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**CITY OF FARMINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT FARMINGTON CITY HALL, 23000 LIBERTY STREET, FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001 AT 7:00 P.M.

SECTION 35-273 BUILDING AND ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT

This ordinance shall be amended requiring permits including building permits for sign placement under the City sign ordinance. The Zoning Compliance Permit may be required where a building or structure is being established, constructed, expanded or changed. A Zoning Compliance Permit also required in the following cases:

1. Changes to use which may be different in the classification in the Zoning ordinance.
2. Alteration to a building or structure where there is a non-conforming use building or structure.
3. Changes to lighting.
4. Accessory buildings.
5. Accessory structures that are above grade with a floor area of 200 square feet.
6. Fences.
7. Retaining Walls.
8. Awnings and Canopies supported by walls.
9. Placement of waste receptacles at a non-residential site.

The above are not meant to be inclusive of uses, buildings or structures. Where a building permit is required, a Zoning Compliance Permit shall accompany or precede the application.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Barnett, Bates, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McLean, Oliverio
Council Absent: None
Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dorman, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Arbenowaska, Directors Blauel, Boyer and Countegun, Fire Chief Marinucci, Planning Consultant Costes and Attorney Donohue.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Directed Staff to prepare Letter of Intent with Centex/Selective Group for development of the Eleven Pine Project.
- Introduced ordinance amending the City's Code, Zoning Chapter, re: the reference regulating accessory buildings and structures location within an easement for public utilities or a public or private right-of-way.

DENIED:

- Site Plan Approval for Cluster Condominium 65-5-2001 (Haled Road).
- Introduction of Ordinance for Reasoning Request 1-5-2001 (9 Mile Road).
- Introduction of Ordinance for Reasoning Request 2-6-2001 (9 Mile Road).

APPROVED:

- Collective bargaining agreement for the Farmington Hills Fire Fighters Association/IAFF.
- Special Event Permit for Subdivision Block Party for Arbor Oaks Subdivision, August 25, 2001.
- Appointment of Stephen Scapellitti to the Consumer Protection Committee.
- Entering into executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss personnel issues.

AWARDED BIDS OR CONTRACTS FOR:

- Joint and Crack Sealing Program to Scodeller Construction, Inc. in amount of \$291,378.
- Extrication rescue tools for the Fire Department to Apollo Fire in amount of \$11,710.
- 2001 Major Road Resurfacing Program to Thompson-McCully Company in amount of \$525,017.
- Installation of raised reflectors of P.K. Contracting, Inc. in amount of \$20,558.
- 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 Catch Basin Cleaning Programs to Power Vac Services, in amount of \$45,075.
- Contract for Eight Mile Road Right-of-Way and Safety Improvements to Century Cement Company in the amount \$47,498.50.

NANCY BATES, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

North enters post-McComb era
Raiders have new coach, Carruthers, leading team

By RICHARD L. SHOOK
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An era is over for North Farmington girls basketball. Linda Perkins has left her coaching seat on the bench.

Oh, and also departed is Samantha McComb, arguably the best girls basketball player the Raiders have ever had.

"I think we're going to be pretty inexperienced this year," new coach Tim Carruthers said. An English teacher North, he had been the JV coach.

"With Samantha McComb graduating along with Staci Russell and Christina Colombo, those are three really big spots to fill. McComb was a four-year starter, and the other two started for three years.

"We're going to need some kids to step up."

The Raiders aren't exactly trying to make a cake without flour, however. They do have some ingredients back from last year's 12-9 varsity.

The co-captains will be 5-9 senior post player Meghan Callahan, coming off knee surgery, and 5-6 junior point guard Christy Stockton.

"I think they learned a lot from 'Sam' the last couple of years," Carruthers said. "Just from being at practice and watching her play. What better

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teacher could you have?"

"Callahan has really stepped up, and Stockton is showing great leadership. I think she's ready to step up."

Jennifer Jary, a 5-7 senior guard in her third varsity season, is another player Carruthers believes is going to be a leader on the team.

"I look for her to carry a lot of the load," he said. "She has really improved defensively; that's where we'd like her to excel."

Another low post player the Raiders will count on is 5-11 senior Catherine Audette.

"She has good size, good strength and a quick first step," Carruthers said. "We're going to need her to defend the post player from the other team. She's working harder than she ever has."

