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Commissioner James Pogue suggested residents might take their concerns to the city council, which oversees the DDA. No council members were present.

The DDA proposed the Downtown Clock Plaza, using \$22,000 contributed by the 125th Committee as seed money. The DDA is also appropriating \$65,000.

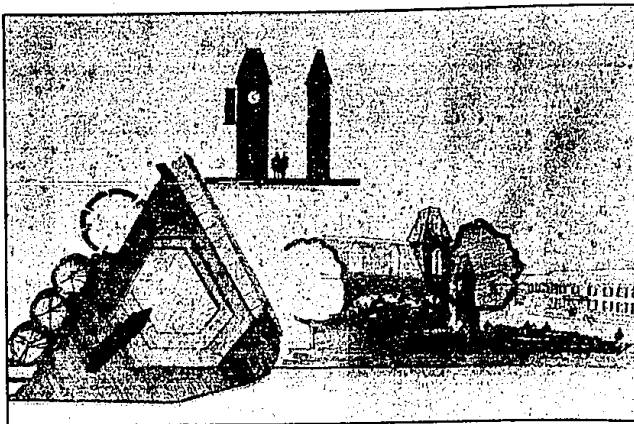
Completion date is set for July in time for the Founder's Festival. In addition to the clock tower, the plans include a walkway, new trees, benches and a triple-tiered planter. Architect Chris Wzacny outlined the project in detail at the meeting.

"I would say the people here today are not here to find out about the plaza or to find out about the planter," Wzacny said, "but to find out (about) this one element — the tower."

The proposed tower stands 28.6 feet with a four-by-six foot brick base, Wzacny said. The tower's mansard roof will be made of slate in order to coincide with the Masonic Temple.

Wzacny also answered critics who say the Masonic Temple should stand alone, adding it would cost an "incredible" amount of money to incorporate the historic landmark into the streetscape. He said such a plan would also involve the removal of existing trees.

"What we're saying is we're trying to introduce the Masonic Temple by a vertical element to make that whole experience a rich



How it might look: A drawing displayed at DDA meetings shows how the clock tower (right of center) would line up with the Masonic Temple.

experience," Wzacny said. Many weren't convinced, though.

Sandra Shelly of the Beautification Commission said her group is against the clock tower. Instead, she proposed the idea of a

sun-dial type clock, keeping with the theme of the 19th century building.

Robert Siegmund of the Farmington Historical Society echoed the opposition.

James Dale spoke out as a member of the Masonic Lodge, a

reserve police officer, and a resident of the historic district.

"Finally, as a citizen I am upset," Dale said. "I object to the location, cost and the ignoring of the community members for the glorification of a few members of the DDA and city officials."

**Q:** Would you use an ice arena if one were constructed in Farmington Hills?

- Yes
- No

If yes, for what:

- Hockey
- Figure skating
- Recreation skating
- Speed skating

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Bourgault said although most Canadian men are brought up with hockey, Farmington Hills and the surrounding area would be a good market for new players.

"I have a feeling there must be a real market here," he said. "A lot of guys would like to play hockey."

Alcohol is not a problem at his arena, Bourgault said.

"A lot of people have a concern about how appropriate are liquor sales," councilman Larry Lichtman said.

"We do sell a lot of 5 (non-alcoholic) beer and juice," Bourgault said. "It's not a bar where people hang out and drink. Do not be afraid of it."

Committee member Terry Sever said the city owns a golf course that sells alcohol without problems.

"We have it on our golf courses and we're able to manage it," Sever said.

Bourgault said the cost of renting ice is economical when compared to golf and skiing.

Bourgault said about 85 percent of ice time is used for hockey, 10 percent is used for figure skating, and 5 percent for open skating at his facility.

After talking with Bourgault, the committee asked City Manager Bill Costick to meet with Jack Vivan of the University of Michigan to determine the cost of a feasibility study for an ice arena in Farmington Hills.

Costick plans to bring the matter up at the March 22 city council meeting. A subcommittee from Novi that had been considering an arena for that city.

## CLARIFICATION

A story in the March 8 Farmington Observer should have said the deadline to file petitions in the June 14 Farmington Public School election is Monday, April

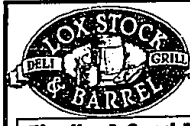
12. School spokeswoman Beta Rothrock recommends prospective candidates file well before then.



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