



SEPTEMBER, 1973

MEETINGS:

- Citizens' Air Transportation Committee
Thursday, Sept. 20, 8:00 p.m., Community Office
- Citizens' Urban Development Committee
Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8:00 p.m., Community Office
Water (Quality, Drainage) Task Force
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Community Office
- Technical Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m., Community Office
- Policy Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 2, 2:00 p.m., Airport Conference Room

Agendas and minutes for all meetings are posted on the community office bulletin board. Various task force meetings of the citizen committees are held throughout the month. Call the community office if you are interested in attending a task force meeting.

PORT ACQUISITION - The Port of Seattle staff has recommended to the Port of Seattle Commission to acquire additional land to the north and south of Sea-Tac. The recommended acquisition follows FAA expanded approach zone guidelines and involves approximately 475 acres - from the north airport boundary up to So. 136th, and from the south airport boundary up to the Des Moines Creek Canyon under the south runway approach. Details, maps and further information regarding this proposal to the Port Commission is available at the community office.

MEMORY SKETCH MAPPING - The Community Opportunities Task Force of the Urban Development Committee has been involving people in mapping their impressions of the community. Drawing ability is not necessary in that simple symbols are all that have to be "sketched" on the map. If you would like to participate in one of the sessions, please call Irene Jones at TR 8-7809, or contact the community office for more information.

CONCERNS SURVEY - If you receive the newsletter, you should have received the Concerns Questionnaire sent by the Survey and Community Opportunities Task Forces. A good return will greatly help the groups in their work, so please express your concerns and forward them on to the community office.

TV PROGRAMS - The Audio-Visual Task Force has been advisory to the production of three TV tapes this summer. One on Noise, another on Water Quality and the third on Land Use. The tapes will be used as "starters" for a series of six "classes" to be held in eight to ten neighborhoods beginning the week of Oct. 22nd. Meetings will be in elementary schools and the community college as pilot projects this fall. The goal of the "classes" is to discover where there is substantial agreement within the community on values or guidelines for judging plan alternatives. Committee members who wish to take part in setting guidelines should sign up for one of the classes. Information as to hours and location are available at the community office. A handout brochure is also available.

MINUTES
Air Transportation Committee
Sea-Tac Communities Plan

August 2, 1973

Chairman Jan Charnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Community Office, 253 South 152nd Street, Burien.

In attendance were:

Howard Olsen
Lee Lively
John Cramer
T. Nakkerud
Albin Anderson
Beverly VandeVoorde
Edith Townsend
Johanna Flood
Harold Flood
Emogene Stoner
Beverlee Hendrickson
Dick Allen
Virginia Dana
H. Hanan
Monte Powell
Bud Eckman
N. J. Johnston
Iris Knapp
Frank Ehle
Keith Davis
Bill Banks
Eleanor Lee

Ron Smith
Howard Segal
King Lysen
Don Smith
John Dodds
George Matelich
Jean Pihlman
Leland Tangen
B. A. Bendes
C. E. Bourland
Jan Charnell
John Miller

George L. Buley, FAA
Ed Parks, Port of Seattle
Joe Sims, Port of Seattle
Judith Fiedler, Battelle
Institute Northwest
Fred Fiedler, University of
Washington
John Anthony, Community Office

1. The following reports were given by the various task force chairmen:

Virginia Dana read the meeting notes for the Near Term Project Committee. She stated that her committee was working on a number of projects, the first being letters of support being sent to the various State and Federal representatives such as Senators Jackson and Magnusen requesting their aid in finding methods for financing home acquisition. Additionally, this committee is working on methods for financing homes on the conventional banking market.

Howard Olsen gave the report for the Survey Committee. He also urgently requested help from other members of the committee in accomplishing this task. There was a discussion by members of the larger committee as to what the area of survey would be and also, what questions would be asked. Howard responded by saying that these issues had not yet been resolved and that there would be further meetings with representatives from the University of Washington's Department of Community Development to further define both the area and the questions to be asked.

Monte Powell reported that the Abatement Alternatives Committee had met and were reviewing a number of alternatives delineated in a HUD Report and that they would be seeking input from various community organizations and other members of the Air Transportation Committee in their work.

2. Beverlee Hendrickson, the liaison between the Air Transportation and Urban Development Committee gave a report of the activities of the Urban Development Committee.

