

Hearing is tonight on land-use revisions

Farmington Hills property owners can voice their opinions of proposed revisions to the city's master land use plan at a public hearing tonight.

The public hearing will be in city council chambers, 31555 11 Mile. Planning commissioners are expected to present the proposed 29 land-use changes, followed by public comments and action on the changes.

Farmington Hills City Council and Zoning Board of Appeals members have been invited to the public hearing. But council approval is not required on master plan changes. Council members have been informed of and discussed the planning commission's proposed changes.

The proposed changes are the result of a months-long review, which has two facets.

The first is changing the master plan to reflect land rezonings, approved by planning commissioners and city council members since the last master plan review more than six years ago. The plan also will reflect zoning changes prompted by court decisions and consent judgments.

The second facet covers what planning commissioners call "real changes." The 29 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.



Robert W. Fezey
'Great contributor'

FYA seeks youths deserving of honor

On the heels of the XV Winter Olympics in Calgary, the Farmington Youth Assistance is seeking other young people who deserve a chance at a different type of gold medal.

The FYA is seeking nominations of youths, grades 6-12, who deserve recognition for volunteer service to their school, religious organization or community "beyond what might be expected," said Madelyn Ryan, FYA youth recognition committee chairwoman.

Youths will be honored May 4 at the FYA third-annual Youth Recognition Breakfast at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.

"FYA is eager to honor young people who quietly and conscientiously find avenues for generous, unselfish actions on behalf of others, but are not normally recognized for their efforts by the community at large," Ryan said.

Youths eligible for nomination

Former community leader dies

Robert W. Fezey, retired Michigan Bell public affairs director, died Feb. 26. He was 67.

A former Farmington Hills resident, Fezey was active in Farmington-area community activities. He was former president of the Farmington Community Center's board of directors and was instrumental in organizing the center-sponsored Men's Club. He also was active in the Farmington Lion's Club.

Fezey was known for his involvement in other metropolitan area community activities as well. At the time of his retirement from Michigan Bell in 1980, he was cited by Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young for "contributing greatly to the quality of life in Detroit, actively participating in numerous civic and community organizations."

Fezey was chairman of the Michigan Heart Association, a director of Civic Searchlight, Inc., and the Detroit Metropolitan Development Corp. He served on various committees and task forces of the Economic Club of Detroit, Detroit Renaissance, Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, New Detroit, Michigan League for Human Services and the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Detroit's Northern High School, Fezey joined Michigan Bell in 1945 after attending Albion College and serving with the U.S. Air Force in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He served as the company's public affairs director from 1969 until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, of Union Lake; sons, Robert Drew of Bloomfield Hills and Michael of West Bloomfield; sister, Mary Rhodes of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; brothers, George of West Bloomfield and Tom of Allen Park; grandchildren, Jessica, Vanessa, Peter and Ian Drew.

Visitation was from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Funeral Home, Birmingham. A memorial service was held in the chapel.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

Mayor fills Hills panel positions

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

The need for new blood on Farmington Hills boards and commissions was well-publicized. More than 70 applications trailed into the city manager's office.

Farmington Hills Mayor Jody Soronen filled five vacancies on the boards and added to the historical, beautification and voter participation commissions because their membership is not limited.

Applicants who were not appointed this year can expect a personal thank-you note from the mayor. All resumes and applications will be kept on file.

With the city council's approval, Soronen made the following appointments:

- Commission on aging (three-year terms) — reappointed, Adolph Anselmi; newly appointed, John Murphy, Wade Lawrence and Esther McDonough.
- Arts commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, Haroune Alameddine.
- Beautification commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, Kay Blakeney, Bill Blakeney, Martha Chalfant, Mary Ann Koroly and Sherry Weber; newly appointed, Julie Jaksen, Richard Kwas and Steve Faime.
- Cable access committee (three-year term) — reappointed, Larry Bohner.

- Historic district commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, Paul Blizman, Walter Reddig and Bernard Ludwig.
- Historical commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, Steve Olson; newly appointed, James Dermody and Judy Antishin.
- Library board (four-year terms) — newly appointed, Gisela McCabe.
- Housing rehabilitation loan board (three-year terms) — reappointed, Dave Draznin, George Roberts, Gilbert Seeley, Elaine Siewruk and Carol Boyd, alternate.
- Parks and recreation commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, Jerry Ellis, Dennis Fitzgerald and Gary Unruh.
- Pension committee (three-year terms) — reappointed, Robert Clarke; newly appointed, Aubrey Greene.
- Planning commission (three-year terms) — reappointed, John Trafelet and Joanne Smith. Newly appointed, Jonathan Grant.
- Committee to increase voter participation (three-year terms) — reappointed, Lawrence Irey, Alfred Diebel and Al Zolton; newly appointed, Julie Hovanessian and Shirley Henrich.
- Zoning board of appeals (three-year terms) — reappointed, Dwain Whinnery, Massie Kurzeja and Mitchell Robbins, alternate.

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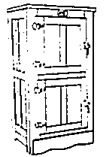
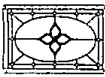
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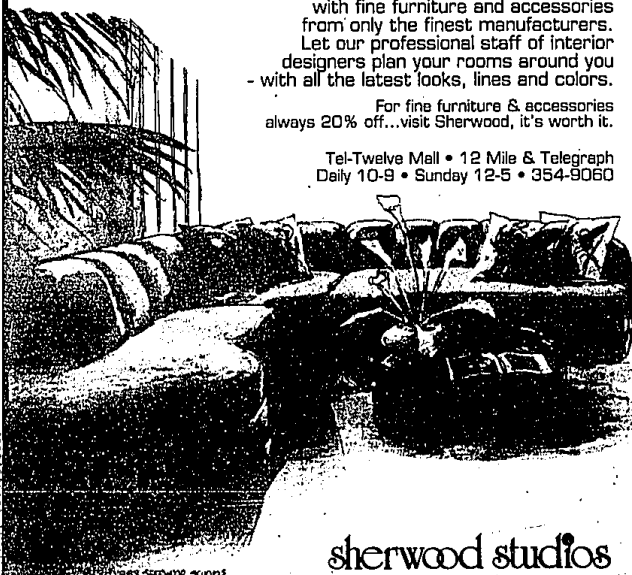


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