

Candidates Agree On Cityhood Issues

FARMINGTON Farmington Township charter commission candidates have met recently and agreed upon a list of reasons why cityhood is needed for the community.

More than half of the candidates met with members of the Future Farmington Association (FFA) and agreed to join in the campaign to obtain a "yes" vote on the cityhood question.

THE CANDIDATES have been organized into committees and will seek volunteers to assist in the push for passage of incorporation on the May 16 ballot.

Any group wanting a speaker may make

arrangements by contacting McConnell at 30106 Valleydale.

A PRIMARY reason candidates saw for approving incorporation is to protect the township's boundaries and tax base.

"A 'yes' vote on incorporation buys two-year's time for boundary and tax base protection," noted McConnell referring to the

fact that annexations cannot be attempted during the two years the commission has to come up with a charter and obtain voter approval.

McConnell observed that Novi has already become a city and West Bloomfield Township is considering incorporation now. Thus, he continued, there is a threat in the future of the township being gobbled up by an-

nexations from either Southfield, Novi, West Bloomfield, Livonia or Farmington cities.

Incorporation will also provide the community with local control over its roads, the candidates decided. With gas and weight tax funds returning to the new city, McConnell explained, the city could control the funds, establish priorities on roads to be improved and then contract

with the county for those improvements.

CANDIDATES felt cityhood will also provide a more efficient and more responsive government than the township form.

The candidates expressed the belief that taxes can be limited by charter provision and growth of the community controlled. Another reason

given is that under city government, the tax money is spent on persons locally instead of leaving the township and being allocated back through the state and county.

As an example, McConnell noted that last year the county allocated \$720,000 to the township from its gas and weight rebates but spent only about \$150,000 in township road improvements.

McConnell stresses that the FFA does not plan to endorse

candidates for cityhood commission but is interested only in whether candidates will support the cityhood question.

The FFA will hold another meeting Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. in the police conference room of Farmington Township Hall at 11 Mile and Grand Lake Rds. to discuss cityhood issues. Charter commission candidates and the public are invited.

Charles Hannan To Be Honored By Center

FARMINGTON Charles D. Hannan, architect and artist from Farmington, will be the first person to be honored by the Arts and Crafts Guild of the Farmington Community Center during May.

The center will hold an exhibition of paintings and etchings by Hannan May 20-23 showing the development of his art to the present.

The exhibition will open with a champagne preview scheduled for Saturday, May 20, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the Center. Donations are \$5 per person and checks should be made payable to the Farmington Community Center.

Some of Hannan's paintings will be available for sale at the exhibit.

THE DEATH of his father (six months after the family settled in Detroit) made it necessary for Hannan to help support the family financially. He did this by free-lancing, illustrations for architects, as well as keeping full time employment as an architectural draftsman.

In the office of Robert O. Derrick architects, he worked on the plans for some of the replicas of historic early American buildings which Derrick was building for Henry Ford at Greenfield Village.

He then took employment with the Cleveland Board of Education architectural office. During this time, he continued his studies at the John Huntington Polytechnical

Institute where he was able to develop the technique of etching.

Then followed the depression of 1929 and he again found himself in Detroit without work. Remembering the Independence Hall Tower, he made an etching of it and sent it to Derrick, who was a close friend of Edsel Ford.

Ford, patron of the arts, was impressed with it and invited Hannan to make a series of the Greenfield Village historic buildings. The village was not open to the public at that time and Hannan had complete freedom for three years to sketch and make etchings in idealistic surroundings. There followed a successful exhibition of his art work at the J. L. Hudson gallery.

By invitation of the officials of the Williamsburg

restoration, financed by John D. Rockefeller, Hannan did a series of etchings of the restored historical early American village buildings.

He wrote many articles for newspapers and magazines in defense of modern art and architecture during the change over of the liturgy brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

Flood May Be Drained

A public hearing will be conducted soon by the Oakland County Road Commission on a possible solution to drainage problems on Kenwood, Eldred, Radcliffe Sts., and Tuck from Eight Mile to a point north of Eldred.

The hearing was requested by the Farmington Township Board last Monday night. The previous week the board had asked for a hearing on paving Kenwood St. to be conducted by the county.

James Stevens, street improvement engineer of the road commission, says the

drainage problems can be solved by extending an existing storm sewer on Middle Belt west to Kenwood. The extension of the storm sewer could be conducted at the same time the streets are paved, explains Stevens. Trustees voted to ask the county to conduct a hearing on the storm sewer extension as well as the road improvements.

If residents agree to necessarily, a second hearing will be held to set up a special assessment district and determine estimated costs.

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THERE ARE many memorable buildings that he designed as an architect.

One of the most outstanding is the church which he built for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Farmington. It received national recognition when the Architectural League of New York invited it for exhibition without having to go through jury.

Hannan quite literally grew up with a drawing pencil in his hand. His childhood was spent in England where his inclination toward the arts was encouraged by his mother, and his father instilled in him the love of fine music.

He started his career at the age of 14 under the apprenticeship system prevalent at the time in England. He moved to America at the age of 15.

The family settled in Detroit where he enrolled at Cass Technical High School in an architectural drawing course. A turning point in his life came when he was employed as a "blue-print" boy in the Albert Kahn architectural office. Kahn was also a fine artist and encouraged Hannan to join a



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Purpose of closing Nine Mile is to permit construction of a bridge to carry the freeway over Nine Mile.

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