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at the Community School, 30415 Shawwassee. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. The cost of the seminar is \$180 plus \$20 for the

course textbook and sample questions.

The instructor, a licensed builder, will teach math and blue print reading and answer any questions related to home building. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Sept. 19. Call 1-800-940-2014.

## PERFECT

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is Emily an immensely talented young Indy, but also one known as much for her character and integrity as she is for her intellect," Witte said. "Mercy is extremely proud of her."

She described Gruber as generous and spirited with a good

sense of herself with not a hint of arrogance.

"She's very motivated and ambitious," Witte said.

Gruber, who wants to be a teacher, hasn't decided which college she wants to attend. "I've narrowed it down to six places," she said.

Michael, her father, has taught English at Mercy High School for more than 20 years.

Her mother, Katherine, works in publishing.

Emily is an only child. The family lives in Detroit.

Emily's grandmother was a librarian at Mercy High School. Gruber enjoys theater and is a stage manager for "Our Town," a play to be performed Nov. 15-17.

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## DDA

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dentality at different levels. They will do that if you want."

The firm may also look at all 30 original candidates.

Downey, who will retire by the beginning of next year, has held her position for 10 years. The DDA director plans and coordinates activities in the downtown area.

The position will pay \$47,000-\$53,000.

DDA board members last month suspended the process after Assistant City Manager Bill Richards withdrew from the hiring process, which downtown business owners wanted open to the public.

Richards, who works as an MML consultant outside of his day job, was willing to oversee the search at no cost to the city.

"We're not trying to follow MML guidelines initially with Bill Richards and the search

committee? asked board member Frank Clappison.

"This is a higher level of executive search," Laubhoff said.

The DDA discussion came after Becky Burns, a local businesswoman, submitted formal requests to the city Aug. 15 for all information connected with the proposed hiring of the new Farmington DDA director and asked that meetings be open. Her FOIA requests were denied as an unwarranted invasion of each candidate's privacy.

Burns, a former newspaper reporter who owns Farmington Bakery on Grand River with her husband, Jeff Pavlik, hand-delivered copies of the Aug. 15 letter addressed to Bill Richards, assistant Farmington city manager and Ron Oglesby, DDA president.

Burns is also spearheading rejuvenation of a defunct downtown Farmington merchants organization.

Immediately after Burns submitted the FOIA request,

Richards asked to be removed from the process and recommended that the DDA board re-advertise the position and begin the process again.

Richards has philosophical differences about releasing information early in the process, which he said could jeopardize both the candidates' confidentiality and their present jobs.

Board member Suzanne Paul said there really hadn't been an open discussion of the type of candidate the board wanted. She hoped that could happen at the study session with the new search director. She also suggested that three representatives from the local merchant's group be included to gain input and provide something of a forum.

That criteria is already contained in the job description, Oglesby said.

Paul recently volunteered to be the DDA's liaison with the new merchant's association.

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