Beverlee stated that Mr. Robert Doyle, of the consulting firm Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, gave to the Urban Development Committee an explanation of the study's flow chart and basic organization. There was also a discussion of the urban development segment of the Community Opinion Survey, and a discussion as to the importance of a publicity committee.

3. Jean Pihlman, the liaison to the Policy Advisory Committee, reported on the activities of that body. Mrs. Pihlman briefly outlined the Technical Advisory Committee and its relationship to the study, informing community members that this meeting was open to the public and quite informal. She mentioned that Policy Advisory Committee meetings are also open to the public and that she actively encourages citizens to participate if they wished. She pointed out, however, that the best and most direct route for inquiries is through the staff at the Community Office. She further stated that if there are pressing inquiries that she, as liaison, or Mrs. Eleanor Lee, another liaison to PAC for the citizens, will relay their questions or resolutions or whatever is required.

There then followed a report of the PAC agenda and of last month's business.

4. Mrs. Fiedler of Battelle Northwest began her presentation of the Community Attitudes Survey by showing the position of the survey activity on the study's organizational chart. Battelle is contracted to do the Community Attitudes Survey. She went on then to explain some of the methodology involved in their Community Attitudes Survey, principally that there were basically three study groups investigated the first being 300 in-person interviews around the Airport complex; secondly, a control area in the Shoreline District of 100 interviews; and finally, 319 telephone surveys done at random throughout King County. The time frame of this study was as follows: the study was begun in May and to date all 700 surveys are completed and the Fiedler group is now tabulating the results. There then followed a question and answer period from the citizens to Mrs. Fiedler about the survey and their questions or concerns regarding its methodology. Examples of the questions are as follows:

Q. "Why was the study so limited?"

A. "It was limited principally because of cost."

Q. "To whom will the study ultimately be distributed?"

A. "The study will be distributed to the study staff at King County and the Port of Seattle, and also to the citizen groups."

Mrs. Fiedler then passed out six copies of the survey questionnaire for citizens at the meeting to examine, (attached to official copy of minutes). It was felt by many members of the committee that certain questions in the Fiedler questionnaire were worth pursuing in our own survey effort.

5. A discussion of the Community Survey of White Center was led by Bill Banks, President, Highline Community Forum.

Mr. Banks stated that their survey was in three distinct phases, the first one being the survey, the second being study of survey results, and third, an action plan. He stated that the primary difference between his survey and the Fiedler type of survey was that the White Center Survey's intent was to mobilize community support and action, whereas the Fiedler survey was intent upon gathering information. Mr. Banks stated that in their survey, they organized the following committees:

1. The Steering Committee - to delineate how things were to be organized.
2. The Boundary Committee - to decide what areas should be surveyed.
3. The Questionnaire Committee - dealt with what questions were to be asked and in what form.
4. The Publicity Committee - generated community interest and support in the project.

Basically, the White Center Survey was quite successful in that it contacted about 24% of the total households. Of this 24% approximately 74% of the individuals approached responded to the questionnaire while 17% refused. Another aspect of their approach was that they attempted to compare responses by age groups, trying to delineate how the younger segment of the population varied in their attitudes compared to the rest of the population.

6. Jean Pihlman brought before the Committee the Statement of Purpose which would be brought to the PAC Committee for its approval. The Purpose Statement read as follows:

"Insure citizen participation in determining and resolving conflicts between air transportation and the Sea-Tac Communities."

For a variety of reasons, the individuals attending the meeting took exception to this wording. There ensued a rather lengthy discussion of other possible modifications of the purpose statement. However, after Chairman Charnell had placed several revised wordings before the Committee, the resolutions failed due to a lack of a majority. The purpose statement was then referred back to the Program Committee for revision and will be brought up again next month.

7. Due to the lateness of the hour, other business was somewhat curtailed. There was a discussion on the importance of task force recruiting, another appeal by Howard Olsen for people to volunteer for the Survey Committee, requests for individuals interested in the Publicity Committee to volunteer, and finally, Irene Jones of the Urban Development Committee, gave a brief report on their desire for a combined picnic with the members of the Air Transportation and Urban Development Committee plus candidates, Port Commissioners, and King County Executives and Council. This proposal met with some enthusiasm and Mrs. Jones will be making additional plans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.