

Woodridge First Party



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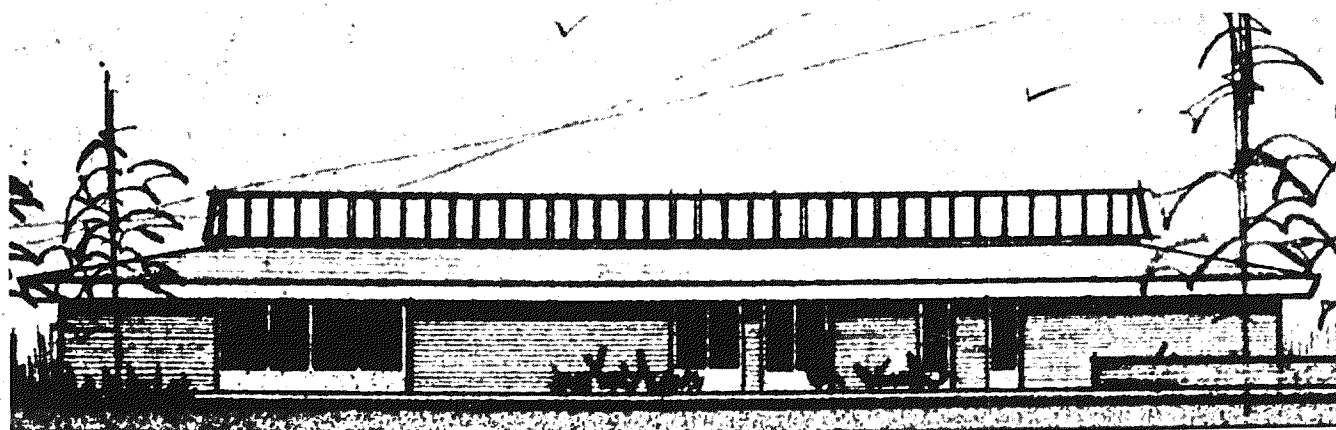
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A VOTE FOR WOODRIDGE FIRST IS A VOTE FOR FIRST THINGS FIRST

\$500,000 + OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION + ??? =

UNITY'S TAJ MAHAL



The above is a drawing of Building "A" in Unity's Village Complex Plans. It is designated in the Plan as a combination Police Department, Village Offices, and a temporary Library.

This is one of many drawings that Unity Party had professionally done for a cost of \$2000.00. To our knowledge, these drawings have been in the possession of the Mayor for the last four months, at least. Yet, there has been no mention of any completed layouts of this nature!!!

We would like to quote a paragraph from Unity's 6th issue of their newsletter, dated April 9, 1969.

"The present Unity board has authorized a professional land planner to design the functional layout and determine the area required.

It has also authorized its attorney to negotiate the land purchase. When this is done the next phase of the program will be initiated, but not until the time is right and fiscal responsibility will allow it."

Instead of the above statement, why didn't Unity say that the professional land planner has, in fact, already designed the functional layout and determined the area required??

Perhaps they were saving that bit of news until April 16, 1969, or they thought that the taxpayers either didn't care or shouldn't know where their \$2000 went to!!!!

INVESTIGATE FIRST, THEN DISCUSS INTELLIGENTLY, 1st !

Unity Party feels the opposition is misrepresenting the facts to generate controversy, and thus attract votes. The opposition states that the present administration proposes to build a \$500,000 municipal building. They want the voters to believe that Unity Party is financially irresponsible.

What is actually proposed, however, is use of that portion of the Master Plan given on page 2 of the Capitol Improvements Program. This program calls for the establishment of an aesthetically designed, functionally co-ordinated, area which would contain all the major facilities of the village administration, the police department, the fire district, the library district, and the park district. It consists of several phases to be initiated during the next 10 years, and each phase of the plan has been assigned a priority.

Phase one is the selection and purchase of the land required. Phase two will be the building of a combined village hall and police department. Phase three, which would not take place for many years, will be the building of a separate building to house the village

offices or the police department.

