Planners: no to inkster rezoning

The requested rezoning...may negatively affect the ability of our city to implement or follow the master plan for the area, which is single femily residential."

Philip Amold, chairman, planning commission Farmington Hills By Jackio Klein stail writer

Residents of Southfield and Farm-ington Hills won the first round of a land-use battle against rezoning the burgeoning Inkster-11 Mile area for

apartments.
The Southfield Planning Commission recommended denial of a bid to rezone the 50-acre tract for mid-rise

remote the 50-acre tract for mild-tise apartments.
Homeowners of both cities turned out in full force at a meeting Feb. 25 to protest the Occidental Development Ltd's proposal to remote the single-family realdential property. It's on the east side of Inksire Read between 10 and 11 Mile.

H remote for a medium-rise apartment project (up to six stories), the site could have up to 1,037 dwelling units. Developers, who have an

option to buy the land owned by the Southfield School Board, say they plan three-story apartments with 792 units.

The recommendation of the plan-ning commission will go to the city council for final action.

THE PLANNING department, as well as the planning commission, turned thumbe down to the rezoning request because the 50-acre site abuts single-family homes, low-rise apartments and townhouses and doesn't conform to the 1988 future land use plan dues.

doesn't conform to the 1956 number and use plan.

That plan recommends the site be used for parts and the surrounding areas developed with low-rise housing and a cemetery. The school board property isn't served by a santary sever system.

Petitions opposing the apartment

project were submitted by the Farmington Hills Planning Commis-sion as well as residents of Farming-ton Hills and Southfield.

ton Hills and Southfield.
"The requested rezoning, if approved, may have a negative impact on land uses along insister Road," and Phillip Arnold, chairman of the Farmington Hills Planning Commission.

Farmingon assion.
"It may negatively affect the abliity of our city to implement or follow the master plan for the area
which is single family residential."

TWO-LANE Inkster Road isn't equipped to handle the traffic that new spartment occupants would add, said Barbara Komp of Farmington Hills. Traffic on Inkster is already increasing because of new office developments on 11 Mile, she said.

"There is so little wooded proper-ty left in Southfield," she said. "All

the apartment and office buildings are causing the city to lose its aesthetic value.

Other residents of Acorn Valley subdivision, in Farmington Bills bordering Southfield, object to the proposed zoning change because of a potential decrease in property values, in their wooded area and the influx of traffic.

Residents of Camberland conde-

in their wooden area and the mines of traffic.
Restdents of Cumberland condominiums in Southfield, south of the 50-acre site, objected to the proceed apartment complex.
Some said when they bought their units in 1975, they believed the site would be used for a school or for single-family homes.
In a letter to the planning commission, Cumberland residents said, "If you allow Occidental this resconing by political or any other method, it would constitute a breach of faith by the city to Cumberland co-owners.

the city to Cumberland co-owners.
"Consider 1,000 additional cars on

these roads already unable to handle the present flow of traffic. Utilities are already overburdened."

SUMMING IT up was a petition from Farmington Hills residents, which said, "Occidental Development is proposing to erect a ridiculous multistory apartment right in the middle of one of Southfield's few remaining prime wooded residential areas.

areas.
"A three-story apartment alone
would be an oyesore. Add the required surrounding parking lot and
the overflow of cars and you've got a

the overflow of cars and you've got a real ugly mess.

"The sharp increase in population density is going to bring more traffic to the surrounding roads than they can handle as well as a rise in the local crime rate. And what's to pre-vent someone from building a six-story apartment in the rezoned area at some later date?"

The pulse of your community The pulse of your community

Aftermath

Aides failed Reagan: lawmaker

President Reagan's aides "let him down" by encouraging a "gamble not worth taking" to free hostages, ac-cording to U.S. Rep. William Broom-field.

Broomfield comments came in the wake of the Tower Commission re-

waxe of the lower commission re-port highly critical of the president's inattention to a possibly illegal arms sale to Iran in exchange for hos-

sale to Iran In exchange for hostages.

Broomfield, R-Birmingham, placed much of the blame on Reagan's chief of staff, Donald Regan. Broomfield, whose congressional district includes the Farmington nrea, predicted that Regan would nite p down. He was replaced by Howard Baker.

Broomfield sald that the president was under "intense pressure" from the families of hostages in the Middle East. That, coupled with poor advice from his aides, ted to poor decisions, said Broomfield.

The fact is that his subordinates the fine form, "be said. "They gambie the fine form," be said. "They gambie that his form," was a gamble not worth taking."

orth taking."
BROOMFIELD, A member of the

BROOMFELD, A member of the floors select committee investigating the arms sale, said he was "favorably impressed" with the Tower report. "It should expedite our proceedings," he said.

"I think now the important thing is ot airt moveling shead. He is still our president for the next two years. We got to get this investigation behind us.

behind us.

"The only thing that concerns me is a prolonged investigation. I don't want may foot dragging."

Fromfiled, ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, repeated his contention that selective immunity should be granted to quickly uncover the complete story.

"Nobody doubts that I'm right" about immunity, he said. "It's just a question of when."

question of when."

ANOTHER U.S. representative,
Sander Levin, D-Southfield, was not
as charitable to the president. He
said the Tower report characterized
the Iran affair as "decision by cha""

os."

"I think his aides let him down, but he let down America by his policies," said Levin. "What's wrong was not just his management style.

What's wrong is his basic decision-making.

"You can't just put the blame on aides. He failed to follow carrefully the implementation of his policies."

Levin said the president would be harmed by the controversy but said he could regain some of his effectiveness if he accepts responsibility for the mistakes.

"He needs to say he was very wrong in his policies. He needs to say, Tlet down the nation."

Applegate Square

Adendor Biniarior Design



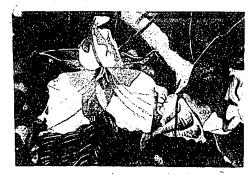
29839 Northwestern Hwy. 352-720



- Anytime Senior Citizen Discount
- Children's Menu Newly Remodeled

12 Mile Rd. at Orchard Lake Farmington Hills 474-8367





MEET THE ARTIST

Saturday, March 7, 2 to 5 p.m. Store for the Home, Birmingham Noreen Jordan, winner of the Detroit Institute of Art's poster contest, will sign copies of her "Trillium Grandiflora" painting. Signed, unframed copies will be available for \$10 each.

Jacobson's

Shop until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday Until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

FINAL DAYS

20%-40% STOREWIDE SAVINGS

- Classic Leather
- Conover
- La-Z-Boy
- Stiffel
- Nichols & Stone
- S. Bent

Free Local Delivery and Interior Design Service, Always Our Pleasure

Tracte III III III VII II III

