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Split Vote On PRD Hearing Planners Will Look Again April 23

A large-scale, negative public reaction against the first proposed Planned Residential Development (PRD) in Farmington Township is expected when the plan undergoes its first public hearing April 23.

The Farmington Township Planning Commission set the PRD proposal for public hearing at its preliminary hearing Tuesday night.

However, the Planning commission's chairman had to cast a tie-breaking vote before the plan could advance to the public hearing stage.

THE TWO NEW PRD zones in Farmington Township, RP-1 and RP-2, permit an optional mixture of types of residential units.

Besides single and multiple family residences, churches, schools, parks and golf courses are permitted in the PRD zones.

Areas placed in either of the two classifications may still be

developed entirely in single family residences, however.

The first request for a PRD zone came from three development companies: The Mayfair Village Land Co., Charter Land Co., and Drake Land Co., whose backers are Irving A. Fader and Marvin R. Rollins of Southfield, have requested the zone for 180 acres southeast of the intersection of 14 Mile and Drake Rds.

The developers originally requested the zone for 202 acres, but the planning commission considered only the area adjacent to Drake and 14 Mile Rds. The remainder of the area originally included in the request lies between two existing subdivisions which front 13 Mile Rd.

L. DAVID STADER, secretary of the planning commission, said the public hearing April 23 in the township hall will consider only the north-

western part of the area originally submitted.

The commission, Stader said, approved a public hearing to rezone the property after a motion to reject the entire proposal narrowly was defeated.

Chairman Charles Lorion, who votes only in the case of ties, kept the proposal alive by voting against the rejection motion, Stader said.

Lorion commented that a PRD must pass both a public hearing to rezone the property and another public hearing to approve the site plan. He said the rezoning had enough merit to be considered.

Stader noted the approval for public hearing didn't necessarily mean the commission approved of the site plan submitted.

"The site plan didn't fit the spirit of the PRD," the commission's secretary commented.

Lorion commented that the site plan "didn't look too acceptable."

THE SITE PLAN, Stader said, called for townhouses and detached single family houses to be constructed.

Rollins said at the preliminary hearing that the townhouses all would be sold at prices beginning at \$40,000. Houses would be in the \$50,000 and up category.

The PRD ordinance has faced a barrage of criticism from homeowners' associations and residents since it was passed by township trustees Sept. 22, 1969.

Opponents are led by Art Damini who lives in Kendallwood subdivision and Ben Marks, president of the Farmington Council of Homeowners' Associations.

They collected 650 signatures on a referendum petition last fall. About 3,000 signatures

were needed to place the issue on the ballot.

Stader said the township's meeting room was full of spectators, many standing during the preliminary hearing on the PRD.

In addition, the Council of Homeowners' Associations has written a letter to the planning commission urging that the proposed PRD be rejected.

Much of the discussion at

the preliminary hearing concerned the site plan, Stader commented. He said the commission is "feeling its way along" on the first application for the zone.

Even though a PRD site plan is not approved when the property is rezoned, Stader said applicants probably will need a "pretty good site plan at the time of the rezoning."

Will Local Postmen Walk Out?

Reports have been circulating around the Farmington Area that local postal carriers have taken a strike vote and voted in favor of a walkout as an ultimate weapon.

The meeting was held, but it was not really a strike vote, according to Jim Hawks, president of the Farmington local of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC).

HAWKS SAID the local carriers simply voted on whether or not they would follow the leadings of the national headquarters should support be asked.

The Farmington local voted that "if national headquarters direct us on 'job action' we would support them" says Hawks.

"But we did not vote to go on strike," he adds, "that is illegal."

Asked if "job action" directed by the NALC could include the calling of a strike as an ultimate weapon, Hawks replied: "No comment."

MAIL CARRIERS have been negotiating two years with the federal government for an 11% pay hike.

Carriers also want a contract which will allow an employe to reach his top pay in eight years. Presently, a carrier must work 21 years before reaching his top pay.

Carriers in New York City have gone on strike and post offices throughout the nation are holding back on delivering mail addressed to that area.

The area which cannot have mail delivered to is posted in the Farmington Post Office.

Hawks says Farmington carriers are in complete sympathy with and understand the problems of their counterparts in New York City.

Admitted rumors of action by the NALC similar rumors are being circulated that United Parcel Service will go on strike next month.

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War Takes Brothers

Funeral services were held in Farmington today for William Francis, Our Lady of Sorrows High graduate who was killed in Vietnam. His brother, also an OLS grad, was killed in Vietnam a year ago and a younger brother was a traffic accident victim last July. The parents talk about their tragedy today.

