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A MOTION providing for a study of how best to provide land for both a golf course and fairground expansion.

The King County Council by this Motion does hereby:

(1) Accept and incorporate by reference the "Report from the Special Committee on the Question of the Expansion of the King County Fair Grounds and Enumclaw Golf Course," a copy of which is attached hereto; and

(2) Instructs Mr. Jerry Schlatter, Director of the Design Commission, to work with Mr. George Wyse, Director of the Department of Parks, and with Mr. Staunton, Fair Board Manager, to determine how best to provide land for both the golf course addition and the fairground expansion, it being the desire of the Council that this determination be accomplished without outside consultive services being employed at this time.

PASSED at a regular meeting of the King County Council this 19th day of July, 1971.

COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert B. Duncan
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lee Kraft
Administrator-Clerk
King County Council

REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION OF THE
EXPANSION OF THE KING COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS AND ENUMCLAW GOLF COURSE

Councilmembers Bernice Stern, Dave Mooney and Ed Munro were asked to consider whether the area south of the King County Fairgrounds should be utilized for expansion of the Fair or for a nine-hole addition to the Enumclaw Golf Course.

Jerry Schlatter, Director of the Design Commission, had requested the County Council to allocate funds for a consultant to study the problems involved, the best land use of the area, alternative proposals, costs, feasibility, etc.

Our Special Committee met on May 18 at the Fairgrounds with Mr. Schlatter, George Wyse, Head of the Park Department, Mr. Staunton, Fair Board Manager, members of the King County Fair Board, Frank Hensley of the Auditor's Department, and individuals from the Enumclaw Area. On June 7 our Committee met with Mr. Cooley, Mrs. Hansen, and Dr. Ruthemyer of the Fair Board to discuss the current needs and future directions of the King County Fair.

Petitions and letters have been received by our Committee expressing the desire of a large number of Enumclaw citizens for an 18-hole golf course at Enumclaw, and some letters from 4-H Club members and proponents of an enlarged Fair. We have a statement from the King County Fair Board of their position that additional area must be provided for horse facilities, and that precedence should be given to the greatest number of important services to the broadest spectrum of the County community which is provided by the Fair.

As a result of our discussions and of further consultations with Department Heads and professional staff members on the questions involved, our Special Committee has agreed that an additional nine holes should be provided for expansion of the Enumclaw Golf Course without precluding a modest expansion of the Fair.

We recognize that facilities for horses should be added to the Fairgrounds and feel that this can be done, and other additional space provided without precluding the golf course expansion.

We recommend that the following questions should be explored:

1. Are the County's current land holdings south of the Fairground in this area adequate to accommodate both the golf course addition and the Fairground expansion? Can an additional nine holes be designed which would not be unsuitable for golf in the winter upon the acreage available without utilizing the land necessary for a modest expansion of the Fair?
2. The possibility of acquiring the land across the street to the west through purchasing the property.
3. The possibility of acquiring the land across the street through an exchange of the gun club site. In this regard a study should be made of the County owned property north of Highway #40 as to the number of days trapshooters use this facility. To what extent is the target range program being utilized and how much of the land is being used for target shooting.

We recommend that Mr. Schlatter be asked to work with Mr. George Wyse, Head of the Park Department, and ~~in consultation~~ with Mr. Staunton, Fair Manager, to determine how best to provide land for both purposes. We believe that this can be done by our County staff without outside consultative services being employed at this time.

We wish also to express our view that the King County Fair should remain a "family-type" Fair, a facility for 4-H, farming, and "wholesome" activities, with as little commercialization as possible. We would not favor expansion of the Fair in any way which would destroy its present flavor and quality.