

Candidates Night Features Light Sparring

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

FARMINGTON
Farmington's downtown area and recreational activities were the main issues addressed by all candidates, except the two incumbents, during a candidates night sponsored by the West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters.

The Nov. 6 election will fill three seats on the city council.

"Farmington as a community is old, and the downtown area is badly in need of renovation," said candidate Au-

gust Barbrick, 33744 Schulte. He proposed rebuilding the area and "revitalizing" the city with "new mores." He expressed fear that the city's tax base would "erode away as Detroit's has."

William Garden, 23825 Prospect, agreed with Barbrick, calling for more off street parking, removing "eyesore buildings" and enlarging the city recreational program.

Calling the LaSalle Winery the "white elephant of Farmington," William Hartsock, 22049 Manning, proposed

turning it into "uniquely organized smaller shops" as a boost to the business district. Also proposing that the winery be turned into a shopping mall, John McElroy, 3215 Valley View Circle, pressed for the preservation of "historic sites." He called for more recreational facilities such as an ice rink and a bike route as an alternative to drug abuse.

"I am opposed to any new method of taxation," said Wilbur J. Purdy, 38801 Langshury Lane. "The only reason I would increase taxes

would be because of the safety of the city."

Purdy also stressed year around recreational activities for senior citizens, and "newer and larger recreational activity for youth to eliminate idle hands and take kids off the street."

Incumbent councilmen John H. Richardson of 3409 Alta Loma and Richard Tupper of 23180 Cass didn't address issues during their opening remarks.

Dr. Richardson said, "It's great to come up and hear how great you are running

the city." He was referring to statements by all candidates that Farmington is a "well run" community. He added that he was basing his bid on "achievements of the past," and cited references by the city's auditing firm "complimenting the city for the way it conducts its business."

Noting that he had interest and experience, Tupper talked about "keeping the city on a right course by presenting an ongoing program." Tupper said he "feels strongly about plan-

ning" and wants to look at the future and decide where the city is going.

Hartsock and McElroy called for increasing the tax base by "taking an active role" in downtown renovation, including the LaSalle Winery.

Dr. Richardson said the candidates "remind me of a double boiler that gets all steamed up but doesn't know what's cooking upstairs."

"We have gone out and sought investors, but the economics just are not there," added Dr. Richardson who said the sale price of the wi-

neries is more than \$700,000.

Tupper added, "The city is financially unable to become involved in the real estate business."

Garden and Hartsock opposed increased apartments and strip shopping centers in the Farmington area. McElroy called for "development that would last and remain beautiful."

Purdy said the city is faced with the possibility of high rise apartments, and Barbrick noted that the city has purchased land for parks and maintained the parks.

Dr. Richardson said there was little if any land left that could be set aside for public use, and cited a study which said Farmington could absorb another 1,000 apartment sites.

"I hope we won't have them, but if we do, then they should be luxury apartments with rents of more than \$300," he added.

Tupper proposed rezoning Grand River west of Farmington back to residential and cautioned against building "too much, too soon."

McElroy Asks Tight Land Use Controls

By DAN McCOSH

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"Regarding land use, I call myself a radical," John McElroy said.

McElroy, 29, who lives with his parents at 3215 Valley View Circle, is a student at Wayne State University. He is running for Farmington City Council.

He disagrees with both the current city council and most of the other candidates on the issue of downtown renewal.

"They are talking about tearing things down. I would like to see more restoration," he said.

He cited the Village Mall

and Jerry's Used Book Store as examples of the kind of restoration he would like to see in Farmington.

"We have to preserve our heritage," he added.

He also supports an historical commission "with teeth" rather than the commission review system, presently in effect, which lacks power to withhold a building permit.

"The historical commission should be given power to protect this city from alterations that might destroy its character," he said.

He was also critical of the site plan review of the Kmart shopping center.

As a councilman, he said he would have "taken a

stand" to stop the center, although the site plan review was conducted by the planning commission.

McElroy also felt zoning could be used as a tool to encourage the kind of business that would increase the tax base.

He proposes financing an ice rink with the sale of stock, rather than bonds. He felt the rink would be unprofitable if financed with municipal bonds, but would return a dividend if it was financed with stock.

He also suggested a bike route marked through town in areas without traffic congestion.

