

Commission Rejects Request To Deny Building Permit

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

A request by the Taliaferro Estates property owners association to withhold a building permit covering a proposed building at the southwest corner of Maple and Larchlea was rejected by city commissioners Monday night.

Mayor Charles W. Renfrew said that as long as the developer was acting within city building codes the permit could not be withheld.

The administration, however, was instructed to keep a close watch on any project started and to carefully check any parking lot entrances and exits involved in the development.

THE LAND at Maple and Larchlea has long been a matter of controversy.

Efforts by both the planning board and the Taliaferro association to have the property rezoned from business to residential have failed.

The five lots in question are owned by Manley Bailey, his wife and sister-in-law Miss Eleanor Haack.

In a letter to the commission, Stanley R. Brubaker, secretary of the Taliaferro group, said his people were "concerned, from a safety

standpoint," about what will happen to on-street parking in the area.

HE SAID the association had been presented with tentative plans covering the proposed building.

City Manager L. R. Gare said he understood an office building would be constructed on the site but did not know what type of offices would be housed in the building.

Brubaker specifically asked the commission to withhold any permits "pending a study and evaluation by the commission of the on-street parking problem in connection with the property and the approval of a solution to this problem by the Taliaferro Estates Association Board of Directors."

The association believes that while the square footage of the property devoted to parking meets technical requirements, "common sense" dictated there would be an overflow of cars.

"While neither of these streets is a designated fire route, they, of course, are access routes for the local neighborhood including Midvale School.

"THE FIRE EQUIPMENT would obviously have a virtually impossible task of safely maneuvering

through the congestion on either Larchlea or Westchester with cars parked in accordance with present regulations," Brubaker said.

Commissioner William H. Bursum said he could see two purposes in the project.

"The owner will construct a building on the property and then come in and petition us to rezone adjacent property he owns to parking."

Commissioner Robert W. Page said he believed it should be made clear that the parking situation had a serious bearing on the entire project.

"THERE SEEMS to be some thinking on the commission that we should restrict street parking in the area and I would certainly oppose any rezoning to parking of residential property," Page said.

A suggestion by Commissioner Charles F. Clippert that the permits be withheld pending a study of the on-street parking conditions was rejected.

Gare said if such a rule was imposed all building permits in the area would have to be held up.

Humility, like darkness, reveals the heavenly lights. Thoreau

Funds

(Continued from 1-A) questioned what might be done short of Federal aid to improve the neighborhood.

Hustoles answered: "A strong enforcement of the House Code or possible application for Federal Home Improvement Loans."

These loans, he said, allow for the improvement of older homes. A low 3 per cent interest rate is charged and payments are spread over a 20- or 25-year period.

Older residents may qualify for this assistance by getting co-signers on the loans.

"It is very important that a neighborhood spirit be included in any type of conservation program," Hustoles said.

BEFORE THE Federal government will participate with a community in a conservation program it must be proven that the municipality is attempting to solve its program.

Hustoles outlined seven steps that make up a workable program for community improvement:

- Adequate codes and ordinances
- Birmingham recently passed new housing regulations.
- Comprehensive Community Plan—Birmingham's has just been completed after a two-year study, using Federal funds to pay two-thirds of the cost.
- Neighborhood Analysis—Bir-

mingham has also just completed the Housing Classification study.

• Administrative Organization—Birmingham has a planning department and building inspection department.

• Financing—Birmingham is in sound financial condition.

• Housing displaced families—most of the homes in Birmingham's core urban area would need only to be repaired, not torn down.

• Citizen participation—Birmingham has done nothing in this area.

"It would appear to me," Hustoles said, "that Birmingham could go ahead if a citizens committee was appointed to study a redevelopment program and to keep up with its progress."

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CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS AND HIS CAMPAIGN WAGON
Frank J. Sierawski distributes literature to Charlene Williams.

Win

(Continued from Page 1-A) most of his life but presently resides in Madison Heights.

He is a graduate of Notre Dame University with an MA and a BA degree in economics. He has been active in the Oakland County Democratic organization since 1952.

THE HUSKY father of six decided to oppose Bromfield in March of this year.