The fire station, another phase, could be started immediately if the land were village owned. (The fire district, at last report, is still interested in locating in the proposed center if the village can resolve the land purchase problem.)

The fact that the complex is estimated to cost approximately \$465,000 is agreed upon by both parties. The fact that of this cost almost \$200,000 would be paid for by the other taxing bodies, namely the fire district, library district, and, when formed, the park district, has not been mentioned by the opposition. Neither has the fact that if strictly followed, the program calls for this complex to be built during the next 5-10 years, when our present population will have grown to an estimated 20,000 to 30,000.

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<u>Proposal</u>	<u>UNITY SAYS</u>		<u>OPPOSITION SAYS</u>	
	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Land	\$ 85,000	'67-'72		
2. Fire station (to be financed by the fire district)	90,000	'67-'72		
3. Police station	90,000	'67-'72		
4. Library (to be financed by library district)	100,000	'72-'77		
5. Village Hall (includes rental space for park and school districts, if desired)	100,000	'72-'77	\$500,000	Now

UNITY'S DREAM - THE VILLAGE'S NIGHTMARE !!

Perhaps if Unity would disseminate the facts and figures regarding their dreams of their monument for the Village, the facts would not be misrepresented, if indeed they have been. All that the citizens know about the facts are:

- 1) Unity proposes to build a \$500,000 Village Complex.
- 2) Those citizens that we have had the pleasure of talking to, including members of the opposition, know full well that we have not stated, at any time, that Unity proposes to build a \$500,000 municipal building. So Unity, quit twisting and distorting the truth to suit your Political Purposes.

The voters have grown tired of this twisting and distorting in campaigns.

In paragraph 2 of the article, you will read that Unity proposes an aesthetically co-ordinated area which would contain all the major facilities of the village administration. Then, they list as part of the administration:

- 1) The Police Department (Everyone agrees that this is correct.)
- 2) The Fire District (Is Unity saying that this is part of their administration?)
- 3) The Library District (Do we have a library District? They levy taxes)
- 4) The Park District (If this were not so serious, it would be laughable!!)

For four years the Unity administration has tried to impose itself on any and all phases of our civil life, with complete disregard to State Statutes.

Let's Examine...

- 1) Fire District: This is a legally established entity, by state law, and has its own taxing powers and answers only to the Circuit Court. So we ask, how can this be part of the Unity administration?

The Lisle Fire Protection Board, which

governs the Lisle Fire Protection District, of which Woodridge is an integral part, states publically that they cannot negotiate with the Unity Administration-- so what happened? The Lisle Fire District purchased land for \$6000 on 75th street near Janes Avenue and will build a Fire House this spring and summer. What will you do about that, Unity??

- 2) Library District: They (Unity) state we have a Library District. If we do, (and this is extremely doubtful) the Library District is a separate legal entity, governing itself, and levying its own taxes. Here is the "hooker" though: It levies its own taxes. The Unity Administration collects the taxes for the so called library District and approves their budget. The so-called Library District has just recently a Mr. Jerry Keller's home for an unpublished amount (Mr. Keller has been inseparable from the incumbent Mayor for ten years.) without having a public hearing, as a Library District should.

The Library "District" proceeded to employ a librarian without naming a salary (We have all heard who the librarian is and now the salary is reported to be \$8000 per year!!)