"We have three decent post players, but we're not huge. We're not going to out-size people at all."

Two other key players are 5-6 junior guard Jehan Hinds and 5-7 junior Lindsay Hirzel.

Hinds, another three-year varsity player, is a terrific athlete who was described as "tenacious" by Carruthers.

"We'll have Hirzel playing post and wing. She's our most versa-

tile player. She has an outside shot and is able to drive to the basket as well."

Carruthers may run players in and out of the lineup. Not because he has to, but because he can.

"One of the things I said to the girls was that we could literally have a different leading scorer each night. We're not going to have one that's going to be our leading scorer."

"I think in some ways that's good. In the past, the kids relied on 'Sam' and Staci. I don't know what percentage of our points they scored, but it was high."

"We're going to have to mesh. And they seem to be doing that. I think they're getting used to me and (JV) coach (Jeff) Simpson. We're bringing our own style in."

North has a 5-7 sophomore, Brittany Pawlowski, up from the JV whom Carruthers says "has the green light. When she has the ball, she can shoot it. That's what we need her to do."

"And we have Tina Frank, a 6-4 returning senior guard who can shoot from the outside. She's really going to help. When Christy isn't in the game, she'll take over at point guard."

The Raiders have another sophomore, 6-2 Kristen McElean, who should see playing time at the post position. She started on the freshman team

last year, and Carruthers calls her "my most diligent worker on individual skills. She has worked extremely hard."

Oyinda Obayan, a 5-9 junior, is a strong player who will provide the Raiders with rebounding strength. The varsity includes 5-5 guards Becky Hurvitz (senior) and Puja Sheth (junior).

"We had a good summer," Carruthers said, "both in team camp and practices. I think they want to be successful. They're working extremely hard."

"That's my hope, because we're going to have to outwork people."

Carruthers has put in 12 seasons at a variety of schools since his playing career ended at Farmington High in 1984. He went to the University of Michigan but did not play basketball.

"I learned from some really good coaches," he said. "Linda worked extremely hard. I'm honored to follow her as varsity coach at North. She definitely has the kids going in the right direction."

"We also coached the last few seasons with Pete Mantyla and Tom Negoshian. I have a lot of respect for them, and a lot of the stuff we'll be doing I learned from them."

"I'm excited to have the chance to put my own stamp on a program."

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"We have high expectations for Brown and Kimmel. I can't say enough about them. They're individuals who lead by example. They're what I'm looking for here."

Brown was the second-leading scorer with 11 points per game. Between her and Kimmel, Farmington retains much of its offense.

"She did a good job at camp," he said. "You can see the improvement in her shot. She's working hard and, hopefully, she'll have a good senior year."

Farmington returns 10 players in all, including 5-7 junior Jaria

Atkins, who started last year and is a good rebounder. She averaged four points and 6½ rebounds.

"This year she has more offense to her," Lowe said. "She shot the ball during the summer. We expect her to put the ball in the basket more."

Kelsey Guisbert and Lindsey Abbott are a pair of hard-working seniors, according to Lowe. They were among the first players off the bench and will start some games at forward and center, respectively.

"Brown, Kimmel, Abbott and Guisbert have been with me for three years, and they should go

out with a good senior year," Lowe said.

"It'll take hard work, but they've paid their dues and, hopefully, they're going to get some reward for it."

The other returning players are 5-5 junior Karla Stricker, 5-9 junior Melissa Patterson, 5-11 junior Deanna Gauer, 5-4 senior Amy Paquette and 5-6 senior Ava Jackson.

Sophomore Brittney Coleman, is a 5-8 transfer from Redford Union who went to camp with the Falcons and could find herself in the starting lineup.

"She does a good job handling and shooting the ball," Lowe

said. "I think we got a good deal when she transferred in. She's a baller."

The other newcomers are 5-5 junior Ashley Foster, a transfer from Farmington Hills Mercy, 5-8 sophomore Jessica Leach and 5-9 junior Allison Kahrhoff.

Lowe will be assisted by Wayne Atkins and Bud Kimmel. The Falcons start the season Tuesday at Royal Oak Dendora.

"We're at the point now where we're not just happy to hang with teams," Lowe said. "We want to beat some of them; hopefully, we're going to see that this year."

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