"I decided to run mainly because of a desire for public service and a chance to advance my career."

"I also hoped to be a different type of candidate than we've had in the past," he said.

Sierawski praised the Democratic 18th District Committee for their efforts in his campaign.

Although he is confident of his chances, Sierawski admits his possible victory is tied in closely with how strong Johnson and Humphrey show in the county.

He feels he is particularly strong in the southern portion of the county. Much of his support, he says, is coming from Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights and Oak Park.

ON THE OTHER side of the ledger, he admits he must work hard in the Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Southfield areas.

He has yet to meet his opponent on the campaign trail but still hopes to have a chance between now and November.

"I suppose as the incumbent he is following the tradition of why give your opponent a podium," Sierawski remarked.

"A candidate must be prepared to win or lose," Sierawski said. "Being realistic I would be out of a job, but I feel it helps me to have had a business background."

MOST of the Sierawski campaign has been conducted on a person-to-person basis.

"I spend a lot of time in shop-

ping centers and bowling alleys just walking up to people and introducing myself," he said.

"If I don't wear out two pairs of shoes during the campaign, I'll know I missed the boat somewhere along the way."

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State representative, District 67, Albert E. Kramer, Dem., preferred over Harvey Van Buhler, Rep.; District 68, William Hayward, Rep., incumbent, preferred over John E. Krommberg, Dem.; District 69, Max D. Hill, Rep., and Daniel S. Cooper, Dem., no preference.

Judge, circuit court (non-partisan) Arthur E. Kramer, 97; Phillip Pratt, 92; James S. Thorton, 92; James Clarkson, 90; John E. McGrath, 82, Allen C. Ingle, 80.

County Offices: prosecutor, Robert Tompkins, Rep.; preferred over S. Jerome Bronson; clerk-register, David R. Calhoun, Rep. incumbent, preferred over Ruel E. McPherson, Dem.; treasurer, Charles A. Sparks, Rep. incumbent, preferred over Lucille D. Marshall, Dem.

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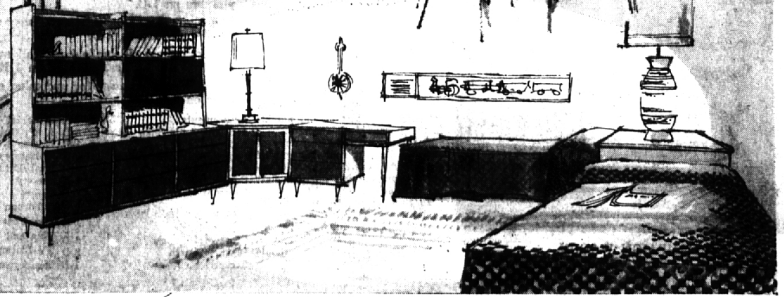
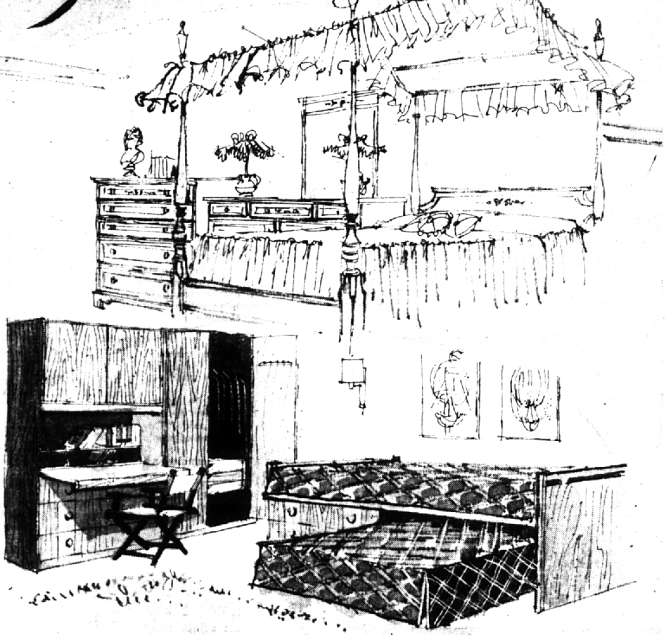
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