminary draft of Twelve Mile Road Master Traffic Plan was approved.

Council established Tax Increment Finance District and the Economic Development Corporation as the Authority.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order for Stop Signs at the Intersection of Independence and Waldron in Section 36.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order for Stop Signs at the Intersection of Chapelwigh at Kilreigh and Chapelwigh at Leestock in Section 24.

City Manager was authorized to issue a purchase order to the Detroit Armor Corporation for the procurement of a firing range system for the new Police Building for a total cost not to exceed \$55,700.

Council directed City Attorney to contact radio station WMUZ with a request to cease and retract any remarks that Farmington Hills water is unsafe.

Jihad Alkateeb was elected Mayor for 1986 and Ben Marks was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor  
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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