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The second meeting of the North Clear Zone Recreation Plan Advisory Committee was held in the Highline Community Center at 6 P.M. on August 2nd, 1979.

The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

Earthworks  
Introduction  
FAA  
Golf  
ATV  
Break

Sunset Jr. High  
Swimming  
Passive Parks  
Other  
Elect Chairperson

Sea Tac Site A

The meeting was called to order by Dave McNeal of Jondejan, Gerrard and Associates who introduced Mary Miss, an artist, from New York, who explained Earthworks Art to the committee. Mary is preparing a proposal to be presented August 18, 1979 at the Seattle Art Museum regarding a site at the west side of the airport (on approx. 12th So. & 172nd St.) There is a natural eye appealing site which would reclaim the area for a site to visit and observe the take-off and landing of planes. The proposal will include walks, benches and terraces. The Earthworks Art is a National Pilot Program whereby artists take into consideration Rock Pits, Environmental Analysis Reports and Landscape and reconstruct the area to a functional site normally at a much lower cost than a reclamation project. It was pointed out that previous plans included an Interpretive Center be provided in this area. The question regarding funding was asked of Mary. When the proposal is made and agreed to there are various funding agents for this type of project. It is possible to apply to the following for the necessary financial aid:

Port of Seattle  
King County Art Commission  
National Appropriation for Grants  
Possibility for aid from local business and industry

Dave Baugh then resumed the introduction. A list of the following high and low priority items were posted on the blackboard. Dave explained these and reported that they were based on the response from the questionnaire turned in by the committee at the last meeting:

High Priority

Baseball  
Football  
Soccer  
Tot Lot  
Playground  
Bicycle Course

Low Priority

Rugby  
Fishing  
Horse Facilities  
Dog Training  
Bird Watching  
P-Patch  
Indoor Tennis

It was then decided to proceed and elect a Chairperson. Lee Atwood(242-2646) was unanimously elected. Peggy Rus (242-2756) agreed to take notes and summarize the results of each meeting. Lee and Peggy then introduced themselves to the group.

A letter dated July 27, 1979 was sent to Mr. George Saito of the FAA regarding proposed recreation plans and was answered August 6, 1979 by David A. Field, Acting Chief, Airport Planning Branch of the NW Region of FAA, outlining their preference of plans, amount of people allowable, etc. to enable the committee to have a set of guidelines to work with. This letter, together with maximum densities, space criteria and exhibits of the area were available to the committee. The FAA indicated

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a preference for the "Modified Passive 2 Plan".

A question was raised on how the figures for the area necessary and amount of people per acres and facility were compiled or arrived at. Janis responded that they had arrived at these answers by figures from the American Landscaping Standards, research and educated guess. With proposed guidelines from the FAA our next step should be to work out what recreation will fit into both guidelines of amount of peoples, acreage and the typography of the land.

The clear zone of 1.5 people per acre is the same on the south end of the airport as the recommended amount for the north end. Golf does fit the criteria. A lot of the criteria has to be based on common sense. Once we would come up with a plan suitable to the local FAA office, it would then have to be submitted to Washington for final approval. The FAA did not seem to object to occasional competitive tournaments as long as this type or amount of usage was the exception. The gym is an exception to the amount of people to be congregated. They have set a guideline of 60 people at a time there.

By the group as a whole, an 18 hole golf course was considered low priority but a nine hold was supported 50-50. A golf course usually maintains itself. It may be financially difficult to have a 9 hole be self-supporting. The question was raised if with a golf course, will we have to exclude jogging, hiking, etc., or can it all be fit in. Thoughts should be given to using paths for jogging, etc. as a buffer zone in between. The question of safety was also raised. The area would have to be planned to eliminate the hazards and dangers of golf balls being hit into other sport areas or streets.

