

# Moshauer explains departure: plans senior housing complex

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY  
Senior citizens housing advocate Rev. Meredith Moshauer views his move from Farmington Hills as a method of expanding his crusade for elderly housing.

Moshauer, who moved to Warren this week to start work as a developer of a senior citizen's apartment complex in the Civic Center area of the city, vows that he will remain supportive of the elderly in Farmington Hills. He plans to attend the July 7 joint planning and housing commission meeting.

His energies will be divided between the Warren project, a senior summer camp and the establishment of senior groups like the Nardineers in other cities. That leaves less time for Farmington Hills seniors.

"They'll have to learn how to stand on their own two feet," Moshauer said of the city's seniors which he represented at civic meetings for the past year.

Farmington area seniors will win their fight for housing if they learn to become vocal at council meetings, according to Moshauer.

"City hall won't do anything unless they (the seniors) stand up for what they want," he said.

OPTIMISTIC about the outcome of the housing survey being circulated among seniors, Moshauer believes

that the housing issue will come to a favorable conclusion soon despite his absence.

"I think the seniors will make big strides as soon as the survey comes out. I understand that the answers are coming in nicely. And I think city hall is responding," he said.

Both of the ordinances that are being examined are needed by the city, according to Moshauer. The RCE ordinance, which calls for senior housing that is a maximum of 50 feet high, is needed just as much as RCE-1 which calls for a mid-rise complex topping 60 feet.

"The low rise could be in a residential area. I think it would be appropriate for that area," Moshauer said.

Mid-rise complexes could be built in areas which already are zoned for multiple family use, he said.

Mid-rise senior complexes could be built in such locations as Orchard Lake Road near Fourteen Mile, across the street from the Orchard-14 Mall. Already zoned for multiple, the area is near stores and a residential district. That would avoid the problems of isolating seniors.

ANOTHER AREA THAT would accommodate mid-rise is near Independence Greens, Grand River, which also is near a shopping area.

"I'm sure that developers are looking to put that type of structure

there," he said.

His own plans for life in Warren include working in that city to establish senior citizens' residence called Warren Terraces. The property, which is owned by the Callibino Brothers is under an option to Moshauer. He will raise funds through the cooperation of the Foundation for Cooperative Housing (FCH), a national, non-profit organization with an office in Dearborn.

FCH is active in developing living quarters for persons of all economic and age levels in the United States and abroad. They have been supported by the Ford Foundation and work in cooperation with such government agencies as the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), according to FCH spokesman Bill Pitts.

The concern was called in briefly last year to give an opinion of the Nardin Park seniors project for the Nardineers. FCH favored the Nardineers' plan.

In addition, Moshauer will coordinate senior citizens groups in other cities. He plans to be active in a senior citizens summer camp slated for the end of August or the beginning of September near Lexington, Michigan.

PERSONS OVER 60 years old are eligible to register for the camp, according to Moshauer.

Recent changes in his life are attri-

buted to his interest in seniors. He denies the rumors that the Nardin Park Methodist Church asked him to leave his post as associate.

After eight years in the same parish, Moshauer is taking a leave of absence for one year. The move is an option that is allowed by the church, according to Moshauer.

"I wanted time to develop the ministry to the elderly. I'm doing this with the blessing of the church and the Nardineers. I'll still be active in the Nardineers," he said.

Although he won't have a permanent pulpit assignment, Moshauer will fill in for vacationing ministers

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