

# League sets forum for school hopefuls

A candidates' forum for Farmington school board hopefuls will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Southwestern Oakland County Cablevision studio.

Incumbents R. Jack Inch and Cathleen Webb, and challenger Ken Stein are vying for two seats on the school board. The election is Monday, June 13.

League of Women Voters Oakland Area is sponsoring the candidates' forum. Flora McRae, vice president of the league's Citizen Education, will serve as moderator.

Questions will be taken from the audience and are screened for relevancy and redundancy. Candidates are also expected to make a one-minute closing statement.

The show will be taped to air on MetroVision at a future date.



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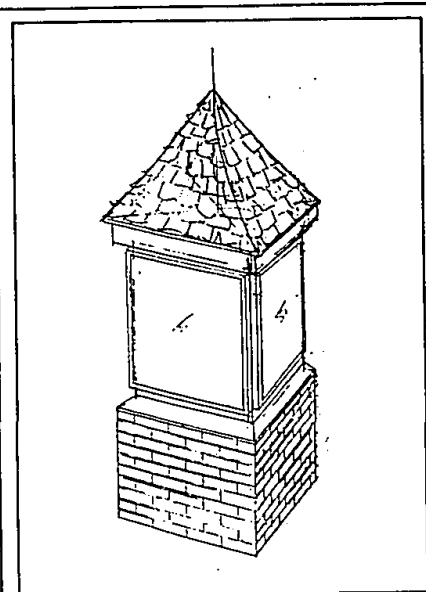
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Getting the message: Drawing shows the downtown Farmington kiosk. It will display upcoming events.

# City to sign on for kiosk

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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Groups and residents will have a chance to pin something on downtown Farmington ... as long as it isn't tacky.

The 125th Anniversary Committee is donating a kiosk to the city. The structure would have a 4-by-4-foot base, stand 9 feet tall and be placed near the fountain in the Downtown Center.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will maintain the kiosk's sign boards, posting announcements that come through its office. Such notices would be community oriented and non-commercial.

"There's not a place in town I'm aware of where you can see posters and notices of what's going on in downtown," said chamber director Jody Soronen, representing the 125th Anniversary Committee.

"Hopefully, it will even lessen the number of phone calls to my office."

The kiosk will serve as another reminder of the city's 125th celebration of two years ago. The 125th committee also donated money for a sculpture,

which is scheduled to be built in front of Farmington City Hall.

Last year, the 125th committee earmarked money for a downtown clock. That plan was scrapped after a public outcry from residents, who opposed the clock's 28-foot tower suggested by the city architect.

Kimco Realty, owner of the Downtown Center shopping area, also made a financial contribution for the kiosk, which would have a brick base to match the fountain. A four-sided roof would be made of cedar shingles.

Glass would cover all four announcement boards on each side. Cost for the project is estimated between \$3,500-\$3,800.

City council granted approval May 16 to construct the kiosk in the sidewalk area north of the fountain, which is city property. The planning commission has to review the site plan.

Soronon said she'd like to have the kiosk up in time for the Founders Festival, which starts July 14. The toughest part is finding a contractor, though.

"It's a small job ... They are all out chasing the big ones," Soronen said.

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stores in the Detroit area by 1996.

The project would meet more than the minimum requirements under the PUD zoning classification because it would protect open areas in perpetuity, include setbacks and add 250 trees to the property, include improvements to streets, sewers and other infrastructure and would add at least 180 full-time jobs, Ferrick said.

But residents said the increase in traffic, noise and the decrease in safety and property values would hurt the area.

Commissioner Paul Blizman agreed.

"Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield are two of the most affluent communities in Oakland County," he said. "They came

here because we are here. We all came here because they were not here."

Commissioner Jack Rajkovich said he did not see any appropriate location for Home Depot in the city.

"I still do not feel that Home Depot at this time has a place in this city," he said.

After a motion to table failed and a motion to deny PUD qualification failed, commissioners voted 7-1 (Glen Fleischacker was absent) to table the proposal, with Brenda Kandt voting no.

That means Home Depot can withdraw the request and come back with another. Denial would not have prevented Home Depot from submitting a site plan and

taking its request to the city council eventually.

The request by NCC-3 Inc. to build a 520,000-square-foot shopping center that would include a Super Kmart store on the south side of Northwestern east of Orchard Lake was a different matter.

While some Farmington Hills residents who live next to a proposed four-lane circle road around the shopping center opposed it and nearby West Bloomfield residents opposed it, most of the city residents who spoke were for the project.

"The area is in suspended animation," said Jim Goff, who lives on Clairview. "We have no city sewer or water. This business would raise property values."

Many residents said the city is

## ON THE AGENDA

- Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.
- Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall, 474-6115  
7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23  
Council chambers
- Agenda items include:**
- Consideration of cost bearing for sanitary sewer improvements
  - for Mayfield and Whitlock streets, Section 34.
  - Consideration of request from councilman Aldo Vagnoni regarding "Telephone Call-in" during city council meetings.
  - Consideration of setting city council summer meeting schedule.
  - Consideration of introduction of ordinance to amend article II. Christmas tree sales, to provide
- for the sale of Halloween pumpkins
- Consideration of approval of transfer of ownership of a 1993 Class C licensed business at 21150 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, from Kyoto North Inc. to Kyoto West Inc.
  - Consideration of approval of extension of sanitary sewer at Wellington and Old Colony.
  - Transmittal of report on organization of Grand River Corridor and adjoining neighbors study effort.
  - Consideration of approval of
- award of bid for sanitary sewer improvements for Mayfield and Whitlock streets to Star Contracting in the amount of \$358,070.10.
- Consideration of approval of agreement for hiring architect and construction manager for preliminary design drawings for multi-purpose/ice arena project.
  - Report on meeting with Asmar Development Corp. on multi-purpose/ice arena project.
  - Consideration of proposed SEMCOG modified voting system.

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This stiffness develops with aging and represents a loss of elasticity of tendons and ligaments. No medication or conditioning will change it; the stiffness is natural and should be both accepted and ignored.

Another stiffness accompanies the rheumatologic condition - polymyalgia rheumatica. The stiffness lasts for hours and can be so profound as to cripple you. Identification of polymyalgia is important as it can respond with low dose prednisone.

Rheumatoid arthritis in the elderly also presents with stiffness similar to that found in polymyalgia rheumatica. In rheumatoid arthritis swelling of the hands and wrists occurs frequently. Treatment consists of anti-inflammatory medication other than prednisone.

The problem is that a severe case of polymyalgia can include joint swelling, and a mild occurrence of rheumatoid arthritis can present with intense stiffness and slight joint involvement.

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