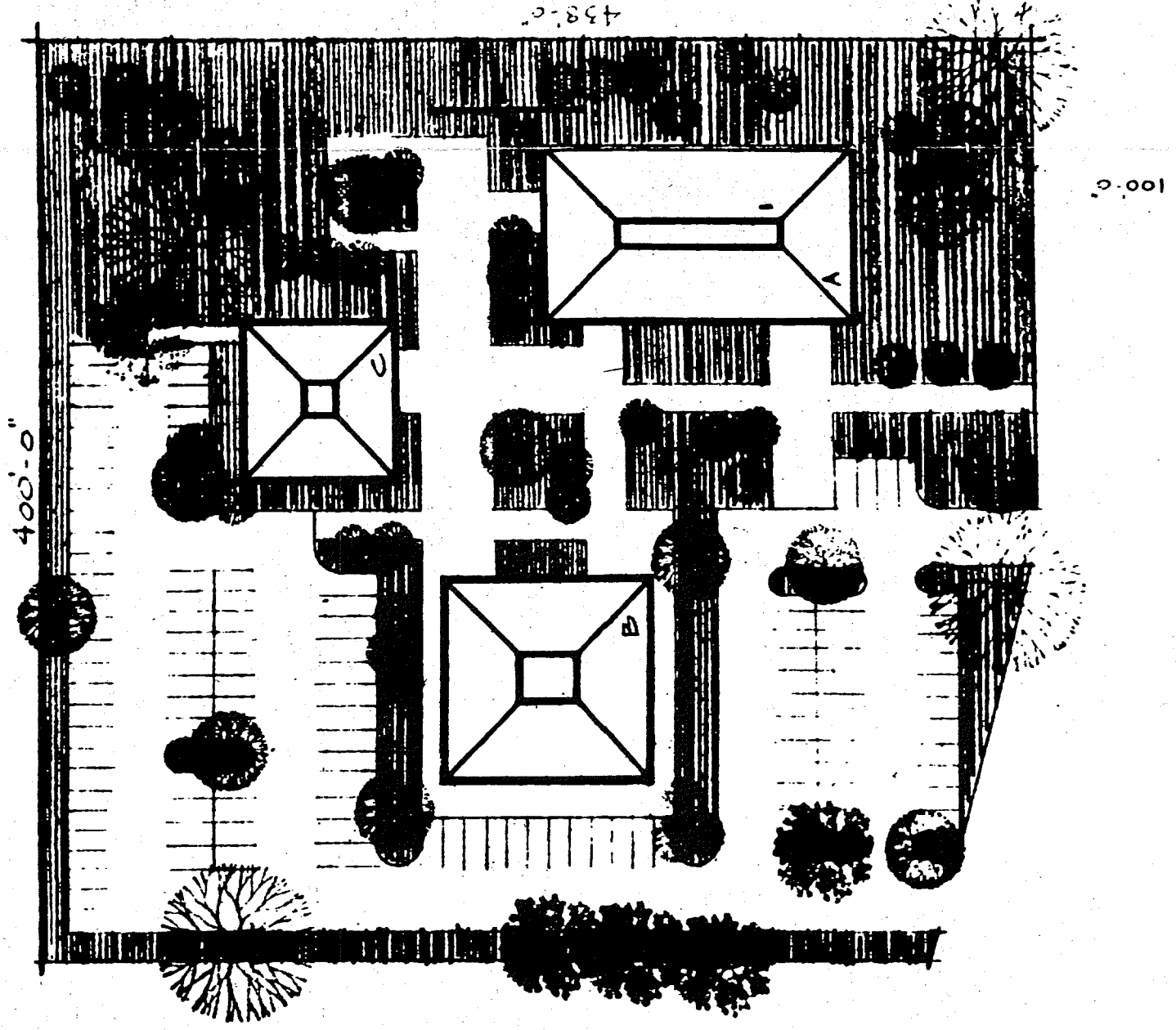
Residents, don't you think the Unity Administration should inform the public as they promised to do in 1965 about these things? Unity!! Do we have a Library District or do we have a Village Library dominated completely by the Unity administration??

- 3) Park District: Unity proposes to have their mythical Park District rent space. Perhaps the editorial staff goofed on this one, too, and meant to say Park Board (completely dominated by Unity Administration). Where is their Park District which was also promised 4 years ago??

Paragraph 4: Unity does not attend any Fire

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FACTS

PHASE I BUILDING A 12,000 SQ FT POLICE DEPARTMENT VILLAGE OFFICES TEMPORARY LIBRARY PARKING FOR 34 CARS TOTAL
PHASE II BUILDING B 8,000 SQ FT LIBRARY ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR 12 CARS 16 TOTAL
PHASE III BUILDING C 4,900 SQ FT COMMUNITY BUILDING ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR 72 CARS 118 TOTAL
LAND USAGE TOTAL AREA 400x438 175,200 SQ FT AREA OCCUPIED BY BUILDINGS 25,000 SQ FT AREA OCCUPIED BY PARKING & DRIVES 53,000 SQ FT AREA OCCUPIED BY PLAZAS & LANDSCAPING 96,200 SQ FT



SITE PLAN SCALE 1" = 100'

A FEW MORE FACTS

Four years ago the "in party", CAP, proposed building a \$180,000 Village Hall. This referendum was to be voted on at the same time that the Village was to elect a Mayor and Board of Trustees.

