

Neighbours Find Little Fault

Sinclair — Duncan Townhouses Now Need Council O.K.

The townhouse development by Zorge Construction, at Sinclair and Duncan, cleared another hurdle, Wednesday

night, when Planning Board recommended the rezoning of the property from C2, commercial, to R4, special, townhouses. The recommendation now goes to council for their decision.

The five area residents present at the public meeting, found little fault with the overall plan, but criticized the location of an entrance, and the amount of screening at the back of the property. They also asked the drainage of the property be investigated before construction is allowed.

In reply, Fred Zorge said he would be happy to erect any kind of screening, fencing or planting, the adjacent residents favoured. He pointed out the drainage would have to be approved by C.M.H.C. before a mortgage was approved.

Will Ogden, of Municipal Planning Consultants Ltd., explained that all the changes found necessary in an earlier plan had been made by the company, and the plan now conformed in every way with zoning requirements and set back and parking standards.

CONDOMINIUMS
George Gray, a representative of Zorge Construction, emphasised the townhouses would be condominiums. "They are owned by the residents, who take pride in their own homes," he said. He asked the ratepayers to look at the townhouses on Mountainview.

"While we didn't build them, we respect the workmanship and maintenance of the development," said Gray.

Raymond Brown, 3 Raylawn Crescent, told Planning Board the neighbours should have been notified of the meeting.

Chairman Ted Evans pointed out that was the purpose of this public meeting.

Brown suggested one entrance be moved from the front of the property to the back, since he would be surrounded by cars, he said. If cars entered right behind his backyard, and also on the road in front of him.

The chairman said the entrance had originally been at the front, but Planning Board asked it be moved to the back because it was too close to the corner, and might prove a traffic hazard.

MESSY?
Mrs. G. Reed wondered if the area would become messy and untidy.

George Gray replied a maintenance management company keeps the ground around condominiums in order. Cr. Phil Siddall pointed out that Planning Board was considering a by-law setting out standards which must be maintained on all property in the municipality. "It will give the municipality power to do something about people who do not keep up their property," he added. Using Golden Gate townhouses as an example, Siddall emphasised that conditions which were met by the company were set out in a legal agreement with the town. He promised the ratepayers ideas would be borne in mind when the agreement was drawn.

DID NOT KNOW
Browne asked if there were any other meetings open to people who might want to object. He claimed many people did not know about the meeting.

Chairman Evans explained that after planning board makes a recommendation it goes to council, if council approves it, the zoning amend-

ment then goes to the O.M.B. "If anyone wants to register an objection they do so to the O.M.B., if the O.M.B. feels it is a serious objection, they would then call a public hearing," said the chairman. He stressed that residents within a radius of 400 feet would be notified in writing of such a hearing.

Cr. Phil Siddall said the density of the townhouses was comparable to semi-detached houses. "They are self-contained three bedroom, one family units," he added.

In reply to the direct question "Do the people in the area have objections to this use of the land", put by Gray, Raymond Brown said he had no objection except the location of the driveway and more screening in that particular area.

UP 20 PERCENT
Chairman Evans commented "It could legally be a drive-in restaurant, you know", while Cr. Roy Booth added, "or highrise".

In answer to another question Gray guessed the townhouses would sell in the \$23,000 or \$24,000 range. "Prices have risen 20 percent since we came here with the first plan over a year ago", he remarked.

Cr. Mike Armstrong assured the ratepayers the condominiums on Mountainview had caused no problem to the neighbours. "I can vouch for that because I live right next door to them".

After the delegation left, Planning Board discussed ways of informing the people of public meetings.

Ted Gorth, a member of the board, suggested the ads have the affected location in big print at the top of the ad. "If people see their corner is involved they will come", said Gorth.

Cr. Siddall contended the newspapers should also write something about an impending meeting, while Cr. Roy Booth pumped for sending letters to the people even at this early stage.

Swim Pool at School Gets C.F.C. Approval

The Community Facilities Committee endorsed the proposal of building a swimming pool in Georgetown High

School, as a cooperative endeavour between the town and the Halton County Board of Education, at their meeting, January 31.

The committee was told by Recreation Director Doug Collison, of a similar project in Burlington which was working satisfactorily.

Under a similar agreement Georgetown would provide capital for the construction of the pool on school board land, and have use of it from 6 p.m. onwards and at weekends. The school board would be responsible for maintenance, and have the use of the pool from 7 a.m. till 5.30 p.m.

The committee members said they felt the pool would be used to best advantage located in the school, rather than in a separate building at some distance from the school. As a result they agreed to support the proposal as part of the complete recreational package for the town.

No Reports Here of Sickness Due Jugs

There have been no reports of sickness in Halton County resulting from possible contamination of plastic milk jugs, according to the county's chief public health inspector, James Powell.

Powell says there have been occasions when the jugs have been used to carry gasoline and other chemicals and then returned to the store.

OCCASIONAL CHECK
However, extensive sterilization process at the dairies remove any health hazard that could result from using the jugs to carry materials other than milk, he explains.

Halton County Health Unit does check the milk jugs occasionally. However, Powell says, "We can't from a practical standpoint do it for everything. We as a health unit, would be in no position to ban their use".

CALLED FOR BAN
Dr. L. H. Douglas, Ottawa's medical officer of health, recently called for the removal of the milk jugs because he feels they are a health threat. In his view, the washing and sterilization of the containers did not remove all the traces of some chemicals that might be put into the jugs.

Georgetown's Flocking South in Larger Numbers

Inclusive tours to the sunny south have increased by approximately 50 percent over last year says John R. Barber, of Barber and Henley Travel

Agency Ltd., Georgetown. The reason for the increase according to Mr. Barber is the availability of more inclusive tours.

Scholars Give Blood



The long arm belongs to Georgetown high school student Jennifer Doole, one of 74 GDHS students who gave blood at the school last week.

Inclusive means you buy a package deal, which includes your hotels, sight seeing and helps you find shopping locations there with local travel agents to assist you.

The March school holiday is sold out as far as popular tours are concerned, and has been since last September, says Mr. Barber. He added that many people have started to book for next year.

Air Canada and Pan American offered an inclusive trip to Hawaii for \$344 per person and it was sold out two days after it was advertised in the papers. It was then repeated with the same result. This was an amazing offer, seeing the price of air-fare to Hawaii costs \$390. Mr. Barber says he hopes these companies will run a larger program next year.

The popular retreats this year have been St. Peter'sburg, Barbados, Miami, and St. Lucius.

The travel agency has been booking eight to 10 trips a week says Mr. Barber. Some travellers have been booking trips to the carnival in Trinidad and the Mardi Gras in New Orleans to which a bus tour is offered.

From foreground, Kevin Townsend, Ruth Howat, Jim Romp, Lorne Hegstrom, and Paul Perkins donating blood at the high school blood clinic here last week. Eighty-five attended the clinic of which 11 were rejected for a total donation of 74 blood packs. Last year, the high school clinic had 122 attend and 111

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