As much as possible the area should have activities that are self supporting. As there is a great need in the area for young people, it was felt that golf should be kept to a 9 hole course. Golf pays its way by leasehold tax paid by the private operator. The clear zone between the end of the airport and 518 would be awkward for this use. It was felt that people would give the most support for recreation and you would receive the most aid and assistance from parents of young people.

There is a need for ATV courses located in urban areas. The Rec council would fund and the county would give support on safety and maintaince seminars. There is no where to hold these seminars. The course could be open on certain days at designated times to eliminate problems to adjoining homeowners. The ATV Park is inconsistent with the Hi-line Communities Plan. It was further stated that in addition to the inconsistency and public opinions on the part of resident owners, the additional reason the County and Part vetoed ATV in the So. clear zone was because the property was purchased because of noise and to bring and activity creating additional noise would probably cause serious legal repercussions.

The bicycle moto-cross and ATV parralel each other and they would both appeal to and give the youngster the ability to succeed on a one to one basis. Whereas some of the little ones don't stand a chance in other sports. Safety and regulations for ATV could be enforced thru the Park Department. It was pointed out that many types of ATV's would not be suitable. Bob Jacobson from KC Parks stated the the \$600,000 has been returned to the State and KC no longer receives ATV funding. It would be possible to re-apply. A question was asked regarding the possibility of an edication program by the school district for motorcycles. Off Military Road and 216th St., there is a private ATV course which has been in existence a number of years and has not had complaints from the adjoining property owners.

Use of Sunset Jr. High could be used for activities resulting in groups of approximately 60 people. It also has possibilities for combined use by the State Archives and warehousing by the school district. Glacier will close in 1 year and it may be more suitable for the use by the Parks Department. It is newer and there are features more suitable to the handicapped, etc. and it should be considered. Also, Sunset could be sold and salvaged. All aspects should be exhausted before deciding to keep Sunset. Glacier would be available for lease and could be used by larger groups. Jim Jennings will attend future meetings and give committee feed-back on the availability of Glacier.

King County Fire Department, District # , would like to see a training center developed at approximately the site of Sunset Jr. High. It would be used for drill-site, driver training, raising ladders, etc. They do not need the building but would like to be able to build a 4 story training tower. This would be available for people to view the training and would be used in conjunction with Explorer Scout training. Also, the fire department would like us to keep as many of the existing streets as possible so they can have access for emergency vehicles as the district is getting blocked off and it is difficult to find through routes.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry again attended the meeting and questioned where the funds for study, etc. were coming from. Again, they emphatically stated the zone was not habitable for anything. They were informed that the committee was here to discuss a specific community need and not their problems regarding the acquisition of their home. Mr. Parks said he would discuss their problems with them outside. They were politely asked to allow the committee to proceed with the meeting and if they were not there for the purpose of the meeting to continue their discussion with Mr. Parks. They construed it as being asked to leave. It was pointed out to them that this was not correct.

It was decided that even though another swimming pool may be needed in the area, the north clear zone was not suitable for this use and if anyone felt strongly about this then they should work in conjunction with other groups for future forward thrust funds for this purpose.

A Passive Park is the tree farms, meadows, trails, etc. Around Tub Lake and Lake Reba would be natural for developing it into a Passive Setting. We need to develop as much active area as possible or we are wasting the potential.

At the next meeting the consulting firm hopes to have a larger scale plan to work with. Buffer Zones may be used as passive to keep out noise. They will try to strike a balance without changing the grade and will also try to work out a link to get across 518 and connect the north and south clear zones and Earthworks on the west side.

At this time there is no real area for joggers and to jog at Sunset is boring. Again the committee was reminded to try and use existing roads. Put speed bumps in the parking area. Where possible use some of the road area for skate board and roller-skating.

Acquisition of Sunset was by Port Funds not Federal. Federal funds cannot be used to take another Public Property such as parks and playfields.

The meeting was adjourned with the hopes that with input to this meeting the Consulting firm and committee could return for the next meeting with some workable recommendations.