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Three Charter Amendments Go On November Ballot

Voters in the City of Farmington will have the opportunity to pass judgment on three proposed amendments to the city charter at the election on Nov. 2.

This was made possible during the past week when State Attorney General Frank Kelley approved the plan to place the amendments on the ballot.

Two of the three amendments deal with residential eligibility requirements for office holders and the third with plans for a more flexible Zoning Board of Appeals.

THE THREE amendments will appear in this order:

1— That the residential eligibility requirements to run for public office be reduced from three years to one.

2— That the residential eligibility requirements for membership on the various boards and commissions be reduced from three years to one.

3— That the Zoning Board of Appeals be changed from a membership of five to "not less than five".

IN ANNOUNCING the official permission to place the amendments on the ballot City Manager John Dinan pointed out that the residential eligibility has been discussed for some time. He stated that a

vast amount of good material now available is being forced to the sidelines under the three-year requirement. The switch to one year will make possible a greater number of eligible candidates for the various public offices.

The same holds true with the boards and commissions.

It also is true with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Under the present charter the board is limited to five members, two of whom must be members of the city council.

Under the proposed plans the board would have a wider range of thought and be more flexible, according to Dinan.

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Style For A Cause

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IMPROVING DANGER ZONE — Workmen are busy these days eliminating one of the most hazardous intersections in the city -- the point at Orchard Lake Road and Shiawassee. Work-

men are widening the road to install four lanes and appropriate lights will be placed when road work is done.

Vast Volunteer Army Ready For Rescue Rouge Campaign

With the battle cry "Rescue the Rouge" an army of volunteer workers is set to conduct the annual clean-up of the stream that runs through the City of Farmington -- and it won't be a hit-or-miss proposition.

Backed with a resolution from the city council and a joint sponsorship with the National Bank of Detroit more than 2,000 volunteers, representing many of the local organizations will make the annual assault on the debris in the stream next Saturday morning, Sept. 18.

In fact, the work started this Saturday morning when the advance troops toured the "jungles" in that section between Nine Mile Road and Grand River.

THE ADVANCE troops sought out the larger logs and cut them to a size that can be

handled when the larger army of volunteers gathers the debris next week. Every inch of the area has been mapped and no chances are going to be taken that would be injurious to the volunteers, according to co-chairman Louis Hollow.

To this end, he says, all participants are being asked to make sure their tetanus shots are current, and if injury should occur to a volunteer he will be given as part of the medical treatment a booster tetanus shot.

Disinfectants will be available throughout the project area and all participants entering the river will be sprayed and will wear protective clothing, namely rubber boots and rubber gloves and those working near cutting operations will wear "hard hats."

ALONG WITH these

precautions there will be personal hygiene facilities including rest rooms and clean-up facilities throughout the area. Qualified first aid personnel will be stationed at the project nerve center and will be in constant communication with the four section leaders.

While much of the heavy work will be done this Saturday (Sept. 11), the main thrust is scheduled next Saturday when the vast army goes forth to the rescue battle. Volunteers will be assigned to specific work, according to co-chairman James Pogus, when they report and register at 8:30 a.m. at the tennis court in City Park.

No one will be allowed to work until he has registered and given the proper briefing on health measures, protective clothing, location of first aid and sanitation facilities.

AMONG THE organizations that have joined in the campaign are all church groups, the U.S. Army Reserves, 323 General Hospital; Farmington Red Cross, Far- mington area scouts, Cloverdale PTA, all district high schools, Jaycees and Auxiliaries, National Bank of Detroit, Sportsman and Campers Club, Biological and sociological groups, Oakland University, Orchard Ridge Campus students, and several of the groups in the city interested in science and the general improvement of our environment.

To back up the resolution the city council also approved the use of the city's heavy equipment.

So, the battle to "Rescue the Rouge" is on -- and it won't be a haphazard affair with most of the city's forces shouldering the burden.

OCC Faculty Goes On Strike

Students reporting for classes on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College were greeted by faculty picket lines on Friday morning.

The faculty members named the peaceful picket lines after warning the college's Board of Trustees that they would go on strike if the faculty contract was not become effective until after ratified by Thursday evening. The 300 members of the OCC Faculty Association, a non-affiliated union, ratified an agreement on Labor Day after

it was reportedly agreed upon by faculty and administrative negotiating teams on Sept. 2.

