

Master plan will be changed

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last master plan review more than six years ago. The plan also will reflect zoning changes prompted by court decisions and consent judgments. This facet includes 110 changes.

The second facet covers what planning commissioners call "real changes." The 22 proposed changes would be shown on the revised master plan, but don't represent existing zoning or uses. The changes are on parcels affected by development that has occurred in the city.

"On the positive side, it lets people who own land know what we're doing," Arnold said. "It's a positive impact for people purchasing adjoining property by knowing what's going to be next door."

REZONINGS to conform with the proposed changes in the master plan would take place when property owners request rezoning, city planner Murray said.

Letters were mailed to owners of the property targeted for master plan changes. "The planning commission believes the proposed

changes will serve to promote better development throughout the city consistent with the desires of the community as a whole," according to the letter from planning chairman John Traflet.

After master plan changes are adopted, planning commissioners, as the result of the master plan review, will continue studying some possible ordinance revisions, rezoning and what they call special studies. These issues, however, are not part of the March public hearing.

INCLUDED IN ordinance revisions is a proposal to lower density in the cluster options along Orchard Lake Road, south of 11 Mile. Modifications in industrial research-office areas to address buffering areas near residential districts will be studied.

Planning commissioners also will look at some rezonings to prevent development inconsistent with the master plan.

Areas such as south of I-696 between Farmington Road and Drake also are targeted for special study to ensure continued residential development, for example.

Adult Scout leader teaches leadership

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organization do you know that brings together girls from West Bloomfield and the Cass Corridor?"

Get Out of the Way." What that means is that the leaders keep doing less and less," she said.

ONE HUNDRED adults serve as volunteer Girl Scout leaders in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Most came into the organization as Bricker did, by coercion from a daughter.

BRICKER TOLD a story about a troop-planned spaghetti dinner. The person responsible for bringing the pasta forgot. The troop ate spaghetti sauce for dinner. The leader did not run to the store. The leader did not make a mention of the incident.

"The leader's only responsibility here was to make sure the mishap didn't cause anything that was unsafe to the troop," she said.

"As a group, we all had the same failing. We couldn't deal with saying no to a 6-year-old who wanted to be a Brownie, but the troop couldn't get under way without a leader," Bricker said.

Similarly, as a group, "We all left our training sessions with a new excitement and enthusiasm. I've seen it happen over and over," she said.

Bricker is mother to Sarah, 10, and Aaron, 5, who has attended Scout meetings with his mother and sister off and on since he was 3.

"We came in thinking Scouting was crafts and field trips and selling cookies. We left knowing the chances we had to give our daughters skills that were going to be with them for the rest of their lives.

Bricker says her growth has run parallel to her daughter's for the past four years.

"They develop values and learn responsibility. They learn to support themselves and their troop. They had to know how many boxes of cookies they were going to have to sell to finance whatever trip they planned.

"I never dreamed that I would one day be capable of managing a cookie sale. I've met an extraordinary number of people I would never have met and did a lot of things the girls planned I am sure I would never have done on my own," she said.

"And they do plan everything themselves. In our training, we have one session called 'Lead-follow and

"Last year, we spent a lot of our time discussing 'Say No to Drugs' and 'Growing up Female.' I learned a great deal about myself in those discussions, a great deal about my daughter and a great deal about her friends; a great deal more than many mothers can say."

Tests fail to nail rape suspect

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Police lab as a sample of hair taken from the ski mask left at the scene by the rapist.

Critics of Birmingham police focus on the officers' failure to seek a search warrant to enter a house after being led there from the victim's house by a Bloomfield Township police tracking dog. That house and the victim's house are both in northwest Birmingham.

Many details aired by some TV and radio stations and published in

some newspapers regarding what happened at the house picked out by the dog are inaccurate, according to police.

Ostin said that department has "no intention of responding" to the media reports.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office has been called into the investigation because it involves several communities. Chief assistant prosecutor Richard Thompson Friday declined to specifically comment on the investigation except to say an effort would be made to remove spec-

ulation about whether there is more than one suspect.

"I don't want to discuss publicly exactly what the police are doing," said Thompson. "We don't want anyone to know who we're focusing on or what we're doing. Putting out that kind of information is counterproductive to our goal of apprehending the rapist."

WITH REGARD to Birmingham police procedure in the case, Thompson said the "prosecutor's job here is to help police and not to Monday morning quarterback.

"I've reviewed the investigative efforts of the police departments thus far and I'm impressed. They're doing an excellent job. Investigators are putting in hundreds of hours on this case."

Evidence from the nine cases indicates the attacks could be the work of the same assailant, described as white, about 5 feet 11, with a thin to medium build. He wears a ski mask, carries a knife and police believe he stalks his victims before attacking them.

Defense argues wife died naturally

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"Smoking paraphernalia caused the couch to flame."

On cross examination, assistant Oakland County prosecutor Joyce Todd questioned Nolan about specifics at the Edwards house, asking about burn times, temperature ranges and other information from his investigation. Nolan testified he took two material samples from the charred remains of the house Oct. 22.

NOLAN CONTENTED that a cigarette fell into the couch, where it was allowed to smolder and catch fire. The main part of the fire was in the center of the family room, above the couch, he said.

Although the arson charge was supported by testimony of other Farmington Hills and state fire investigators during the trial, there was conflicting testimony as to how the victim died.

Oakland County medical examiner Bill Brooks, Wayne County medical examiner Werner Spitz and Robert Henrich, deputy medical examiner for Washtenaw County, have all testified throughout the preliminary ex-

amination and the trial. They have given conflicting causes of death, including flash fire, natural causes, "unknown," and stabbing.

Spitz concluded during testimony in 47th District Court in Farmington last May that some sort of liquid accelerant was poured on Marlene Edwards' body before the fire occurred.

Testifying for the defense Friday was Ingham County pathologist Laurence Simson.

Edwards has remained free on \$5,000 cash or surety bond throughout the 2 1/2 years he awaited trial and during trial proceedings. He faces up to life in prison if convicted.

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