

Hills planners give insight into their votes

How Farmington Hills planning commissioners voted:

The motion was to give the Farmington-Farmington Hills Community Center a special use approval for one year to have outdoor concerts in a residentially zoned district. Approval was accompanied by a list of restrictions, including a ban on the use of amplifiers and microphones.

The commission voted 5-1. Joanne Smith voted "no" and Mary Avery abstained. Paul Bilzman was absent. One seat is vacant.

Voting "yes":
 • Jeri Van Houten: "I'd like to try it for a year to see what kind of programs they can put together without amplification." She said she believes "it's next to impossible" to control sound levels if the community center uses amplification. Van Houten said she doesn't believe center officials have cooperated with angry neighbors.
 • Debi DeLong: She favored re-

moving the center's outdoor electrical outlets if center officials could not maintain a certain sound level with the amplifiers.
 • Don Millington: He believes management supervision is necessary at the outdoor concerts. "The community center will have to live without amplification of music from now until September." The commu-

nity center has had its chances to be "a good neighbor."
 • John Trafelet: "They've got some problems out there. The noise does float through the valley. I think they (neighbors) have a right to be upset." He later said commissioners don't want to financially hurt the center.
 • Jack Joynt: Neighbors, who hear the center's outdoor concerts, told him: "Golly, we have a Pine Knob in the back yard."
 Voting "no":
 • Joanne Smith: She opposed the ban on amplification. She favored a one-year tryout with some control on the noise level. "There has to be some qualification of music." She suggested a mellower, quieter type

of music that would not bother neighbors.
 Avery abstained from the vote after Farmington Road resident Donald Stohlberg requested it because Avery's husband, Lincoln, is a community center board member. "To avoid giving the city a black eye, to avoid giving my husband a black eye, to avoid giving myself a black eye, to avoid giving the planning commission a black eye, I will step aside."
 Commissioner Smith vehemently opposed Stohlberg's request, calling it "something left over from the Mayflower days" because of the inference that Avery could not vote but own a mind, rather than her husband's.

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complain about the sound levels from the center and its grounds.

Center officials face a date in 47th District Court in Farmington on a disturbing the peace ordinance violation for an Aug. 23 outdoor concert. Disposition of the violation was pending planning commissioners' Thursday decision, planning commission chairman John Trafelet confirmed.

Farmington Road resident Donald Stohlberg asked commissioners Thursday to tear down the center's newly constructed band shell. He also asked commissioners to refrain from approving a special use to allow outdoor concerts, which he said "constitute a nuisance."

Planning commissioners would not go as far as Stohlberg suggested. They also did not respond to Donohue's request for decibel limits. "We don't have a meter. If we set it, who's going to measure it?" Trafelet said.



Dorothy Pfaff executive director

while having a much larger effect on the outdoor concerts and financial stability.

"Any compliance without amplification will generate sound," Pfaff said. "It will still create a sound where there's no guideline that they (neighbors) can't call in." But Pfaff believes the sound won't be great enough to satisfy audiences. "I can't bring in the folk singer who sings alone."

Pfaff said she wonders why nearby residents can't hear, or don't complain about free outdoor summer concerts at adjacent Heritage Park. "They compete with us," Pfaff said. Center patrons pay a fee for concerts.

Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director, confirmed that park concerts are amplified. He said he has received no specific complaints about noise from the concerts though neighbors have mentioned they can hear the music.

Commissioners also asked center officials to address items residents also considered a problem or nuisance.

CENTER OFFICIALS have been asked to obtain a theater license, to shield parking lights, lock or make impassable the center's gates, contain a stockade fence along the southern property line and screen a dumpster on the eastside of the parking lot.

The laundry list is expected to be amended in light of information provided by center officials, Trafelet said.

The dumpster to be screened, for example, is a temporary construction dumpster, used while the kitchen and front lobby are being renovated. "They'll have to come back to us," Trafelet said. "We'll have to take a look at it again. There's a lot of things that were not conveyed to us."

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