

# Lighting

## DDA picks lamppost design

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A "bishop's crook" lamppost with Victorian-style lighting globe will form the look for Farmington's new downtown pedestrian lighting, the city's Downtown Development Authority board decided Tuesday.

The DDA's beautification committee will provide a detailed, three-part plan for lighting and streetscape, and will recommend financing alternatives for the light installation and maintenance at the authority's next meeting on Tuesday, July 1.

The committee unanimously recommended the style brought before the full DDA board by committee chairman Richard Donner Jr.

"We're not ready to indicate certain details," Donner said, such as the height of poles and whether the globes should be clear or frosted. "We want something unique — something that hasn't been seen all over southeast Michigan."

The "bishop's crook" style "gives a soft affect with the curve," Donner added. "It gives a 'walkway' kind of a feeling."

DDA MEMBER Larry Lencher asked that a prototype of the light fixture be put up and viewed in

downtown Farmington before a decision is made.

DDA chairman Harry Wingerter called for firm, finalized plans for Phase 1 of the project within a month. It is expected the lighting could be delivered in 6-8 weeks, once ordered.

Phase 1 of the project would place 23 lampposts on both sides of Grand River from Warner to just west of Farmington Road. As part of the project, dead trees, missing tree guards and chipped brickwork would be replaced, DDA board members said.

ALTHOUGH MONEY from the federally funded Community Development Block Grant program was set aside for downtown development use, Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman warned the board that maintaining lighting and streetscape projects would be expensive.

He suggested they consider the use of the 2 mill levy in the DDA district to finance the maintenance. "This could be an on-going resource for part, if not all, of the maintenance," he said. "Even a small TIFA (tax increment financing authority) couldn't take care of the maintenance."

By law, the DDA can levy up to two mills within the development

district for financing. A TIFA is another alternative — though currently controversial — financing method of capturing increases in assessed valuation in the district. Most DDAs have avoided the taxation issue, Deadman added.

The DDA board and committee members will ask local developers and business owners to utilize their chosen lighting style as much as possible, including the use of the same lighting globes — on the same curved posts or in other areas. "The fixture could be mounted on a post or a building wall," Donner added.

"I would suggest the phases be put together," Deadman told the board. He suggested they meet with the city consultant and "lighten up the total scope of lighting project."

Preliminary estimates of \$2,000 per lightpost/fixture and \$5,000 for related streetscape improvements, totaling more than \$50,000, were given. The poles would be placed 55 feet apart, with each separated by two trees.

The intent of the pedestrian lighting is to complement existing street lighting. Updating pedestrian lighting is a key renovations noted in "Farmington Futures Program," a 64-page report derived from a 10-month downtown Farmington study done by consultants Nick Nicholas and Christopher Wazany.

# Drinking

## Chlorination level increased

Farmington Hills residents who notice their drinking water smells of chlorine should not be alarmed, said Thomas Blasch, director of public services.

The amount of chlorine in water supplied by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's Lake Huron plant was doubled at the order of the Michigan Public Health Department May 24. All water supplied by Detroit, regardless of the source, is chlorinated.

The state health department ordered increased chlorination after Hint — one of the major cities receiving water from Detroit's Lake Huron plant — reported high levels of coliform bacteria in water samples, Blasch said. Chlorine destroys the bacteria, he said.

"We get some of our water from the Port Huron plant," Blasch said. But no sign of coliforms showed in the 10 water samples taken in Farmington Hills, he said.

STATE HEALTH department officials have been unable to isolate the coliform problem but are continuing to investigate, Blasch said.

Farmington officials said they are uncertain whether the amount of chlorine in their city's water has been increased. Farmington receives water from both the Lake Huron plant and the Detroit plant. Water supplied from Lake Huron serves the city's western portion. City Manager Robert Deadman said.

"I understand that the Oakland County Department of Public Works has received some complaints about

chlorine taste. But I have not personally received any complaints," Deadman said.

State health department officials haven't notified the city about any problems with the water supply or additional chlorination, said Earl Billing, Farmington director of public services.

"We have not had to take additional tests," Billing said, adding that Farmington water is sampled once a month.

## Forum theme — golf

Golf, anyone?

Randy Erskine, head golf professional at Washtenaw Country Club, Ann Arbor, will be guest speaker at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce general membership luncheon Thursday, June 19, at C.J.'s Be My Guest, 29505 Nine Mile, Farmington Hills.

Erskine is the only golfer to win all major Michigan amateur and professional events and the only five-time winner of the Michigan Open. He was the Western PGA Champion in 1983 and 1985.

Tickets for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon are \$10 per person. Call the chamber for reservations, 474-3440.

Erskine was a U.S. Open qualifier in the 1985 tournament at Oakland Hills Country Club in Birmingham. Many will remember stories of his frustrating attempt to get to the tournament, through rain and heavy traffic, when he heard that he was a qualifier.

In his presentation, Erskine will tell amusing tales about the PGA Tour and give helpful hints for a better golf game.



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