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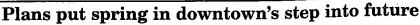
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Get ready to walk, Farming-

ton.

At last Monday's Farmington
City Council meeting, landscape
architect John Grissim detailed
projects that would spruce up
the central business district,
with several of the suggestions
emphasizing good old-fashioned
walking.
Grissim's presentation of the
Downtown Development Authority 10-Year Draft Improvement
Plan gave an overview of what
the district could look like in a
decade.

the district could look like in a decade.

"One of my goals in all of these developments is to get people used to walking in the city," and crissim, who showed slides of various suggestions, "and not just depend on driving."

For example, enough space, bankohorn some green space, park benches and sidowalks for pedestrians could be opened up by merely converting parking at Downtown Farmington Center from the angle variety to 90-degree spaces.

Grissim talked about building a pedestrian link completely

Grissim talked about building a pedestrian link completely emeirching the center, bounded by Grove Street on the east, Orchard Street on the south, Grand River on the north and Farmington on the west. Too

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■ 'The next 10 years will be very dramatic for the downtown area. It's evidenced by some of the new tenants ... Farmington has really anged, and is being perceived as a place that's nice to come to.

> Frank Lauhoff -Farmington city manager

many people now must walk meross parking lots or in the streets, he explained.

"We want to improve the core of the city so that it is not just a place for cars but a place for people," Grissim added.

Several other of the schematic suggestions included:

Enclosing a gazobo at the enst end of the downtown district, beautifying it so that those who visit it will not see only the adjacent parking lot:

Creating turnarounds at Thomas-School. "We could have flowers, shady trees or pieces of sculpture in the middle," Grissim said. "Wouldn't that be tremendous?"

Building a plaza (complete

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Building a pizaz (complete with fountain) near City Hall, at Grand River-Liborty. A small retaining wall would be erected to block traffic noise.

Grissim's presentation was praised by Councilluoman Johnne McShane, particularly

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because of its emphasis on land-

because of its emphasis on land-scaping. "You'vo tied it all together-with trees, shrubs and grass, McShane said. "Whenever we can green our environment and create areas that are user-friendly to people, and allow them to have a few minutes of peace, it's our challenge to do that."

Mayor Mary Bush told Gris-sim "It's nice to know what we could do and it's certainly not impossible."

impossible."
But Bush stressed that feasi-

But Bush stressed that feasi-bility of the plan boils down to "dollars and cents, like every-thing else in life."

The plan, assembled by a DD subcommittee, is still being finalized and probably won't return for city approval until at least February, until after the DDA finalizes its 1998-99 bud-get, anid City Manager Frank

Lauhoff.
Butween now and then,
Lauhoff said the DDA and Grissim, Metz Inc. will probably
blend in ideas from the "visioning" process being done by the
city and Wayne State Universi-

city and Wayne State University.

"It's very exciting," Lauhoff said after the meeting. The next 10 years will be very dramatic for the downtown area. It's evidenced by some of the new tenants... Farmington has really changed, and is being perceived as a place that since to come to. Among those tonants is Starbucks Coffee, which is expected to early next year move into the Downtown Farmington Center, taking over the space now occupied by Farmington Center Plorist and a vacant storefron next door.

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Florist and a vacant storefront next door.
Although main principals involved in negotiations still refuse to acknowledge that Starbucks is definitely coming town, the owner of Farmington Center Florist, Linda Trzcinski, Thursday said she has been told she will this week sign a release form finalizing her move to another part of the shopping center. The florist will likely take over the former H&R Block diffice, probably in January, she said.

School would serve at-risk kids

BY MARIE CHESTNEY

Plans are under way to launch an alternative middle school for at-risk seventh- and eighth-graders in southwest Oakland

Graders in southware County.

If the school opens next year as planned, up to 10 students from the Clarenceville School District – which serves a portion of Farmington Hills – could

attend.
"These kids need an option so
they can be successful in high
school," said Superintendent
Tom Tattan.
The approximately \$70,000

Clarenceville receives from the state for the 10 students would go with them to the new school. Clarenceville would reimburse the school out of its per-pupil foundation grant.

Once a site is leased, the school could open in the fall, 1998. Students attending the school would be the "most severely" at risk for not completing high school, students with social, both avioral or academic problems, Tattan said.

Students could return to Clarenceville as ninth-graders, and the said.

Farmington is among the other school districts involved.

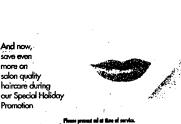


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