

DECISION MAKERS:

Comments from discussions with Decision Maker Workshops:

VALLEY VIEW:

Decision Maker, Senator Gordon Herr

Lack of satisfaction with King County Government when people go to get information. Maybe name tags for County Officials, ie. I.D. who and where they are. People were concerned about lobbyist force, especially schools. One person concerned about maybe a smaller county.

Any public works project the county should undertake, should be required to notify public, especially those directly affected prior to funding.

People at Valley View do not get a community paper, unless it is the Renton Chronicle or the Highline Times, need to know about improvement projects.

No four-lanes on Military Road, safe walk-way for children/pedestrians, safe bicycle pathway, safe pull-off or maybe Military Road should be considered a historical site-look into.

Disenchantment with planning up to this point and need coordination of projects between all utilities.

Zoning, road improvement widening of Military Road, Sewers.

RIVERTON HEIGHTS:

Representative Jack Cunningham

Go to meetings off and on-not getting anywhere. Can we get help from State, National governments? (Financial support). Sea-Tac--more financial help somehow for acquisition--are there other sources? "Get your apathetic friends of their what-ever--get involved". Legislature has no authority over the Port--King County not popular with rest of the legislature. "People feel powerless & disgusted over Zone 3. Zone 3 made a political football--shouldn't have been.

Amendment made to assess Port--Port not pressing to resolve the problem--people should have the right to stay or go. When they use public money to build, Port renting to private party should pay normal and economic rent, should include money for property taxes, levies etc. H.B. 52 or 53 (passed in early April) The Port had not complied, said they did not know a thing about it, so has gone to the Attorney General for legal action. Some waterfront property, if passes sooner new North and South satellite and new Port of Seattle in Renton (between Renton and Tukwila) would be taxed. Port has the right of eminent domain. "What the Legislature giveth the Legislature can taketh away." Don't break up the neighborhoods. Suggested Zone 3 75% tax relief Zone 2 30% relief. This proposed tax relief would it be a checker board or can we get dependable boundaries--freeway damages property a mile away. No black and white decisions.

Not fair FHA says no loans on property if you live in Zone 3, assessor says its valuable property and assesses it that way. Legislation can give property tax relief. If home is in so many decibels--can they get property tax relief? So many variations. When study is finished can we go and ask for legislation? Who oversees the Port of Seattle? The voters. The legislature can take away the Port's levy authority. "Legislature can't afford to take away the carrots."

Why can't the Port Commissioners be elected by district? "Was for it, but now against it because South King County would only have one, commissioners should be elected at large. The Port is independent."

RIVERTON HEIGHTS(cont)

Evergreen County would have controlled the Port. Citizen groups might be able to make the Port sensitive to us if we prod them. An exercise in futility. Only about 6 legislators involved in Zone 3 People should write letters.

Plans should be broad. Comprehensive study of the area "Feel we have studied long enough we want out." "This study won't solve the problem". To keep people more involved--we need more concrete matter to work with. The Port, are they buying time? Zone 3, wasn't it effective? They produced and got the action going. Fewer planes going, now with fuel shortage. For citizens in Zone 3, go through Port Commissioners, resolve priorities and implement them. Should not be a political issue. "AMEN". What do we want? Fair market value--or an assurity bond so we can sell when we want to. Sell when we wanted at fair market price.

Can the Legislature remove the law of eminent domain? Narrow the priorities to 1 or 2. Legislate support for people who are impacted by the airport. What do you think the Port should do with land in the new acquisition area? Warehouses, industrial uses farmland. Noise is a concern, We appreciate our natural resources, resolve our problems, then plan.

"Do you feel negative about the study?" Group: People can motivate the Port to acquire the land. Is it a diversionary tactic, A good way to kee people busy and quiet." "No it is a sincere effort to include people in the planning of land-use". Will they take the path of least resistance? "There is a comprehensive plan for King County". "Yes one from 1964." This an honest attempt to ask the people what they want. If we scream loud enough we can get releif. We need a handle on the Port. Hear from the same people week after week and after while they do not have much credibility with the elected officials.

What happens to property not owned by the port.

More than one government agency involved here.

SHOREWOOD:

Representative King Lysen

All too often County employees are not responsive to a citizen needing help (impolite, could care less attitude.) Bureaucracy breeds corruption and rampant spending. Elected officals who should have control don't. "Ward system might have potential be developing smaller units of responsibility.

Governmental Departments are jealeous of each other, especially where their seperate budgets are concerned. Our system has been lax but is improving. Buruacracy has been in charge too mong. Government has sole charge, yet the elected official acquires X number of committees to do work for high and when results are questionalbe he points a finger to committee. Government officals should be held responsible.

State and National legislation are constantly bombarded by special intrest and lobbist and the various department heads at all legislative meetings. All too often this is the only side presented.

(Legislators appreciate opportunity to get out into the community so they know what public and not only lobbies wanted.)

"276 is a real break there in letting the public know who is influencing government."

We need to consider a system that will get government (local& State) out into community, so officials know what public and not just lobbist wants.

SHOREWOOD: (cont)

Examples of good, Des Moines Way was a case of response by County Council. Seahurst beach was a case of good and bad. Officials finally came to the community to look at plans for alternatives. E.D.C. helps the citizen get to the rights place at the right time. If this process of government is used as intended it can be very effective. King County is 2nd to Cook County Illinois of 2nd nationally with all our special districts. We have 200 units of government all trying to work together, each with its jealousies.

Recommend that the legislature be full time with adequate pay. Fewer legislators would be needed for full representation.

DES MOINES:

Citizens working hard to do a good job on a project. Regarding decision to get Forward Thrust Pool, many calls, letters, etc by citizens enabled decision to be changed.

These meetings--people working together. Park Department getting tennis nets up earlier in the year--getting better scheduling at Green Lake. Being told by Lee Metcalf of Montana that a personal letter to him would always result in a personal reply. Success in stopping widening of Des Moines Way.

Bad experiences, Going to Olympia to meet local legislator, with an appointment and have the legislator not show up. (like tonight Junius Morris did not show.) Miller Creek citizen must resort to legal aid to get action. Condominium going up in Des Moines despite the fact that people do not want it. Southwest Suburban Sewer District annexing Mansion Hill area to Angle Lake Sewer District in order to put sewers in, in spite of the fact that people voted sewers down. King County Officials doing crossword puzzles and reading during a meeting. Getting a road maintained after deeding said road to the County. Engineers office very uncooperative--should be constiant. Group felt, pressure groups reacting to crises are effective, Government has the upper hand when zoning is stopped, group disappointed at fact that Morris did not show.

Impression of presentation meeting of the Sea-Tac Community Plan on 11/27/ 73 NOT SATISFACTORY--They should have used actual reading of noise levels at Sea-Tac not a composite of other airports. Air Quality and noise problems grossly understated. Group recommends that the presentation not be made to the King County Council and Commissioners on December 4th in its present form. Should wait until actual figures of our area are available and incorporated on correct maps.

HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Media-Citizens are spoon-fed from the media, newspapers, television make commentaries on the issues and candidates and government officials. Responsibility of the media is to provide information on candidates and issues.

Government should have some way of getting information to a community, for example precinct committee persons could receive return of election of special districts in that precinct.

There must be some changes in the governmental process and structure to make government more responsive. Some example, decentralize the powers by changing the county government; have hearings and meetings at night, better method of advertising hearings and meetings.

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HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:(cont)

Hearings should be required and held in project area for major capital improvements, renovations, new public works etc. Citizens should have opportunity to help design projects rather than just to okay the design that has been made.

Citizen should have recourse to consumer protection against governments too. Should be adequately funded.