



Farmington Hills planning commissioners recommended that the city council deny a request to rezone single-family residential property on the southwest corner of Inkster and Northwestern Highway to office.

Planners cool to office rezonings

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THE PLANNING Commission also upheld the master plan in the Providence Hospital request. The master plan recognizes the existing use, known as quasi-public, of the land where the original Maritime Hall of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center still sits vacant.

As with the bank's rezoning request, homeowners opposed the office zoning near the residential area.

"This is an office building, not a quasi-public use," said Detroit attorney Douglas Gilman, representing Woodcock homeowners. "There's a significant glut of medical facilities within an eight-mile radius." Within an eight-mile radius of Woodcock, there are 15 medical facilities, excluding physicians' offices.

Woodcock Civic Association president Hank Morawski told commissioners of homeowners concerns: "We're concerned what our subdivision will look like in the next 10 years, in the next 20 years. We certainly want to stop the proliferation of offices in the area."

Like commissioners, residents expressed concern about future office zoning along Inkster and the lack of a guarantee that St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher will always remain on the Inkster-12 Mile corner. Commissioners said that quasi-public means an institutional type of use, such as St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher, not an office building for a non-profit hospital.

THE PLANNING commission also expressed concern about the size of the proposed office building. Hospital officials said they plan to build a 90,000-square-foot office though the acreage can accommodate a 200,000-square-foot building.

"Once the site is rezoned, they can put anything they want on the property," commissioner Jeri VanHouten said.

But commissioner Lichtman supported the rezoning. "I believe that to deny the request may actually place Woodcock and south (on Inkster) in greater jeopardy. Hospital plans to maintain a wooded area between the proposed building and Woodcock "is fairly generous," he said.

Lichtman added that he felt it impossible to maintain single-family residential zoning adjacent to Northwestern. In the future, a proposal "more harmful, intrusive, dense" than the hospital proposal may come along, he said.

Kelly memory: 'real gentleman'

As a city attorney, Robert Kelly was clear in his mission, concise in his advice, and a man of ethics, according to those who knew him.

"He was not a man of a lot of words — he went right at things," said city manager Robert Deadman. "He was a real gentleman."

City attorney for more than 25 years, the 72-year-old Franklin resident died Friday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, following months of heart problems.

He also served for many years as attorney for the Farmington Public Schools, retiring from both positions last August.



Robert Kelly fondly remembered

Deadman recalled Kelly's days as city attorney, calling him a champion of city causes. "I can't remember a zoning case he lost, during my time," he added.

Services for the longtime Farmington-based attorney are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the Thayer-Rice Funeral Home in downtown Farmington. The Rev. Douglas Parker of the Franklin Community Church will officiate. Interment will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

FARMINGTON CITY councilman Ralph Yoder said although Kelly was "low key," he was nonetheless "great in court."

"Bob had a way about him," added school trustee Helen Prutow. "He was a very interesting person — Bob was a good person."

The school district never maintained a contract with Kelly, Prutow said. The board simply hired him year-to-year, and he attended meetings and helped with other issues, including real estate law.

Both Prutow and Deadman cited the retired attorney's ethical way of handling situations. "All that time when he did both (school and city), I never once felt a conflict of interest," Prutow said. "He was a very ethical individual," Deadman added.

KELLY WAS born June 16, 1916, in Cleveland, Ohio. Surviving are his wife, Alice, whom he married in 1964; daughters, Mary, Roberta, Nora, and Janice; a son, step-daughters Maureen McLean and Patricia Stannard; stepsons, Michael McLean and George McLean; sister, Ruth Stephens; and six grandchildren.

The family asks that memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Tests show cyanide caused death

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The neighbor said Stya and Scaturf were very loving, often seen "arm in arm."

After the Little Caesars New Year's Eve Family Fun Run, which began at 4:30 p.m., Stya, Scaturf and four friends stopped for coffee at a restaurant on East Jefferson, near Belle Isle.

News reports indicate Stya used cream and sugar in her coffee, others in the table used cream, sugar or drank their coffee black. A few minutes later, Stya said she wasn't feeling well. None of the others became ill.

The Detroit Health Department checked the restaurant's coffee, cream and sugar, but none of them showed evidence of cyanide. The fast-acting poison starves body tissues of oxygen, Fraser said.

clarification

Channel 7 news assignment editor John Truett's name was spelled wrong in a story last Thursday about a second possible school bus shooting on 14 Mile on the Farmington Hills-West Bloomfield border Jan. 13.

Farmington Hills resident Leslie Light's name was spelled wrong in a caption last Thursday about a holistic martial arts class taught at Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington.

2 Hills road projects set

The Board of Road Commissions has authorized the Oakland County Road Commission to do \$200,000 worth of road work in two separate projects in Farmington Hills.

The intersection of 12 Mile and Drake will be improved at a cost of \$141,000 to handle a greater traffic volume and provide greater vehicular safety.

Farmington Hills also plans to spend \$59,000 to install a traffic signal and widen approaches at Orchard Lake Road at Bristol.

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SCATURF SAID it's possible his wife took a non-prescription antihistamine pill at the restaurant, causing an allergic reaction, according to news reports. But no drugs or medication were found in her body, Fraser said.

Stya, dedicated to developing antibodies that could lead to early detection of lung cancer, moved to Seattle in 1984 after accepting a medical research position with Immunex Co. In 1987, the Netherlands native and former Royal Oak resident joined Bainbridge Laboratories.

"She was very concerned about the quality of life for people," said Suzanne Paul, minister at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington in Farmington Hills, where a memorial service was held Jan. 5.

Since their marriage 3 1/2 years ago, Stya and her husband commuted between Seattle and the couple's Farmington Hills condominium.

To end their commuter lifestyle, Scaturf accepted a teaching position in the economics department at the University of Washington.

Most of his belongings had been moved to Washington before Christmas. He and his wife returned to Farmington Hills over the holidays to get the rest of his things.

He was scheduled to start his new job Jan. 3. His wife's death delayed the start, but he's now in Seattle.

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If you note pain on walking which is relieved by rest, or a swollen knee occurs, or the pain is aching and sharp and radiates little or not at all, then a rheumatologist is the appropriate specialist.

Certain problems, such as give-way collapse of the leg, pose a difficult decision. Is the cause weakness in the muscle, or anticipated pain in the joint? In these instances, you may find it best to call the specialist you are considering before arranging an appointment. Discuss with him if his specialty is the appropriate one to evaluate the matter.

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