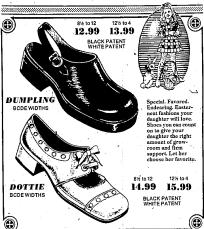


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# lills council backs 2 planning decisions

By CARL STODDARD

A proposed rezoning and a re-quest for public hearing were both shot down by the Farmington Hills City Council Monday night.

The council rejected 6-0 (Councilman Margaret Schaffer was absent) a request from the Life-time Door Co. to rezone a parcel from residential to office zoning.

The parcel is located on the northwest corner of Valley Drive and Northwestern Highway!

and Northwestern Highway!
The second request was for a rehearing before the planning commission.
William S. Munger asked to rezone a 20 acre site from residential to a zone that would allow an apartment complex. It was denied 6-0.

MUNGER HAD asked that the site be rezoned to permit the build-ing of a \$13 million, 225-unit apartment complex at the south-east corner of Farmington and 13 Mile roads.

The parcel is surrounded by residential property, and according to the future land use plan developed for Farmington Hills, the property was to remain residential.

In line with this, the planning commission voted 8-0 to deny the

Councilman Earl Opperthauser

He moved that the council deny the request. His motion passed unanimously.

THE REQUEST from the Life-time Door Co. was for a zoning that would permit construction of an office building up to two-stories in height.

Under the zoning ordinances, a barbershop, beauty salon, church or parking lot would also have been permitted.

permitted.

William Gilbert, president of
the company, said only a one-story
office building, with room for
25-30 employes was planned. The
office was to be used as the national headquarters.

The request met with strong opposition from area residents at the council meeting.

David A. Goldman, 28682 Mil-brook Rd., urged the council not to "Southfieldize Farmington."

"Once you open the door, the people next to it (the rezoned land) are going to say 'I want my property rezoned too,' " Goldman warned

Hartley Thornton, a member of the troop committee, received the Star Scout Award at the dinner.

Residents also presented peti-

# said he felt single-family homes could be built on the parcel. He added that to send the request back to the planning commission would only postpone its fate. **Schoolcraft College**

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Scott is one of the original members of the troop and has held offices of assistant patrol leader,
scribe, patrol leader and assistant
senior patrol leader and assistant
senior patrol leader and maintained bird feeders at the Oak Hill)
Vursing Home in Farmington.
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