JOHN HOMEISTER, president of the faculty group, said the board would not support the agreement because of the salary schedule, even though the written contract stipulates that the increase will not become effective until after the wage-price freeze ends and it will not be retroactive.

The OCC administration would not comment on a strike until after meeting with

faculty representatives on Friday. The faculty negotiating team, headed by Rod Chase, was in the Oakland County Court House early Friday regarding the strike. The representatives were not available for comment.

A STUDY session that was reportedly called by the board on Thursday to study the contract terms was cancelled, giving impetus to the faculty to strike.

The proposed one-year

contract calls for a \$400 increase in salaries over the year with an additional \$30 per month cost of living increase effective after the wage freeze expires. Faculty salaries now range from \$9,450 for instructors to \$20,629 for professors.

Friday's picket line at the Farmington campus was reportedly peaceful with faculty members passing out literature to persons entering campus. The strike also affects the college's Highland Lakes and Auburn Hills and total of 15,000 students.

Twp. Planners Give Approval To New College

By MARIE MCGEE

By a 4-3 vote, the Farmington Township Planning Commission has recommended to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the building plans of Owosso College be approved.

The decision came after nearly two hours of discussion at the commission meeting Thursday night.

Favoring approval were Commissioners Russell Nakervis, Barbara Benya, Ed Raselle and Douglas Jarratt. Dissenting votes were cast by David Stadler, Edward McConnell and James Moreen. Abstaining were Chairman Douglas Mann and Mrs. Grace Richardson, developer of the adjacent Heather Hills subdivision.

TARGET OF questioning by the commission was the Rev. Kenneth Armstrong, chairman of the board of the small liberal arts college that was chartered in 1909.

He presented a slide presentation of the site plan showing the development of a college campus on a 70-acre site on Nine Mile Rd., bounded by the I-96 expressway, one-half mile east of Halsted Rd. and a half-mile west of Drake Rd.

The issue will now be submitted to the zoning board, which has had the development under consideration for several months. The unusualness of the development apparently prompted the appeals board to ask the planning commission for its views before making a decision.

It is believed that the appeals board will discuss the development at its October meeting.

In the meantime, the Rev. Armstrong was advised to submit a new application to the appeals board when it was determined that the college board had obtained 17 additional acres not included in the original petition.

MANN ALSO pointed out that the site plans presented Thursday night never had been shown to the appeals board. This fact, he indicated, may have had some bearing on the delay in reaching a decision.

The site plan revealed that the college campus will be nestled at the far end of a heavily wooded tract, once a nursery. Building architecture will be Old English.

At the front of the site, near Nine Mile, dormitories for the resident students are planned. The present entrance will be moved westerly, away from the adjacent subdivision and re-routed over a scenic lake already on the property, the plans show. In place of the

road a greenbelt buffer of trees and shrubs is proposed. Approximately 47 acres, including a prime forest of hardwoods, will be preserved, Dr. Armstrong said.

THE COMMISSION spent considerable time discussing the educational concept of the college, under the jurisdiction of the Wesleyan Church until last year when an independent board of trustees took over.

The concept was described by Stadler as "something unique." However, he admitted he couldn't quite "grasp" the concept that will provide living facilities for students who will take most of their classes at other nearby colleges and only a limited number at Owosso.

Stadler said he felt the development was "primarily a living function."

But it is this "living-learning" situation that is an integral part of the college's approach of concentrating mainly on the area of teaching moral values, Dr. Armstrong pointed out.

Students will take one or two classes a week at the college, Dr. Armstrong said. Available to them will be courses not offered by the larger state-funded institutions, he added. Among them will be classes in church music, Biblical history and philosophy, Christian education and youth work and "how to preach a good sermon," he said.

HE ANTICIPATED about 200 students living on the campus when facilities are available. There will be no married-couple housing available, Dr. Armstrong said. Faculty members also will have accommodations on the campus.

He likened the atmosphere to nearby Cranbrook.

At one point in the discussion, Commissioner Moreen called for a special sub-committee to investigate the college, including the background of its personnel, and its financial backing. That committee would then report back to the entire commission.

Labeling most of discussion as "irrelevant," Commissioner Jarratt declared: "It's not up to us to decide whether this college is going to make it or not." He agreed with earlier statements by Mann that the commission's task was to determine if the development fitted in with the township's master plan.

"It is my opinion that it does," Jarratt said.

LATER, Township Attorney Joseph Brennan said "There is no question that the college is eligible...and meets all the requirements of the ordinance."

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