Unity's Stand: NO!!, on the proposed Village Hall due to the crisis that existed in our school system. Unity was all for solving the school problems first, and then thinking about a Village Hall. Dire predictions were made on '65 about the schools. These predictions were made based upon information received from the School Board at that time.

All of Unity's predictions of '65 regarding our school problems have come to pass and have been, in the light of today, 1969, much worse than their predictions of 1965.

What has Unity's "experienced" leadership done about this, our most vital problem?? Let us review their "experienced" leadership...

1) The experienced incumbent Mayor has been Mayor of the Village for the last 9 years with the exception of a few months that he quit as Mayor in early '65. The Village has had serious school problems since its incorporation as a Village ten years ago. What foresight, planning, and cooperating with the School Board has he exercised in the last 9 years? What has been accomplished with the developers in the past to obtain school buildings to educate all of the children that were brought into the village by all of the developers? Yes, there have been some donations made to the Village by some of the developers in the past to the building fund of the School District. Today's facts regarding the schools "bursting" at the seams with school children; and with school children being bussed from one school to another and with half day sessions are living proof to all that our experi-

enced leadership has been and is still a dismal failure.

2) Let's examine Unity's statement of the Mayor and Board of Trustees regarding their great experience in the Village government affairs for the last four years...

Does not Village Government affairs include the education of our children??? Each of us, the residents, Village fathers, and School Boards must fully and readily accept this responsibility, otherwise, our most prized possessions, our reason for existence, our children are the losers with inadequate schools and education. We as parents, regardless of our position in life, resident or elected officials, must make the schools our primary concern.

YET: In '66 our present Mayor (for 9 years) and Unity's Board of Trustees (for 4 years) publically told the School Board that the school problems were the School Board's problem, and not the Village father's!! The School Board was also told that the Village fathers would from that time forward, obtain monies and land for the Village, and not for the School District.

Your immediate thought is, "This is unbelievable!", yet, citizens, it is true! We, as Woodridge First Party, are not fabricating this. Go to the School Board of that yesterday when Mr. J. Dahlberg was the President. He is currently a School Board member. Go to the residents who attended this public meeting and could not believe what they heard! Who was changing his philosophy??? The Unity officials that were elected the year before with their "concern" of the school problems, or our Mayoral candidate, Mr. Martin, who separated himself from Unity on that day???

THEIR RECORD

Now let us examine Unity's record of the last four years for the schools...

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- 1) It is a fact of life and law that the school Board cannot negotiate with any prospective developer. It can't now, and never could!
- 2) Only the Mayor and Board of Trustees can negotiate with the developers. During negotiations with developers, it is up to the Mayor and Board of Trustees to stipulate where the monies will go; whether it be to the School District or to the Village to be used as the Village fathers so desire.
- 3) What has our "experienced" Mayor and Board of Trustees accomplished in this regards since 1965? We quote from Unity's first Newsletter of this campaign... "We also have commitments from developers for over \$150,000 which will be used for future village, library, or school construction or land acquisition." Mayor Roberts.
Let us emphasize that the above is a direct quote from their newsletter and that candidate wants you to re-elect him!

We ask one question for you, the voters, to ask yourself and decide...

Why wasn't this \$150,000 plus, designated in the pre-annexation agreement to the School District in '68 to build additional classrooms.

Classrooms are estimated to cost approximately \$20,000 each. Instead of specifically designating these funds to the School District, Unity's Mayor & Board of Trustees have so ordered that the funds shall go to the Village. The present Mayor and Board of Trustees, if you re-elect them, can then spend these funds for whatever they choose. The Library District is a separate taxing entity. It will purchase or build its own building.

