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plan for the City of Farmington.

PIATT BEGAN by saying the city's parking ordinance will be amended because the traffic survey taken indicated there is more parking space in the CBD than is needed now, and more is what will be needed in 1970.

The traffic survey was conducted by Tappan Datta of Grondell & Grieves, a traffic engineering consulting firm in Southfield.

Piatt said there are parkingshortages in some areas of the Downtown Farmington Center but there are other

parking areas in the Center which are not being used.

The traffic volume on Grand River will exceed that of the city's parking ordinance by 1972, continued Piatt, and by that year on-street parking must be removed from Grand River.

The parking removed from Grand River will be moved to a parking area north of Grand River along Thomas St. This will provide adequate parking spaces for business on the north side of Grand River, said Piatt.

In THE CENTER area, Piatt explained, the parking lot is 85% full during peak hours but many of the cars belong to merchants and employees.

"We hope the merchants will encourage their employees to park in areas where excess spaces are available," said Piatt, "such as the lot south of Federal's."

Piatt added that by 1980, based on the projected development for the CBD, there will not be enough land available.

TUPPER STRESSED that there is a lot which can be redeveloped in downtown Farmington. "We are not about to suggest things should be torn down just because they are old."

Studies show that by 1980 some 13,900 customers will come to Farmington each

day, Tupper said. By offering diversified services and specialty shops, Tupper added, Farmington will be able to compete with outlying shopping centers.

SOME OF THE major vision included in the CBD proposed master plan area:

• Redevelopment of Orchard Street to be used as a partial ring road;

• Multi-story buildings included high-rise office complexes with underground parking;

• Elimination of parking

on Grand River and expanded parking area north of Grand River by using the north 25 feet of Thomas St. for parking.

• Addition of two commercial buildings on the south side of Grand River east of Federal's;

• A specialty retail building on the west side of the parking lot south of Federal's;

• Redevelopment of the Downtown Farmington Center area to include two expansions to existing buildings;

• Development of the civic center area including a possible multi-story parking building with retail shops on the ground floor;

• A fountain area in the center, rest benches, trees, plantings, raised pedestrian walkways, and a complete realignment of parking patterns within the Center by using one-way aisles;

• Pedestrian crosswalks across Farmington Rd. and Grand River; and,

• Expansion of the CBD to the area east of Farmington Rd. between Orchard and Slocum, as far east as the post office.

HIGH RISE office buildings, possibly seven stories, are envisioned for two sites: one east of the Methodist Church on Grand River and the other at the site of Farmington Lumber.

The Farmington Junior High site has been added to the CBD area at the request of the school board's building and site committee.

The CBD boundaries now extend north to the ravine along city park and west of the old stone wall.

The bricks and mortar will have been there for a century, but the spirit continues to grow every day of every week. Join us and be part of it. There is some niche for everyone who is sharing to invest a share of himself.

PLANNERS HOPE to eliminate the jog where Alta Loma crosses Farmington Rd. by realigning Orchard to connect directly with Alta Loma.

Orchard could then be used as a through street instead of an alley and would act as a partial ring road to route traffic to the east and into the Downtown Farmington Center.

The commercial expansion seen east of Federal's on Grand River will be two side-by-side buildings with entrances in the front and back. This commercial area would extend east to Mayfield.

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December meetings for the Fifty plus Club are shaping into an intriguing holiday package. On Tuesday, Dec. 1, at their meeting which lasts from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., members will hear Mrs. Robert Throgmorton share information about her unique hobby of handknit dolls and their future. She will demonstrate how they are made and exhibit a part of her large collection.

On Dec. 8, Mrs. Bob Orrians will give her much sought after lecture and slide presentation on tropical flowers.

Dec. 15 is the date for their Christmas party, a potluck luncheon followed by a musical program performed by high school choral groups. All "plus fifties" in the Farmington area are cordially invited to attend. Call or write and call the Center for reservations by Dec. 11. Telephone numbers are 474-6873 and 474-2990.

A peek into the brochure now in preparation for winter classes to begin after the holiday season reveals many tempting new offerings—social dancing for adults and teenagers, jewelry making, and a study of international relations with Russell Barnes as teacher, and the special education department of the Detroit public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Chance joined 2,000 parents and professionals concerned with the welfare of the mentally retarded, including nearly 1,500 affiliated units of the national association.

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Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chance Jr., of Farmington, attended the annual convention of the National Assn. for Retarded Children in Minneapolis, Minn., where they represented both the Detroit Assn. for Retarded Children as teacher, and the special education department of the Detroit public schools.

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