

# the seatac threat news!

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noise is an issue whose time has come

Meeting April 6, 1983 - A variety of issues were discussed and appropriate consensus formed. With respect to the North Sea Tac Park Density Guidelines as laid down in the Sea Tac Communities Plan and the North Sea Tac Park Plan by the FAA, it was generally agreed that we would oppose any relaxation of the guidelines based upon safety considerations and also because the existence of the Park serves as a public relations tool for the Port. Mr. Jack Leffler, a retired United Airline Pilot and an unannounced candidate for Port Commissioner, stated that from a pilot's point of view the density guidelines should not be relaxed. Be alert for a questionnaire from the POS on this subject. Please respond in kind.

We also discussed the methods by which community representatives should be appointed to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) which is an inherent part of the Sea Tac Communities Plan that is intended to be the watch dog to see that community issues are heard and appropriately addressed by the POS. Moreover, it is charged with seeing that the intent of the Sea Tac Communities Plan is carried out. The consensus was that PAC representatives should be appointed by each of the East, West, North and South Communities; that PAC meetings should be held in the evenings, in communities, and not at the Airport all of the time. Letters have been written to the POS Commissioners, with copies to the FAA and appropriate elected officials stating our position on these issues.

April 18, Des Moines City Hall - A public meeting of POS representatives, Des Moines City Council and residents on noise issues was very vocal. The residents made some very good points, the answers to which the POS deferred till it brings its Noise Remedy Study show to town as described later. The POS is playing its same old theme - another study to solve noise problems.

"Noise" is an issue whose time has come and one of the methods of addressing it is through the election process by making it a campaign issue in every Municipal, County and State election. It is a big task, but remember that Queen Ann and Magnolia Communities are upset with the POS over noise generation that would result from development of Piers 90 and 91; the Beacon Hill Community is upset with aircraft noise; the north Metro Bus Base Community is upset over the resultant noise that would accompany such an operation; the Seattle International Racetrack neighbors are upset with race car noise; and the Sea Tac Communities aren't happy with the POS either. What better format for success could we have to make noise an election issue at every level of politics in Seattle and King County? We need stronger noise ordinances and enforcement at the city, county and state levels, and we can have it with a little effort. We can start with the two POS Commissioner positions that are up for grabs this year. The other, perhaps more effective method of addressing noise, is through the legal process. It isn't too late to join this process, which currently has 60% of the required participants.

The POS will be holding meetings at the following locations and times to present their Noise Remedy Study Plan to the communities:

- May 9 - Riverton Heights Elementary School, 7:30 P.M.
- May 10 - Des Moines City Hall, 7:30 P.M.
- May 11 - Highline High School Cafetorium, 7:30 P.M.

The future of your community and the associated property values are at stake. You should attend one of these meetings and become a participant in the study to help influence the results.

Mark your calendars - Sea Tac Threat meets the first Wednesday of each month at the former Glacier High School at 7:30 P.M. These dates for 1983 are: May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7. You may call 244-5583 to confirm each meeting if you wish. Newsletters will be available at these meetings as appropriately required, which will avoid unnecessary postage. Also, each meeting will be announced in the Highline and Des Moines Newspapers.

For the May 4 meeting, Port of Seattle Commissioner Merle Adlum, who is seeking re-election to that post, has agreed to address our group.

For the June 1 meeting, Port of Seattle Commissioner Henry Kotkins, who is also seeking re-election to that post, has agreed to address our group.

This is the time for in-depth POS policy type questions and to commence the process of making noise an election issue. In this connection, all candidates for Port Commissioner, and candidates for other Seattle, County and State offices will also be invited to address our group as appropriate.

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