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People Are Too Legal

Today's Farmington editorial declares it is not yet illegal to have people, and as long as people remain sanctioned they must have shelter. And although it is legal to have people, Daniels Den discusses an instance where the state has legalized and is encouraging abortion.

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20 Minutes Well Spent

Once again, you can find out what's going on in your community and neighborhood by spending about 20 minutes scanning the inside pages of the Farmington Enterprise & Observer. Today's issue includes the Community Calendar, At the Center, Local News, Canterbury Commons, and Kendallwood Comments.

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Check The Pitch

Music fills the air again this weekend as the Livonia Youth Symphony tunes its instruments in preparation for the Pops Concert. To find out about the musical program that will be presented by this local talent turn

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To Begin Holy Week

The most sacred week in the Christian year begins today, and we have two extra pages of church news to tell of the special events in Observerland churches.

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FIRE SCENE at Waynewood Apartments. (Observer photo)

Three Dead As Fire Damages 16 Apartments

Investigators from the Westland fire and police departments and the state fire marshal's office are digging through the scarred apartment project where three persons died and a fourth was critically injured in a fire Thursday night.

The blaze was in the Waynewood Apartments, 6337 N. Wayne Road, about a quarter-mile south of Westland Shopping Center.

VICTIMS of the fire were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Day, both in their 80s, and Mrs. Glen Bousquet. All three lived in the Waynewood Apartments. Injured critically was Mr.

Bousquet, a former Livonia resident. He was in the intensive care unit of Wayne County General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Day and Mrs. Bousquet died of smoke inhalation while Mrs. Bousquet's body was badly burned.

Nine apartments were damaged by fire and smoke, and another seven received water damage.

Cause of the blaze is still being investigated, said Westland Fire Chief Ralph Savini Friday morning.

He said the fire started in the Bousquet apartment on the first floor of Building D in the large apartment complex. Because of the gutted interior,

it could not be determined whether the fire started in the living room or the kitchen of the apartment.

THE SMOKE and heat were so intense, the chief said, that it carried to the Day's apartment, across and a short distance down the hallway, and caused the deaths of both Days.

Mrs. Bousquet was found dead in the hallway of the building.

The fire was first reported to the fire and police departments at 10 p.m. When firemen arrived "it was totally involved" in fire, Savini said. Firemen equipped with air

masks tried to rescue the Days from their first floor apartment but were driven back by the heavy smoke.

An estimated 35 to 40 firemen were at the scene. It took two hours to bring the blaze under control. Firemen were at the scene Thursday night for at least four hours.

Helping the Westland Fire Dept. at the fire were firemen from Garden City, the western Wayne County Mutual Aid Squad, and many off-duty firemen from other neighboring communities.

The Westland department had nine fire trucks and two rescue trucks at the apartment complex.

Adult Education Signup April 6

Judo and self defense will be offered by Farmington's adult education department during its spring term which begins April 13.

The class, instructed by black belt expert Steven Bolling, will be held on Wednesdays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Room 106C in Farmington High School.

REGISTRATION for all

classes will take place April 6, in the high school. 32000 Shiawassee. Enrollments are also being accepted for a proposed adult driver training course.

Bishop VI, an advanced course in suit tailoring, will be available for the first time on Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m. Art workshops will be conducted by elementary art consultants in two four week series. They will cover such sub-

jects as an introduction to clay and its decoration, batik and tie dyeing, jewelry-making, easy forms; acrylic painting and experiments with other media, print making and its applications.

GOLF RESUMES its place in the spring program. It will include three indoor and five outdoor sessions with flights for beginners, intermediate, and advanced players.

All of the established favorites are on the roster as well. They range from advanced oil painting to women's health and cover all categories of educational and avocational interest.

Information about classes is available at the office of Don Howell, director of adult education, 476-0810. Mail registrations are accepted at the school administration building, 32500 Shiawassee.

Buy Now Or Else Pay Later

At midnight Tuesday, March 31, you'd better have 1970 license plates on your car or suffer the consequences.

What are the consequences? City of Farmington police will ticket you and impound your car until proper plates are purchased.

A police officer explained that merely ticketing a driver allows him to drive away, still with old license plates on his car. Impounding the vehicle takes him out of action.

What fine will you have to pay on your ticket in District Court?

Thirteen dollars.

GERALD GRACE, manager of the local Secretary of State Office on Grand River, says he expects "the last Saturday before the deadline will be a fright. The deadline was in February last year and everybody thinks he has a lot of time."

Grace reports that sales this year are somewhat behind last year as of this date.

Grace has some hints to expedite making your license purchase:

Be sure to have your title with you.

Be sure to have proof of insurance.

You must have last year's registration if your car is a truck or trailer.

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