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agreed to reduce the size of the building by 366 square feet, to approximately 3,800 square feet, which would require a total of 18 parking spaces. There is a 19th parking space on the site plan, but that is to be used in the future for a trash receptacle.

Although Bergstrom and Miller said they were looking for-ward to the building going up,

"I know they're fairly anxious to get going," Gushman said.

Mardy Stirling, planning com-mission chairwoman, said Kziri-an was able to reconfigure his site plan for the mixed use pro-ject.

The front portion will be for

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retail jewelry sales, with the rear portion (about 2,600 square feet) to be used as rental office

Stirling added that the jewelry store will also have its offices there.

Landscaping along Grand River and Mayfield is expected to enhance the overall appear-ance of the building.

"It will have much more of a presence on Grand River," she said.

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Burns, who described the tone of Wednesday's two-hour meeting at Fun with Plaster as "very friendly and informal," added that the DFBA probably will meet sometime this week to further discuss the topic.

But Burns said she didn't know in what-direction the meriphants might be leaning, whether to take Flaharty up on the offer or remain independent.

"It was a positive discussion," said Flaharty, adding that the DFBA has two issues to discuss at the association's next meet-

ing.
Those include: Whether it wants to remain a stand-alone group, coming up with official group goals and objectives for the next six-to-12 months.
"They'll get back in touch with me after that and we'll go from there," said Flaharty. "There's no deadline or timeline as far as I know."

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Meanwhile, Burns indicated that merchants might want more time to consider options, even after the next DFBA session.

The DFBA re-formed in mid-February, due to communication problems between the Farming-ton Area Founders Fost Inc-board of directors and merchants

board of directors and merchants about issues relating to the annual festival and parade. Flaharty also discussed with merchants how the DFBA previously was a chamber subcommittee, with bylaws and officers, from 1986 until 1996 when the association went dormant. The chamber board of directors recently voted to dissolve those previous bylaws, paving

Flaharty said merchants would not be required to join the chamber to be active in the sub-

chamber to be active in the sub-committee, although several already are members.

Benefits of becoming a sub-committee, Flaharty explained, include the chamber's ability to 'facilitate' meeilings. In addition, the chamber could handle time-consuming legal matters and apperwork needed for an organi-zation to be officially recognized by the state as a nonprofit group.



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MICHAEL E. ELLIS
Services for Michael Edward
Ellis, 53, of Farmington Hills,
were held March 25 at Heeney-

yere held March 25 at Heeney-Bundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rov. Brim. Chabala officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gar-lens in Novi. Mr. Ellis was born March 14, 1947 in Canada and died March

21 at Vencor Hospital in Lincoln Park. He was a self-employed painter and a member of St. Fabian Catholic Church.

He is survived by wife, San-dra; mother, Lenore Nichols; sons, Andrew (Kath) and Garin; daughter, Lindsay; brother, Tracy (Debbie); and grandsons, Curtis and Ross. Memorial contributions may

be made to the American Brain Tumor Association.

MARGARET J. SPITZ

MARGART I. SPIT: Services for Margaret J. Spitz, 58, of Farmington Hills, were held April 1 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Holy Sepulchro Cemetery in Southfield. Mrs. Epitz was born Oct. 7, 1941 in Detroit and died March 28.

Goodreau; grandsons, Aaron Kempert and Brian Joba; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer

Johnston; slater, Helen

She is survived by husband, Glenn; sons, Rob Kempert, Ron (Delilah) Kempert and Todd (Lisa) Spitz; brother, Albert

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