

## HUD to determine municipal layout's fate

PONTIAC, Mich. — Proposals calling for the complete redevelopment of the Pontiac Municipal Golf Course and Lakeside Homes public housing development could mean a boost to the city's ailing residential base — if the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development signs off.

The city has received two separate proposals to refurbish the golf course and public housing development which wrap around Crystal Lake. A proposal by Weiss Development Inc. of Southfield involves an 18-hole course, more than 250 houses and 164 condos. J&J Slavik of Farmington offered three alternatives, all in-

cluding an 128-hole course and between 300-400 homes.

However, city councilmen agree the biggest hurdle will be acquiring federal approval. HUD will require one-to-one replacement for the existing 364 units at Lakeside.

Public Housing Chairman Richard Clanagan also believes the current Lakeside tenants will resist relocation. "You're going to catch holy hell moving tenants off that land," he told The Oakland Press. "This is a rich people vs. poor people issue."

Preliminary reports already have the city pledging as much as \$12 million in tax revenues to aid proposed changes in the area's infrastructure.

## Ohio course closer to reality

MASSILLON, Ohio — Plans to create a municipal golf course here crept closer to reality when the City Council agreed to hire an architect and borrow \$100,000 to finance the initial stages of the project.

The city of Massillon will pay \$55,000 to John F. Robinson & Associates of Huntsville, Ontario, Canada, to design the golf course on 250 acres of land near the confluence of routes 30 and 21.

The contract was awarded without competitive bidding, but Coun-

cilman Tom Brennan — the course's main backer — said he contacted other architects whose fees ranged from \$175,000 to \$250,000.

City Law Director John Ferrero indicated this type of project is exempt from competitive bidding requirements.

The cash-strapped city is expecting to pay \$2.37 million before the golf course is completed.

Brennan said the facility would turn its first profit three years after completion.

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Funding for ASPA Research Grants comes from the organization's general revenues and a \$5,000 contribution received from the Ciba-Geigy Turf and Ornamental group.

The ASPA Research Committee will convene at the 1993 Mid-winter Conference, Feb. 3-5, to determine the grant winner(s) from among the proposals received. Because of ASPA's ongoing interest in protecting and improving the environment, proposals which emphasize such environmental concerns will be given the highest priority.

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