

New library, library tax in voters' hands

By Casey Hens
staff writer

Besides filling seats in city council races in both Farmington and Farmington Hills, local voters will decide two issues involving the 17-year-old, two-branch Farmington Community Library system.

Voters will consider spending \$14.5 million for a new library and decide whether to allow an independent library system tax levy of 1.5 mills for 20 years.

Library director Beverly Papal, who estimates she has spoken personally to "between 500 and 1,000" people during the weeks before the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election, said she is "very guardedly positive" about the outcome. She believes the higher the turnout, the better it will fare for the library.

Approval is sought for \$14.5 million to raise money to build, furnish and equip a new main library or, on property on the north side of 12 Mile, just east of Halsted, and to renovate

the branch in downtown Farmington.

WITH VOTER approval, the library would issue general obligation tax bonds to raise the money. The new library would cost the owner of a house with a market value of \$150,000, and an assessment of half that, about \$7.50 per year in taxes.

Papal said the library board reviewed 13 sites throughout Farmington Hills trying to find the one most

suitable for a new building.

The old library on 12 Mile, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads, would either be decided to the two cities for their use, or sold to reduce the dollar amount of the new library building.

Include a senior center.

CORDINGLY, if the measure passes, the library board does not intend to levy the full millage initially, causing only a tax shift, but would likely levy the millage maximum within a few years to operate the new, larger library.

Papal said she hopes both issues pass, but if not, "the problems we had on the seventh (of November), we'll still have on the eighth." She said the library board would likely return to voters again if the measures fail.

Council candidates debate need for teen center

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Farmington Hills City Council took vigorous steps to promote community teen programs in the fight against drugs, candidates said last week, but some stopped short of outright support for a teen center.

The 13 candidates met Oct. 25 to share views for the last time before the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election. The forum was a candidates night sponsored by the Council of Homeowner Associations of Farmington Hills in the city council chambers.

Questions were asked by a panel consisting of Betty Nicolay, Farmington Families in Action chairman; Bob Sklar, Farmington Observer editor, and Barry Stulberg, COHA board member.

Ten candidates are seeking four regular terms; three are vying for the remaining two years of former councilman Joe Alkateeb's four-year term.

Regular term hopefuls



Arnold, Grant, Kielinski, Lichtman, Marks, Oliverio, Rosen, Sarkisian, Stines, Vagozzi

Nicolay asked the candidates if they would favor a community teen center and if they intend to promote drug prevention programs.

CANDIDATES FOR the four regular council terms responded this way:

• Incumbent Ben Marks — "The teen center is a marvelous idea, but we have to find out how the kids will, will they use it and will we be able to provide what they want."

• Incumbent Philip Arnold — "I think the one concern needs to be addressed through many citizens' involvement with the youth. The job of a council member is to draw upon people we have involved with our youths and use the resources we have to address those issues."

• Incumbent Aldo Vagozzi — "We have a number of potential centers in the community. Those are the school buildings. I think we ought to make use of them. And I think we

should appoint young people to the parks and recreation program."

• Challenger Greg Kielinski — "We have to give the young people of this community somewhere to go other than a home. They need a place where they can use the great minds that they have to benefit society."

• Challenger Lawrence Lichtman — "I think the city has to try to do more for active parks and recreation facilities. I believe the library on 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads, may be converted for our teen center. I would support converting that facility (into a teen or senior center)."

• Challenger Verner Kleipinski — "We talk about drugs and we can build a nice building and a fancy place, but that's not going to stop the drugs that are brought into the schools and the community. We have to deal with drugs head-on. Why not use the money to buy a couple of dogs and sniff out school lockers?"

• Challenger Ronald Oliverio — "We're an affluent community and we have to do more to speed drugs. It's a temptation. I am for strict drug laws. I believe in the maximum penalty for drug offenders."

• Challenger Albert Rosen — "Every time I hear the word drugs, it chills my heart because I had two students in my classroom OD (overdose). The drug problem should be a top priority because our children are our future."

• Challenger Betty Stines — "I feel that the schools should consolidate the city and make use of the schools' facilities, the gymnasium and the playground, for the use until we can come up with some type of teen center."

• Challenger Jonathan Grant — "I support a youth community facility provided it is not going to compromise the position of a possible senior facility."

two-year term responded:

• Incumbent Paul Sowerby — "I'm not in favor of teen centers. I am going to resolve the drug problem in our community. I am a victim of our own affluence. We have created a two-income necessity in our homes. All of the parents love their children but unfortunately, they are prioritizing their lives and the time for children does not always come out on top. I don't know that the city can pick up that vacuum. I'm not prepared to say that we will build a teen

center or a senior citizen center."

• Challenger Nancy Bates — "I support the development of a teen and senior center. A recent survey indicated that most problem pregnancies occur around 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We need to do more for our young people."

• Challenger Herbert Liner — "Drugs is a mortal enemy of the United States of America. The worst enemy we have. I support any program that will assist in eliminating drug addictions."

Special term hopefuls



Bates, Liner, Sowerby

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Hopefuls address concerns of downtown residents

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"It was a decision based on a lot of additional information we have," she said, adding that the change made "a complete, total downtown area. It does tie in the area and was part of the plan."

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