

Hills appointment policy may be rescinded

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The Farmington Hills City Council's appointment policy may not live long enough to celebrate its first birthday.

City councilman Ben Marks, who as mayor suggested the policy in February 1987, is asking his colleagues to consider rescinding the policy, which has come under fire since the day of its adoption.

"It never really bothered me," Marks said about the policy in a telephone interview following the council meeting Jan. 11.

Marks' request last week was prompted by councilman Aldo Vagnozzi's suggestions that some exceptions or clarification of the policy is needed.

Designed to entice newcomers to the city's board and commissions and to limit long-serving members, the policy prohibits members from serving on more than one board at a time. But Marks told his colleagues that the policy does not appear to have enticed many newcomers.

In theory, the policy seemed appropriate, Marks said

in a telephone interview. "In reality it doesn't work."

VAGNOZZI, WHO has publicly criticized the policy both before and after his council election, agrees with Marks. "I hope it is repealed. The mayor always has the right not to reappoint someone," Vagnozzi said last week.

"If someone wants to serve two (commissions), let them unless it's where there is a limit on the major commissions. The problem on these specialized meetings — I went to the historic commission meeting — is that these people are specialists."

Referring to Kay Briggs, historic commission chairwoman and member of the Arts Commission as an example, Vagnozzi said: "Why should we keep her and others from making their contributions?"

Both Marks and Vagnozzi believe the only restriction in the number of boards served on should be in regard to major boards, such as the zoning board of appeals and planning commission.

Both also believe that appointments should be left to the discretion of the mayor, with council approval. "It's a judgment call that should be left up to the mayor," Marks said.

Applications for board appointments are on file in the city manager's office. But Vagnozzi said he believes the applications are a result of boosted public relations efforts through cable television, the Farmington Observer and the city newsletter.

"A lot of people would like to serve the city. I hope they are picked in the next go-round in February," Vagnozzi said. Many board and commission members' terms expire in February.

THOUGH MANY attribute the policy to former councilwoman Joan Dudley, Marks originally suggested the policy in February 1987 when he was mayor.

Councilwoman Jan Dolan and Dudley supported the resolution creating the policy. Dudley also played a large role in making changes in the policy to allow the mayor time to find replacements for board members expected to resign. Changes were made in early March in a 6-0 vote.

Marks had suggested rescinding the policy in March as changes were debated. But the council stuck to their policy, which has since come under fire.

In his first opportunity to test the policy in July, then-

mayor Marks failed to ask councilwoman Jean Fox, then a member of three boards, to make her choice. He attempted to reappoint her to the historical commission.

"Maybe we have boxed ourselves in with this policy," Marks said at the council meeting in July. He also admitted he "was remiss" in not asking Fox to choose. Following council debate, Marks withdrew Fox's nomination for reappointment.

THOUGH OTHER board and commission members resigned their seats in the spring and summer, their resignations coincidentally conformed to the policy. Fox's reappointment was considered a test case for the policy.

At the time, arguments were made for Fox's reappointment to the historic commission because of her experience, interest and historical knowledge. But both Dolan and Dudley urged compliance with the policy.

"I think we should be looking far and wide in our community (for appointment candidates). I would like to keep the policy in place," Dolan said in July.

Mother has lifelong interest in education

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LaFleur might be found on a local architectural dig with students from one of her summer workshops, teaching them to take that extra step in educational exploration. She recently participated in a dig in the Cass Lake area.

"I love working with those kids," she said about her summer workshops. "I have just as much fun as the kids do."

She views her retail outlet as not just a store, but a place for teachers, parents and students to look for more in their family activities. "Hopefully, this is just a little place to start," she added.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● **SHOTGUN SEEN**
A man wearing a ski mask and Army fatigues was seen holding a shotgun in front of a room at the Envoy Inn, 28300 Grand River, at 2:15 p.m. Jan. 14.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:
After noticing an employee looking at him from a nearby walkway,

the masked man left the shotgun outside the room, ran down a flight of stairs into a field and left in a car parked on North Industrial Drive.

The 12-gauge shotgun was found to be unloaded. It included a pouch with five shotgun shells.

● **THEFTS REPORTED**
A radar detector valued at \$325 was reported stolen from a car parked at Town & Country Dodge, 31015 Grand River, Jan. 8-11.

A 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued

at \$5,200 was reported stolen from Boistford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Jan. 9-12.

A camera, a recorder and a radar detector valued at \$775 were reported stolen from a car parked at Waterville Construction, 30765 Grand River, Jan. 11.

Two furnaces valued at \$550 were reported stolen from a house under construction on Rexwood Jan. 11-12.

Money and jewelry valued at \$130 were reported stolen from a house on Robinson Jan. 12.

A VCR valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a house on Nine Mile near Inkster Jan. 12.

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