"Some issues are related,"



JOHN McELROY

he said, "like zoning and preservation of historic sites. Another is recreation and drug use."

Why is it cheaper for Farmington's young people to purchase drugs than find entertainment?

"A better recreation program is part of the answer,"

Can't Know Problems In Future -- Tupper

By DAN McCOSH

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"I don't think you can make a lot of promises when you run for office—after you get elected you run into problems you don't even think of today," says Richard Tupper, 37, of 23180 Cass.

Tupper is running for election to the city council, a post he was appointed to when Wilbur Brotherton was elected county commissioner.

Tupper is vice president of Tupper Associates, Inc., a hardware supply firm in the Farmington Hills industrial park. He is also vice president of Westronics, Inc., and heads up the industrial park association.

A member of the Elks, Exchange Club and Jaycees, he has served on eight community service committees and groups, including the down-

town redevelopment committee, the planning commission, and the beautification committee.

He sees the downtown area—particularly the north side of Grand River, as one of the major problems facing the city.

He would like to see the formation of a corporation involving the current owners of property in the area, putting together a land package for redevelopment.

As a councilman, he would also support the idea of looking for federal funding for the area and, as a last resort, condemnation.

"Tupper views the revenue picture as tolerable for the foreseeable future in Farmington."

"But we need more industry—there isn't a good balance for the tax base."



RICHARD TUPPER

joint planning in the area of recreation.

"I think there is an artificial barrier. We have to push for more communication."



TORCH DRIVE funds will be collected under the supervision of Mrs. Edmund Zeglen (left), section leader for this area. She reviews procedures with Mrs. Gerald Chyalls of Wildwood Trail, division leader for Farmington; Mrs. Barry Nilsson of Shady Lane who covers Farmington Hills; and Mrs. C. Bob Houchens of Glen Orchard Road.

Oakland County May Sue State On Equalizing

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The Oakland County Board of Commissioners will take legal action against the State Tax Commission to halt implementation of lightened equalization guidelines.

The proposed narrowing of property tax guidelines would have the effect of raising assessments throughout the county. In Southfield it could be as much as 10 per cent.

According to a resolution passed by Commissioners Patrick M. Nowak (R-Farmington) and James W. Dunleavy (R-Highland Township) and approved by the full board, the tax commission's 1974 guidelines of 49-50 per cent of true cash value, would mean half the state properties would be assessed at more than 50 per cent.

The State Constitution requires all property to be assessed uniformly at a rate not to exceed 50 per cent of true market value. Oakland County's policy has been to assess property at between 47 and 50 per cent of cash value.

County Equalization Director Herman Stephens advocates assessing property at between 40 and 50 per cent to avoid forcing valuation beyond the 50 per cent ceiling.

charged State Tax Commission Chairman Robert Purnell with violation of the constitution and have asked Gov. Milliken for Purnell's dismissal.

Oakland County Civil Counsel Robert Allen has been asked by the full board to

prepare a lawsuit seeking an injunction against the tax commission.

State legislators met with county officials recently in the hopes that a statute could be enacted to afford relief. Action hasn't been taken on the request.

Bond had improperly used the funds from an estate he was representing, the attorney's office said.

Bond was indicted recently by a federal grand jury in Detroit on charges of failing to file returns for three years on income, totaling approximately \$273,000, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

The maximum penalty for each count is one year in prison and \$10,000 fine.

Bond, a former Quakertown attorney, was president of the Oakland County Bar Assn. in 1961 and 1962. In September 1972, he was suspended from the practice of law for 18 months for professional misconduct.

The suspension resulted from a complaint to the State Bar grievance board that

Howard Bond Is Indicted

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Howard I. Bond, 67, 2996 Ardmore, stood mute at an arraignment Oct. 23 on charges of willfully failing to file income tax returns.

Library Hosts State Group

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Farmington 12 Mile Library branch was one of three libraries visited by the Michigan Library Assn. recently.

About 150 librarians from throughout the state visited the library for a continental breakfast and tour of facilities.

Friends of the Library serving the breakfast were Mrs. Peter Nagrant, Mrs. Frank Ebner, Mrs. Anthony L. Schmidt, Mrs. Albert Spangenberg, Mrs. Gordon Lewis and Mrs. Camille Stevens.

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