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less restrictive single-family lots. Mann Properties plans to purchase the land from Paul and Porter Kirkpatrick and said it would donate 40.6 acres at the southeast corner of the site to the Tippecanoe School Corp. for construction of a new elementary school.

"If my client gets control of the land, we're going to give that land away," said attorney Joe Bumbleburg, who represented Mann Properties at the meeting.

Tim Stevens, director of development for the company, said he has a signed, written agreement with the TSC that states the terms of the gift.

But county commissioner KD Benson, who also serves on the plan commission, made a motion to table the rezoning requests for one month.

"I have information the school does not have a signed agreement with Mann Properties," Benson said. The motion to table the matter was approved by a vote of 8-4.

TSC attorney Mark DeYoung was out of town Wednesday night, and school superintendent Richard Wood was not certain if a final agreement had been worked out with the development company.

"I don't believe there is any agreement to that effect," Wood told the *Journal and Courier* following the meeting. "I think the only thing that is legally binding is the school corporation has an agreement to purchase from the Kirkpatricks." Obviously, if Mann Properties wants to give us the land that's better than us buying it.

"We're going to be building a school and opening it in 2008 and we have to have the land rezoned."

Stevens said the land donation could save the TSC approximately \$600,000 and he has concerns that a one-month delay in considering the rezoning could put the company past a deadline to acquire the property.

Also Wednesday night, the APC recommended the county commissioners approve rezoning 10 acres on the south side of County Road 250 North, west of East County Line

Road, from agricultural wooded to agricultural. Jackie McCue is seeking the existing that is needed to legitimize an expanding hauling business she operates on the property.

Changing campus traffic

An ambitious plan designed to reduce vehicular traffic on the Purdue University campus is being considered for addition to Tippecanoe County's Transportation Plan for 2025.

Members of the county's area plan commission voted unanimously Wednesday night to recommend an amendment to the long-range plan that would include the proposed changes that carry a price tag of approximately \$30 million and are expected to proceed in several stages.

Amending the transportation plan for the campus traffic changes will make the project eligible for federal funding.

The proposal calls for permanently closing State Street, between Waldron Street and Oval Drive; Third Street, between University Street and McCatchen Drive; Intramural Drive, between First Street and the Recreational Sports Center; and University Street, between Second and Fourth streets.

Goals and key features of the plan include:

- Encouraging pedestrian traffic and discouraging vehicular traffic in the central core of the campus, in adherence with recommendations contained in the Campus Master Plan.
- Providing nearby parking choices for "customer" groups on campus, which includes faculty, staff, commuting students, resident students and visitors.

"We expect this is to be at least a 20-year project to finish all this," said APC executive director Sallie Pahey.

Final approval of the amendment is required by the Tippecanoe County Commissioners, Lafayette and West Lafayette city councils, and the Dayton and Battle Ground town councils for inclusion in the county's transportation plan for 2025.

GIVING/ Golf center will be open to public

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ago, and moved to the park's Vistech 1, a privately owned building located at 1435 Win Hentschel Blvd. And FuturaGene's gift, by far the largest single gift, announced Wednesday, comes from a local 4-year-old company born out of a joint research venture among scientists at three American universities — Purdue, the University of Arizona and the University of Illinois.

"It's quite a lot of money, but we hope this gift will start very exciting research in the (horticulture) department... to provide some fuel for the brain to thrive," Ruggiero said.

The rest of the Cinermy gift, **the students will see a bonus**, and their gift is in addition to \$73,000 in earlier support for the university. Gary is a 1960 graduate of Purdue's College of Agriculture.

The rest of the Cinermy gift, \$3,000, will support Purdue's High School Leadership Seminar, according to Wendell Seaborn, customer relations manager of Cinermy Corp.'s Lafayette office, who attended Wednesday's announcement.

Overall giving to Purdue from Cinermy, which employs almost 300 Purdue alumni, is now more than \$560,000, much of that in support of scholarships and Convocations, with an additional \$840,000 in sponsored research.

And the new Cinermy money will be put to good use. Maribeth Schmitt, director of the Purdue Literacy Network Project and a professor of literacy and language education, said that during the institute's fourth annual three-day conference last summer, 400 Indiana teachers of grades K-6 were exposed to literacy education.

"The program curriculum included new research-based methods for teaching reading, language arts and writing, and teachers learned how to incorporate them

into the classrooms," she said. Meantime, completion of the \$2.72 million indoor golf training facility, which is being paid for through private gifts, is expected this fall.

The 11,400-square-foot center, named after 1961 Purdue alumnus Tom Spurgeon, will include an indoor putting green, a swing-analysis video computer system and multiple heated hitting bays, as well as team locker rooms, a lounge, coaches' offices, a pro shop and a classroom. Its design is similar to the clubhouse and other facilities at the complex. And when not used by Purdue golf teams, the center will be open to the public.

"This community is really behind Purdue like never before," said Smith, a Jefferson High School graduate who noted that some cities with major colleges have adversarial relationships. "The teamwork and synergies here are pretty unique."

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- Best place to get a steak
- Best breakfast
- Best Mexican restaurant
- Best Asian restaurant
- Best chicken wings
- Best meal for under \$10
- Best tenderloin
- Best pizza
- Best place to get lunch
- Best breakfast
- pastry or doughnut shop

DRINKS

- Best place to get morning coffee
- Best wine list
- Best beer selection

SWEET!

- Best ice cream shop
- Best place to get dessert
- Best pie
- Best place to buy chocolate
- Best milk shakes

DOWN TIME

- Best golf course
- Best place to party on Saturday night
- Best live music venue
- Best park - city, county or state
- Best place to entertain kids under 12
- Best late-night hangout
- Best museum or gallery

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