Mayor Roberts and Unity have stated publically that the school problem is the School Board's. We submit that the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Mr. Woody, the Plan Commission Chairman, will spend this \$150,000 plus, on their proposed \$500,000 Village Complex and continue to let the Schools be the problem of the School Board and the taxpayers.

WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY PLATFORM PLANK #2

Negotiate with builders and developers for first things first, money and land for schools, not for Village Buildings.

- 1) We pledge, when we are elected, that the \$150,000 plus, that the developers have committed to the Village, will be given to school district 68 (grade school) for the purpose of building additional classrooms. We have challenged the Unity Mayor and Board of Trustees to pledge this money to the schools. We, as residents, have heard nothing. They are on record for wanting to build a \$500,000 Village Complex.
- 2) We pledge that with all future developers we will negotiate for school classrooms and land for the schools. This will be specifically stated in all pre-annexation agreements which are legal and binding documents between the developer and the Village of Woodridge. Nothing can be done about the pre-annexation agreements that have signed by the Unity Party Mayor and Board of Trustees.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

- 1) Projected school requirements for the next five years is three (3) new schools with twenty classrooms each.
- 2) Estimated cost per classroom is \$20,000 for a total of \$1,200,000 over the next five years.
- 3) The School bonding power is 5% of assessed valuation. Total estimated income over the next five years is approximately \$800,000 or 2/3 of the total requirement.
- 4) With a total of 1800 apartment units on the Village Books to date, and using an average of three (3) people per apartment, the Village population should increase by an estimated 6,000 people in the next two (2) years.
- 5) The Village should also increase by some 400 to 600 single family homes with an average of four (4) people per home for a total of some 1600 to 1800 people in the next two years.

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- 6) If 1/3 of these people are school age children (we believe this is a very conservative estimate) the school district must handle some 2,300 new children in the next 2 to 3 years.

Residents, you may obtain this same information from the School Board by request. You presently have a Mayor and Board of Trustees who have gone on record as stating that this huge school problem is the School Board's problem and ours as parents. All they are interested in is obtaining monies to build their \$500,000 Village Complex. You have read the Woodridge First Candidates pledge to you. We will keep this pledge.

We, as residents and voters, must now make our choice of which slate of candidates must be elected.

We know that you will elect the Woodridge First Candidates on April 15, 1969 if you want a Mayor and Board of Trustees who will help the School Board and the residents with the school crisis.

WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY RALLY!!
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME !!

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL APRIL 14th
8:00 P.M. REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE SERVED. ENTERTAINMENT!

VOTE WOODRIDGE FIRST PARTY
APRIL 15, 1969

MAYOR

CHARLES E. MARTIN

VILLAGE CLERK

LORRAINE PIETRINI

TRUSTEE

PATRICK BURNS
PATRICK MALONEY
WILLIAM CAGLE
WILLIAM RILEY

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District Meetings, or read any of the newspapers, otherwise, they would know that the Fire District has no intention of locating in the proposed complex!! The Fire District has purchased land and we will have a new fire station this spring and summer. Dream on Unity!!! Yes, dream on through April 15. Your twisted statements and outright mis-statements based upon the complete lack of knowledge (we can't believe that it is willful) will awaken you on the morning of April 16, 1969!

Paragraph 5: Why should other taxing bodies pay you rent to help you build your Taj Mahal Monument?? We even question some of the legalities implied in your twisted reasoning.

Paragraph 6: The present Unity board not only authorized, but contracted, for a professional land planner --to the tune of \$2000 of our tax dollars for drawings !!!!

The drawings that appear in this newsletter are just two of the drawings that Unity has already had done. Why is it that we have to publish these in our newsletter to let the public know what is happening?? ? ? ? !!! Since the residents have paid \$2000 for the drawings, don't you think it would have been nice to let them know what they are paying for, Unity?? ?

DON'T FORGET!!!

**DUAL
PRESENTATION**

APRIL 13th

Goodrich School Gym
8:00 P.M.