

Willy Van Konynenburg: 'horrified

By DEBORAH IRVINE Times staff writer

They've been neighbors for more than 20 years, raising seven kids between them, sharing good times

But now the Fallises and Van Konynenburgs are afraid life on Tomken Road will never be the same. The city is taking steps to expropriate the Fallises' property for a road extension, which will be six feet from the Van Konynenburgs' bedroom window.

"It's a shame," says Dianne Fallis as she looks around the house she and her husband built 23 years ago. "It makes you sick. We don't know what to do

or who to turn to."

The Van Konynenburgs agree. They are horrified at the thought of the house they bought from the Fallises 21 years ago being so close to a major road.

The proposed road, an extention of Willowbank Trail, is needed to serve a subdivision which Wimpey Construction Ltd. has planned east of Tomken Road.

The news that expropriation proceedings may be started again has shocked both families. The Fallises attempted to contact their lawyer, Pat Devine of Jarvis, Blott, Fejer and Pepino. But they learned that the firm is now engaged by Wimpey

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appriaser has valued the Fallises' property at \$80,000. The couple refused Wimpey's offer of \$80,000, but after more negotiations agreed to accept a lot owned by Wimpey just south of their present property. They say Wimpey agreed to build a house to their specification and add a lump sum of money for landscaping. broadloom, drapes and moving expenses.

Wimpey drew up blueprints of the new house in August and left them with the Fallises for

to deal with other sub-approval by their divisions and refused to architect. But three week take the case again later Wimpey cancelled because of conflict of in- the deal without explanation and gave the couple independent final purchase price \$120,000.

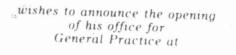
"We were shocke says Frank Fallis. thought it was all settle last. I was so angry I t them I didn't want to he anything more about it And then I get a call that expropriation is going to begin again.

Frank has lived on the street for 40 years and the land upon which his house stands was a wedding present from his father. His roofing business and his ailing mother are on the same street and he vows he will not leave Tomken Road

"I see my mother every day and it's these visits from the family which are keeping her alive," he says. "My kids go to school here and I've never had one bit of trouble from them so I don't want to move out of the area. I won't leave.

De Sylva says Wimpey has offered the couple all it can. He stresses that it is the city, and not Wimpey, which is insisting the road go through the Fallis property

And so the Fallises and the Van Konynenburgs continue to hope that a miracle will happen before council makes its final decision regarding expropriation Oct. 9.



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