

Restudy Carrington Place, mayor urges

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The Observer will file a Freedom of Information request, as suggested by Harrison, for correspondence and reports regarding MSHDA's denial of Detroit Baptist Manor, which was managing the facility before the move to make it low-income.

"We would have rather they approved Detroit Baptist Manor," Yaker said. "We tried our best to get it approved."

CARRINGTON PLACE partners

bought the 5 1/2 acres from Detroit Baptist Manor, which bought it from the city after it was donated by Ronald and John Hanaway. The property is zoned for elderly housing.

PM Diversified of Birmingham took over management April 30, said Detroit Baptist Manor executive director Robert McQuaid.

"We have used them (PM Diversified) in other projects," Yaker said. The company manages 15,000 units, 3,000 of which are for senior adults.

McQuaid is expected to meet with MSHDA officials this week to discuss the denials.

"I will reserve comment on the reasons. Some of them just don't make a whole lot of sense to me."

THE FARMINGTON HILLS City Council in March approved a tax break for the Carrington Development. The 4 percent payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) is possible because Carrington is expecting to receive permanent MSHDA financing.

Based on the development's \$1.2 million state equalized value, Carrington's annual property taxes would be about \$60,000. The 4-percent payment-in-lieu of taxes would be \$17,589 in 1990. The city would get \$1,000 to \$4,000 of that payment.

The tax break, which means less costs for the partners, allows lower rents.

The more than \$600 monthly rent, for example, would be reduced to \$401 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$457 for two bedrooms. Income

restrictions would apply to tenants. MSHDA subsidies also may be available to tenants who pay more than 40 percent of their income for housing.

MANY RESIDENTS in the 20 occupied units would qualify under the income restrictions, Yaker said. "No one is being evicted," he said, referring to tenants whose income exceeds restrictions.

Yaker acknowledged some tenants are concerned about the change to low- and moderate-income housing.

"Some say this isn't the development they moved into and want to get out."

Carrington partners have offered tenants who don't qualify under income restrictions options, including honoring current leases. Now less, though, at renewal will be increased a maximum 10 percent.

Tenants who want to leave will be allowed to break their leases and will be paid a maximum \$700 moving expenses and four months' rent to a maximum \$2,500 at a new location.

Witness says Bonelli 'mentally ill'

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thing he had no control over," Birnbaum said.

Other witnesses testified Bonelli has been the victim of an unstable stepfather who exacerbated the boy's mental illness. Bonelli's biological father left the family when Bonelli was a year old.

Mario Rea, Bonelli's uncle, said Bonelli told him that stepfather Tony Passalacqua was mean to Bonelli. In one incident Rea recalled, Passalacqua punished Bonelli when he was 14 by pulling the boy's pants down in public and spanking him.

"There were a lot of instances," Rea testified. "There was a basic conflict from day one."

ON A 1987 vacation, Bonelli told Rea about his troubles at home, Rea said. In September that year, Bonelli (then 16) moved in with the Reas, whom he lived with when Fracchia was killed.

Rea said he heard more stories about Passalacqua after Bonelli came to live with him. "He started thinking about ways of hurting him if he had to," Rea said. "He made the comment that the situation was literally driving him crazy."

Bonelli was given to fits of extreme anger and paranoid behavior, Rea said, which eventually led to his being placed in the Farmington Training Center, a school for emotionally impaired students.

Eventually, Bonelli was taken to the Oakland County Mental Health Services where a doctor said he was borderline schizophrenic and prescribed medication called Mellaril.

"When we knew he was on (the Mellaril) it definitely helped him," Rea said. "He wasn't so moody and he started doing well in school."

However, Bonelli didn't always take his medicine, Rea said. "I started finding the little red pills in the garage."

HE TALKED about suicide once, but later laughed it off and said "I was just kidding," Rea said. Bonelli also got into several fights and cut his arm with a razor from wrist to elbow once.

Always popular, Bonelli never had trouble finding a date, Rea said. But was obsessive about whatever girl he happened to be seeing and eventually got involved with two, Fracchia and Venise Asmar.

Last January, a Farmington Training Center doctor readjusted Bonelli, this time as depressive, and took him off Mellaril, prescribing instead a drug called Tofanil.

"You could see a steady decline (in his behavior)," Rea said. "Anthony

had a very difficult time making a decision."

"It was not a reasonable drug to give to one who is psychotic," Yaker said, calling the switch "a profound error. It placed Anthony at the mercy of his psychosis." Tofanil, he added, has been proven to aggravate psychosis in some cases.

FRACCHIA AND Asmar soon found out about one another. Each pressured Bonelli to dump the other. "There were threats made from both girls," Rea said. "Anthony put off breaking up. He didn't know which girl to break up with. Both my wife and I felt that he was starting to lose it."



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OM team in finals

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competition at the University of Maryland for a problem involving a submersible vessel. That team placed fourth.

A total of 26 teams, three from Farmington, competed at the state level this year. The other two Farmington teams also placed.

The Highmower "Seven Wonders of the World" team received a medal and placed second in the elementary division. The team was required to recreate the seven original wonders of the world and to replace the wonders with ones of their own choosing. They were judged on their presentation, costume and props and brainstorming to solve a problem. Team members were Andrea Platt, Lauren Helleck, Jenny DeYoung, Marchelle D'Anna, Danielle Jacques, Annemarie Scario and Erin Roeder. They were coached by Ruth Platt and Cindi Helleck.

The Dunckel Middle School team placed fifth for their "Omnitronic Humor" problem. They created an animated character to make different facial expressions, brainstorm a problem and create props and costumes to support their skit. Team members were Mario Cursetti, Mike Cyrulnik, Scott Lord, Mike Sands, Dave Sands, Rob Still and Arvind Surendran. They were coached by Sue Giannotta and Diane Sands.

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