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Parking Plan Trimmed

FARMINGTON There will be fewer parking spaces than anticipated on the north side of Grand River between Farmington Rd. and Warner in the City of Farmington, the city council learned this week.

Land acquisition procedures uncovered some complications, and the city's plan to add parking area has been reduced from 29 to 20 spaces.

This report was given Monday night to the city council, which set a public hearing for 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in council chambers on the scheme.

THE PROJECTED total

cost of \$18,000 for 20 spaces will be borne by merchants benefiting from the added lot with the city considering assuming expense of maintenance.

Investigation resulted in deletion of a lot from the earlier plan because it contained a three-car garage and utility building which would be expensive to relocate, according to City Manager John Dinan.

Owners of the Fredericks Building have declined an offer to sell part of their building to the city, and this inability to purchase has further reduced the number of

parking spaces to be added.

The plan has now been tailored to acquire parts of two lots and purchase of the Business Services building on Grand River for 15 added spaces on the north side of Thomas St. and five more spaces adjacent to the Grace Insurance building.

The entire package can be financed for about \$18,000, says Dinan, with the average commercial property owner being assessed about \$40-\$50 per front foot on Grand River.

IN OTHER council business: The council agreed to transfer to city funds an escrow deposit of \$3,760 filed with the Oakland County Road Commission by George Pastor & Sons, developer of Chatham Hills subdivision.

Chatham Hills was in the township when developed and the escrow money remained with the county when the subdivision was included in territory annexed to the city in 1968.

The funds will be used by the city to defray expenses of the contractor in replacing sections of concrete on subdivision roads and to make such other repairs as filling cracks in the paving.

Dinan reported that the city has already repaired about 60 per cent of the damage on subdivision roads and will use the escrow money to have the developer perform other repairs.

If the Shoe Fits



By **BERNIE ZIVOV**

How can I check the fit of my children's shoes?

There are two simple ways of detecting outgrown shoes. They are not as reliable as having the feet remeasured, but are infinitely surer than the old toe-hunt method which only runs the toebox of the shoe.

One is to hold the shoe under a lamp so you can see the footprint on the inside. If the shoes are long enough, there will be a light area ahead of the mark made by the great toe.

At the risk of being considered a wise guy, the writer suggests counting the toe marks. Five is par for the foot, but many shoes show only four. Lacking proper shoe width the little toe is forced up over the fourth toe and into the upper part of the shoe. Five-toed feet that make four-toed footprints should be shod in "straight-last" shoes.

The second check is simply to put your hand in the shoe, palm up, to feel if the great toe is digging a hole in the top of the toebox. The above mentioned footprint may show a light area ahead of the great toe only because the toe of the shoe is too shallow to allow the foot to advance any further. The force required to dig such a hole is sufficient to bunionate the great toe.

Board Extends Pacts For Top Administrators

The Farmington Board of Education got around to approving new contracts Monday night for Supt. Roderick J. Smith and his two top administrators. They extend to July 1, 1973.

Salaries were not specified in the new contracts for Dr. Smith; Marinus Van Aneyde, assistant superintendent for

instruction; and William C. Prisk, business manager.

THE BOARD voted to determine salaries at a later date, presumably after teacher negotiations are concluded and further clarification of President Nixon's new wage policy.

The board also postponed action on a request from the Farmington Assoc. of School Administrators (FASA) for recognition as sole bargaining agent for middle echelon administrators.

The FASA represents a total of 46 principals, administrative aides and directors up to but not including the directors of secondary and elementary education.

The board deferred action on the advice of its legal counsel on labor relations who said there was need to clarify the right of representation and the personnel to be included in such a bargaining unit.

He indicated legal action would be taken, however, should the board deny the request. The FASA has worked under an informal agreement rather than a signed contract.

The board also voted to join with the City of Farmington and Farmington Township in bearing costs of erecting a traffic signal at Farmington Road and Colfax to provide safety for school children crossing Farmington Rd. Each unit would pay \$1,400 of the \$4,200 total for the light which would be actuated by a crossing guard.

The city council approved the expenditure Oct. 18 and the township board will consider the proposal Nov. 8.

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A. Mrock To Show Art Works

FARMINGTON

The "coming out party" for an artist is his first one-man show and debuting very soon is Allen G. Mrock. Farmington artist and president of the Farmington Artist Club.

Mrock is presenting his first one-man show Nov. 6-27 in Continental Arts Gallery, 2218 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. The show will feature 42 pieces, five of which are collection items with the remainder being offered for sale.

MROCK, a young man, has been exhibiting for some time and has collected a list of credentials for which artists aspire.

Among this list is 11 awards from 1967-71 from the Farmington Artist Club exhibits alone. He has exhibited in Detroit, Rochester and Calumet and is in some 16 private collections.

"The art of Allen Mrock takes an imposing stance, extends itself and inspires," comments Dino Cocci, an art professor. "To be sure, his canvases have a magical or mystical quality of its own. In my opinion, this quality reflects the spirit of a young man deeply conscious of the beauty of truth; a mature artist who is fast-climbing the pinnacles of success."

This young but mature artist, at age 29, is described as a protege of Andrew Wyeth. His professional training includes studying fine art privately under Royal Marshall, two years at Case Tech, one year at Oakland University and completion of a three-year course at Washington School of Art.

His awards in eight exhibits of the Farmington Artist Club include two first places, two seconds and six third places. In addition, he earned second place and two honorable mentions in an exhibit by the Society of Engineering Illustrators.




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