

Homeowners Protest New Center

EDITOR:
We are writing this letter as very concerned residents and property owners of what was once a very beautiful city of Farmington.

Does anyone care what is happening to our community?

IN THE PAST two years, two apartment complexes and two shopping centers have been built along Grand River. Multiple cluster housing is to be built nearby, and now a huge shopping center consisting of Kmart, a supermarket, and 16 other stores is to be built at Halstead and Grand River, larger than the shopping center in downtown Farmington.

Why? Who needs it? Certainly not the homeowners who live in the area. Certainly not all the merchants who have been in Farmington for years.

What is to become of them (the merchants)? Will they be forced to vacate their stores because of loss of business? Does anyone in our city government care? Is there anyone who can justify this monstrosity to us?

Is there no pride left in what our city looks like, or are our elected officials so hungry for the tax dollars that they have forgotten the homeowners? As homeowners do we have any rights?

We attended the meeting of

the planning commission on Monday, Feb. 12. Some of the people were not given the chance to speak out and there will not be another public meeting on this matter.

IS THIS America? Do only the rich men, who are able to afford these pieces of land to do with what they want to make them richer, have all the rights? Is this America? Does anyone care about the traffic problems and congestion this will create especially on Freedom Road, Halstead and Grand River? In this a civic minded community or a cold city of apartments and stores?

Is this progress or ruination of our town? Does anyone care?

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sabo
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Love
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Morisset

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READERS' FORUM

Letters must be limited to 300 words. Letters must be signed, with the writer's address. Names will be withheld only at the writer's request and for good cause. Please type or write plainly. The editor reserves the right to reject unsuitable letters.

Over the years it has been my pleasure to have several of our policemen as students in my classes. For the record, let it be said that we are fortunate to have such a fine group of men on the force.

I would like to single out Norm Rose for the outstanding work he is doing in offering leadership in the program.

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Board Member Takes Stand

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I am voting in favor of holding this millage renewal election.

When I ran for the board, I was, and still am, opposed to the FLE programs, mostly the sex education program. I have been consistent in not supporting any increased millage as long as that program remains in the schools. I will continue to hold to that position.

However, what we are facing now is a vote of a continuation of a levy existed before I came on the board. That was voted on in 1963.

It is what is needed to maintain our present operating

costs. My intent is, and always has been, to honestly represent my constituents, and it for any reason, any of you feel I have erred in my judgment, please

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I am not a homeowner in Chatham Hills, but my heart goes out to those poor people who thought they were buying a picturesque area, only to be sold short by their builders and now the city planners.

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Farmington, Michigan

feel free to criticize me, either publicly or privately.

ELIZABETH BRENNAN
Farmington School Board Trustee

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