Condo OK ends 2-year fight

More than two years of heated, sometimes hostile, wrangling between residents, a developer and the City of Farmincton Hills over a proposed 13 Mile Road condominium development reached a conclusion Monday night when the city council approved the site plan. The approval — which came after three hours of questions and last-ditch efforts by area residents to scuttle the project – set the stage for the next stop: The city attorney will write a contract which, as council members took pains to assure protecters, will spell out the specifies and therefore protect their interests. "The Planned Unit Development (PUD) contract should be ready for review at the concil

ment (PUI) contract should be ready for review at the council niceting May 17, officials said. "Monday night's vote to approve Glen Oaks Village Con-dominiums, as it is called by its developer, Phoenix Land Development, wasn't unanimous: Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi voted against passago in a 6-1 roll-call tallo.

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Nevertheless, approval of the city planning commission's recommendation for the 12.1-acre, 64-unit attached-townhouse development on the south side of 13 Mile, east of Orchard Lake Road, was viewed by supporters on the council as being as close to n "win-win" situation as possible.

They noted the scaled-down

dovelopment, favoring area residents; a 4-acre park and 4 acres of wetlands for condo owners and a project the doveloper feels is still economically worthwhile.
Councilman Jerry Ellis, asying his torm on the council began when Phoenix partner Steven J. Schafer first proposed 120 apartments on the site, recalled how the city, residents and the doveloper changed that to detached condos, but how that would have filled in the area's wetlands and left little open space. left little open space.

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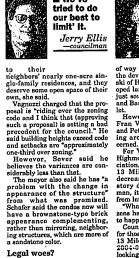
Compromise reached.

After city planners nixed Phoenix's proposed 80 units as "too many," Ellis noted, the 64-unit compromise preserving the matural features was reached.

"We've tried to do out between the state of the

Legal woes?

Sever recommended the city try to avoid legal problems in vacating the Bartlett Road right





that is setting a bad precedent.

of way north to 13 Mile through the development. Joseph Jablon-ski of Hamtramck owns undevel-oped land along the right of way just south of the condo proporty and Bartlett now stops before his

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However, residents such as Fran Vallely, Adeline Stremer and Peter Fellman left the meet-ing around midnight still con-

and Peter Fellman left the meaning around midnight still concerned.

For Vallely, president of the Highmendew Homeowners Association, it's increased traffic on 13 Mile. For Stromer, it is decreased privacy from multistory developments. For Fellman, it is how to keep the park from later being developed.

What protection do we as citizens have to see that's not going to happen? he asked.

Council members had answers for those issues: The widening of 13 Mile is scheduled for about 2004-05, council members are looking into new ordinances that require gradual height increases in developments; and the PUD contract should protect the park.

Trash outside Dumpster ends in assault charge

Farmington police are investigating a 41-year-old White Lake Township man's allogations that he was assaulted by a garbage truck driver at 8.45 a.m. Saturday outside a Grand River busi-

driver at 8:45 a.m. Saturdusness.
The victim, a maintenance employee at the Winery Offices, 31505 Grand River, told police he was taking photographs for his employer to document continuing poor service by Waste Management.
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The man claimed a Wester Management driver who empties a Dumpster outside the Winery was slopply leaving some garbage behind on a regular basis.
On Saturday, the victim and another maintenance employee watched as the management of the desire of the service of the se

about 4 feet from the fallen

At that time, the driver exited his truck and yelled "Don't threaten me with pic-tures."

The victim was struck four times by a 28-inch wooden baseball bat. He sustained cuts and bruises to his loft arm and loft leg and was treated and released from Betsford Hospital.

A witness told police he saw the victim get clubbed by the baseball bat.

A description of the man and vehicle led to an arrest by Farmington Hills police, near 10 Mile-Orchard Lake reads. The Miliford man was arrested for felonious assault. The case will be submitted to the Oak-land County Prosecutor's Office for warrant considera-

Meanwhile, the truck driv-Meanwhile, the truck driver, in a statement to police, said the victim used foul language and was one of "three or four guys" who came toward him with boards. One of them picked up a piece of concrete and truck and through the windshield.

"It hit the truck and I picked it up and threw it back. I felt my life was threatened. These guys came out of

ened. These guys came out of nowhere, like it was set up."

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the American Heart Association. Participants are "arrested" and spend a short term in a special jail until they pay a predeter-

For more details, call Lisa Sikorski at 557-9500, Ext. 530, or Jim McLaughlin at 442-5045.

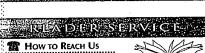


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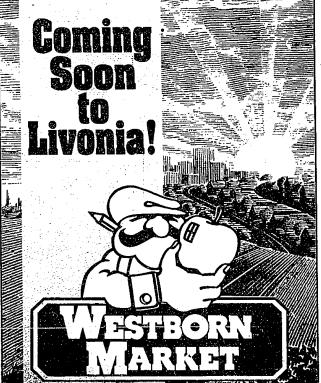
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