

Developer forced to move driveway

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cered with safety issues, because of restricted vision coming south on Middlebelt over the freeway overpass.

The council voted 4-3 to change the driveway to 30 feet, with council members Jean Fox, Aldo Vagnozzi and Terry Sever opposing. There was also a 5-2 split vote to approve the entire condominium plan. Vagnozzi and Fox voted against that measure because of the high density of the project.

"We're back to where the planning commission was in evaluating this thing," city manager William Costlick said. "The engineers are confident with 100 feet. It seems to be the best solution for all involved."

"I'll make a decision and let us work with the developer. Hopefully, it won't have to be brought back to council."

NEIGHBORS TOLD the council they should have foreseen any problems when they approved the site plan. "Whether it was well-meaning or not... the duty of the council is to know" there was a potential problem, Carlin told the council Monday.

"The damage you're doing is obvious to me."

Cops, taverns eye safe holiday season

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"She didn't have a chance," Penny Blen said.

LOCALLY, EMPLOYEES at the four 7-Eleven stores in Farmington and Farmington Hills said they still have a supply of ribbons to hand out. The stores in Farmington Hills are at 28318 Orchard Lake, 22069 Farmington and 22323 Middlebelt. The store in Farmington is at 29375 W. 10 Mile.

"So far this year, 10 miles of ribbon has been given out in Oakland County," Blen said. "Fifteen people in Oakland County are running the chapter. We're not all mothers, and we're not all victims."

About 230 7-Eleven Food Stores throughout Michigan will distribute red ribbons to customers.

The Southland Corp., which operates 7-Eleven Food Stores, donated one mile of red ribbon to each of MADD's 400 chapters throughout the United States.

If laid end to end, these ribbons would extend across the country from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles and from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico, according to information supplied by 7-Eleven.

And the public is responding. Dotted along many streets, cars are sporting red ribbons, bows and yarn on their left-door handle, antenna, rearview mirror or other visible location to symbolize the driver's commitment to not drink and drive.

"These red ribbons top a gift that's hard to refuse — a sober driver — whose life and the lives of others cannot be returned or exchanged for another."

"We shout out, 'There's another ribbon, every time we see one,'" said Penny Blen, who's coordinating Oakland County's red ribbon campaign. "It makes you feel that you are not fighting this problem alone."

Blen and husband, Greg, MADD Michigan chairman and Oakland County MADD president, lost their 4-year-old daughter, Nicole, in 1981. The Ortonville family was out for a walk, dad with son, Chris, 1, in a backpack, mother and daughter walking beside, when a neighbor, driving home drunk, struck the little girl.

Ex-councilman Walker dies

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was always doing nice things for people."

FUNERAL SERVICES were held Wednesday at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Livonia. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Locally, Walker was known for his business, Farmington Realty Co., which he owned and operated before joining Thompson-Brown. Before working in real estate, he handled marketing, advertising and public relations for Michigan Bell Telephone for 32 years, where he spent many a day lobbying in Lansing.

That Lansing experience helped him when he served on the Farmington City Council from 1983 to 1985, according to city manager Robert Deadman. "He was certainly an advocate of the government," Deadman said. "He was primarily concerned with finances — that we got the most for the money we spent."

IN ADDITION to one term on the city council, he also served on the city's Economic Development Corporation and was a member of the Board of Review. But his community involvement stretched far past that of government service.

Walker was a past president and board member of the Farmington, Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Farmington Exchange Club. He served on committees for the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce and was honored by the state Legislature for his public service.

"He felt a real loyalty to the Farmington community," said his daughter, Liz. "He really enjoyed being active in that."

WALKER TOOK time out from his career to serve as a captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. A Toronto native, he was a graduate of Farmington High School.

Walker had a full life, and never stopped being active. "He thrived on that," Liz added. "He wouldn't have had it any other way. I think he offered a lot to a lot of people."

City Hall to get \$150,000 face-lift

By Susan Buck
staff writer

Farmington City Hall will undergo a face-lift in January.

The city council approved the \$150,000 remodeling project Monday. It targeted \$61,000 for office furniture from the city's capital improvement fund.

Council waived the bid process on the construction. That will allow John Allen, a Farmington architect, to assume the role of construction manager to seek contractors with city administration.

According to Robert Schultz, administrative assistant to the city manager, Allen will receive 15 percent of the total project cost.

The general offices of the municipal building, which includes the offices of the treasurer, city clerk, assessor and Public Safety Records Division, have not been remodeled since the city hall opened in 1963.

"Construction would be done in four phases and the building will be kept open during the process," said Robert Deadman, city manager. "The work will be done during weekends and nights."

The council hired Allen three months ago to review space needs, said Schultz. Allen interviewed all department heads and some employees.

THE REVIEW revealed:

- Space allotted to police records, in the basement of the building, is neither adequate nor accessible to the handicapped.
- It is difficult to share employees under the current arrangement during heavy work periods such as tax billing, elections and during times in which employees are on leave. Many new clerical functions have been added to everyday activities.

For instance, the city clerk now needs space to process 1,500 absentee voters during general elections.

The advent of computers requires that space be allocated for terminals, processors and printers. Only mainframe computers existed when the building was built and city functions were conducted on handwritten documents.

Under the new plan, the city manager's office would be used by the police records division. An additional meeting room would be added.

The city manager's offices would be moved to the space in the northeast corner of the building, originally used for the 47th District Court. The court was moved to its present location on 10 Mile in 1979.

Federal community development block grant funds will be used to make office doorways, walkways and a restroom barrier free.

New, quiet floors are also planned along with new work stations and files.

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Before you accept the conclusion that you are mainly depressed, consider your burdens: the strain upon your shoulders when you put on an overcoat, the strain upon your hands when you pull on or off a pair of gloves. Then there is the stress upon your hands and feet when you pull up boots.

Additional strain accumulates when you sit longer in cars during winter traffic jams. Consider too, the careful way you must walk outdoors to avoid a fall, and the effort your hands make in opening storm doors against a strong, cold wind.

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