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INTRODUCED BY: Laing

PROPOSED NO. 87-301

MOTION NO. 6847

A MOTION related to the King County park system; endorsing the Beaver Lake Park Master Plan and Phase I site development.

WHEREAS, based on the urbanization of portions of the East Lake Sammamish Plateau, King County acquired the 83 acre "Camp Cabrini" property on Beaver Lake for park purposes, and

WHEREAS, the natural resources and parks division has, based on a consideration of this site's natural constraints and opportunities, developed a proposed master plan for this site which has as its major features, access to Beaver Lake, preservation of the site's wetland system and a substantial portion of the existing woodlands on the site, camping, interpretive educational opportunities and athletic facilities for baseball and tennis, and

WHEREAS, neighbors in the vicinity of the proposed park have expressed concerns about lighting, traffic, security, water quality, noise and buffering of the site, and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Planning and Resources Department has been delegated the responsibility for assuring the county's compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act, and will prepare an environmental checklist and make a threshold determination as to the significance of the proposal prior to construction, and

WHEREAS, the scale of the project may be reduced based on detailed environmental review;

1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

2 The master plan proposed by natural resources and parks
3 division is endorsed with the following modifications:

4 A. Lighting for the baseball fields is deleted from the
5 Master Plan. Authorization for such lighting shall require an
6 amendment to the master plan that is endorsed by the council.

7 B. The park entrance shall be locked at dusk each evening.

8 C. The division shall provide the maximum possible
9 separation and vegetative buffers between the ballfields and
10 244th Ave SE for noise reduction, and shall provide fencing along
11 244th Ave SE if possible within the budget.

12 D. No construction shall occur until the environmental
13 review of the project has been completed.

14 E. The division shall provide written notice of the
15 threshold determination to all residents of the area who have
16 indicated an interest in the project.

17 F. No athletic facilities other than those shown on the
18 Master Plan (i.e. baseball diamonds and tennis courts) shall be
19 constructed without prior council approval.

20 PASSED this 4th day of May, 1987.

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22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

24 *Dary Grant*
Chairman

25 ATTEST:

26 *Dorothy M. Quinn*
27 Clerk of the Council
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To clarify its components, we have segregated THE CAMP into five sub-areas.

(1) Issaquah Lodge and Multi-Purpose Center

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Toward the water in front of the lodge will be a large, green open space with a ceremonial totem circle and performance space.

(2) Waterfront

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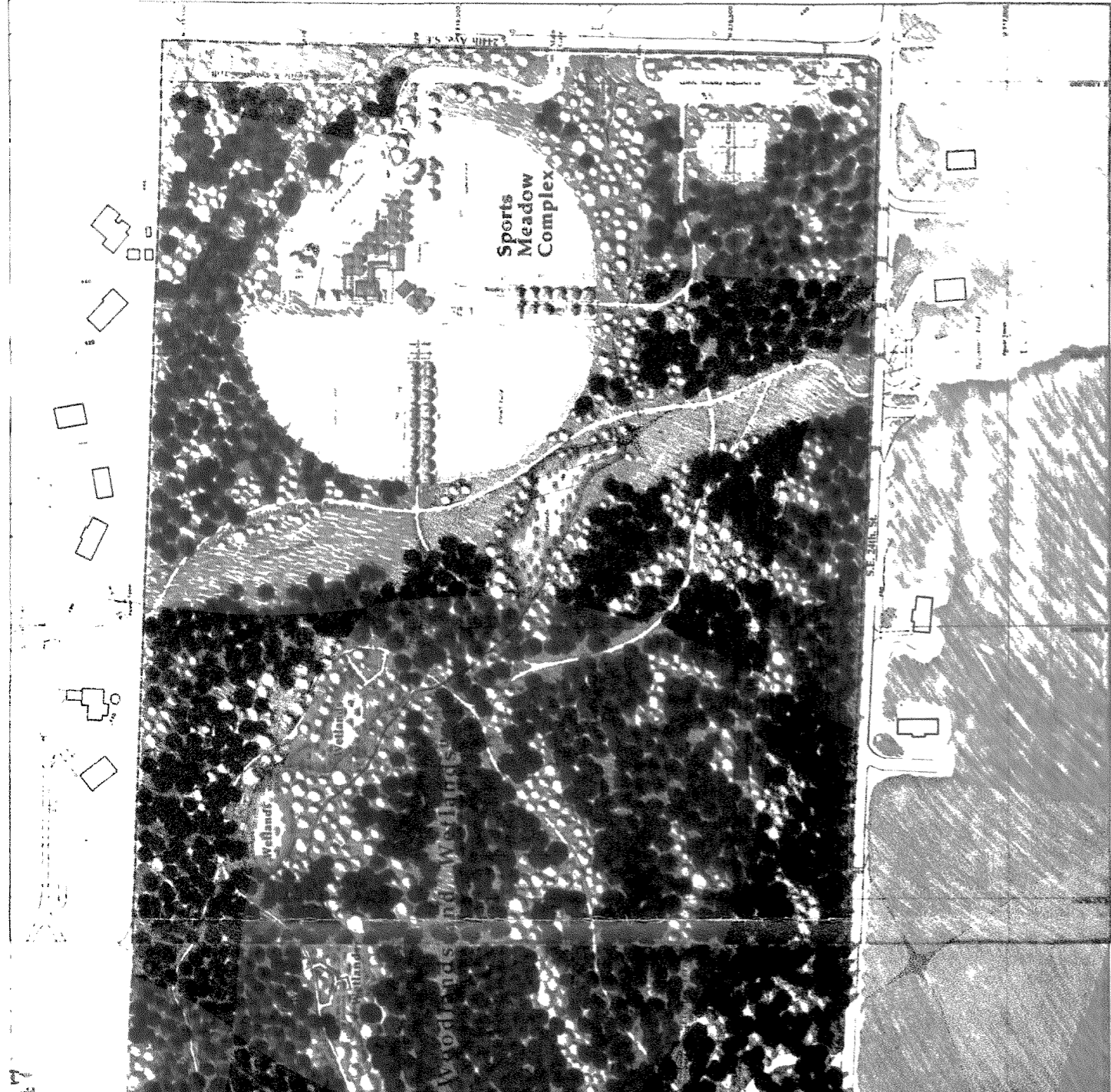
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Project: 060010 Beaver Lake Park

Description:

Council District: No.6
CIP Planning Area: E Sammamish

In 1985, \$2,400,000 in limited G.O. bond revenue was approved for acquisition of about 80 acres, including 1,200 feet of waterfront on Beaver Lake. Increasing demand for developed park facilities on the Sammamish Plateau requires a plan for future development at this site. Master planning is underway.

In 1986, project revenue support of \$1,175,950 was changed from G.O. bonds to Conservation Futures Tax funds.

In 1987, \$541,349 was appropriated to clear and excavate the west end of the site, construct and light two ballfields and provide paved parking for approximately 50 cars.

Project Comparison No Changes To Be Abandoned To Be Merged Total Cost Change Site Change
(vs. Last Council Approval) New Revenue Change Scope Change Schedule Change

Cost Data:

Original Cost Estimate (1985) \$2,400,000
Cost Estimate (1987) \$ 541,349

Status:

Master Plan in progress.

Net Annual Operating Costs: Not available pending
Site Development Plan.
