

HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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The Highline Community Council publishes a periodic newsletter to provide information regarding events occurring within the Highline District which we believe will have a great impact on the future quality of life in this district. We wish to thank all the financial institutions in the Highline area and the Burien-White Center Rotary Club for providing financial support for the printing and mailing of this newsletter.

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Almost a year ago we requested of King County that a task force be established to recommend a site for the Burien Precinct Station, the County Court, and a community center. After many months of meetings the task force made the following recommendations.

1. Establish Chelsea Park School as a governmental and community center for the Highline community. This to be done with the cooperation of the Highline School District.
2. Purchase the 1.8 acres adjacent to the Burien Library on S.W. 148 th for use as a court facility.
3. No specific recommendation for the location of a precinct station was made because of lack of technical data. The task force did make recommendations, however, as to where the station should not be located.

Several weeks ago the task force concurred with the County proposal to locate the Precinct Station on the southwest corner of 6th Avenue S.W. and S. W. 148th, with the qualifications that the traffic problem at this intersection be solved, that the lighting be placed so as not to disturb the residences in that immediate area, and that as much natural foliage as possible be retained. The final decision on this site has not been made as yet, but it would appear that this will be the site.

HIGHLINE COMMUNITY PLAN

Last June King County government authorized and appointed citizens from the Highline area to work on a comprehensive planning effort for our community. Numerous public meetings have been held by the committee to assure adequate opportunity for all residents to contribute their ideas for inclusion in the study. The Sea-Tac Community Plan, the beginning of planning for Highline, will also be included in the planning effort when it is completed. It is extremely important that all interested members of the Highline area contribute to this important study. We ask that you contact the Highline Community Plan office directly at 243-7033 if you have any comments or recommendations. This committee is working to develop a plan for our community that will have far reaching effects on the future development of this area, so it is important that everyone have an opportunity to their ideas represented.

SEA-TAC COMMUNITY PLAN

Although basically completed, there is some conflict with this plan regarding the west side conversion area. Residents of this portion of the plan have serious concerns regarding the future marketability of their homes if the plan remains unchanged. It is important that all residents of this area have a chance to be heard so that a fair solution will be made.

KING COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Numerous groups throughout the county have been contacted by County Executive Spellman, Mayor Uhlman, and others regarding the feasibility of combining Metro and King County Government and requesting recommendations of citizens to serve on a Charter Review Committee. Should the response of the groups contacted be positive, the committee will be appointed consisting of six members from the city of Seattle, four members from other incorporated cities, and five members from the unincorporated area of the county. We have responded with a basically positive stand with one serious reservation. The committee would have a membership of ten from the incorporated cities compared to five from the unincorporated areas. Because the philosophies of the cities would tend to vary from those of the county, we are concerned that the unincorporated areas of the county could be adversely affected. We urge you to watch the progress of this committee, should it be formed, to assure provisions are made to benefit the two areas fairly.

TWO TIER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

This concept would well be an end result of the Charter Review Committee. Councilman Bardon spoke on this issue at our January meeting. The objective of this idea would be to improve the ability of County Government to handle the ever increasing problems of a growing urban community. Hopefully, this would result in a tier of government large enough to deal with area or regional problems while still retaining a level small enough to respond to the private citizen and community needs. In order to seriously consider this type of government, it would require an election of freeholders to change the county charter. At that time the makeup of the freeholders would be very important to assure the unincorporated areas an even break.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our Social Action Committee would like to remind members of the Highline community that the Juvenile Court has the responsibility of finding public service work for young people who are required to contribute a number of hours of work to the community as restitution. These young people must be supervised and sponsored by a non-profit organization. Please contact Vanessa Gould at the Juvenile Court if you have any suggestions as to the use of these young people's talents.

PURPOSE OF HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Highline Community Council is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan community organization created to provide improved representation for citizens of this area. It serves as a liaison between the community and government and encourages the participation of residents in their community. Presently we have several appointed memberships available. We ask that all interested persons contact Larry Crowell at 464-4833 during the day and at 246-8540 in the evening. Our ability to accomplish positive results in the political process depends directly upon interested citizens letting their views be known. We welcome any suggestions and need your support.