

ORDINANCE NO. 00143

An Ordinance relating to re-establishing and continuing a King County Design Commission, defining its composition, duties and powers.

Be it enacted by the County Council for King County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created a King County Design Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

Section 2. The Commission will consist of seven members, two licensed architects, two licensed professional engineers, one professional planner, one landscape architect and lay member. The County Executive shall solicit recommendations for those he appoints and the Council confirms as applicable from:

The American Institute of Architects,  
Washington State Council;  
The American Institute of Planners,  
Pacific Northwest Chapter;  
The American Society of Landscape Architects;  
The Consulting Engineers Council of Washington;  
Other professional organizations for the non-lay members.

The lay member shall be selected because of particular qualifications in matters related to purposes of the Commission.

Section 3. Members of the Commission will serve for three year terms or until their successors are appointed and qualified. Present members of the Commission created by King County Commissioner Resolution 35366 or subsequently appointed or reappointed shall serve their unexpired terms.

New appointments to the Commission or appointments to fill any vacancies occurring in membership shall be filled in the same manner as defined above and from the same professions. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 4. Membership of the Commission shall not be limited to residents of the County or residents of the State of Washington.

Section 5. Compensation for the professional and skilled services rendered by members of the Commission shall be at the rate of \$25.00 for each hour while in meeting sessions of the Commission including travel time to Commission meetings provided, that total compensation that shall become due and payable to any member shall not exceed \$200.00 for any one day of meeting session.

Commission member shall be reimbursed for actual costs incurred by them in performance of the duties of the Commission including the cost of travel to Commission meetings.

Section 6. Members of the Commission shall not participate on a design team under consideration for appointment by the Commission, or be recommended for appointment by the Commission for a design contract.

Section 7. Subject to approval of the County Council, the Commission may from time to time call in special consultants. Such consultants shall be chosen by the Commission for their recognized competence and experience in the planning and design of specific projects, or for their overall particular competence in the design of County or municipal public works.

Section 8. The Chairman of the Design Commission shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council for a three year term.

The Chairman shall be a resident of King County, Washington.

Section 9. The Commission will be advisory to the County Executive and County Council. Its function shall be to advise and assist County Officers and Staff in the development and execution of the County Capital Improvement Program.

Subject to contractual commitments entered into prior to the date of King County Commissioners Resolution 35366 of May 20, 1968, the Commission shall recommend the selection of the members of any design team to be employed for the design and planning of Capital Improvement Projects, and shall review the plans and specifications therefor.

Its role shall be that of recommending such aesthetic, environmental and design principles and policies that it considers appropriate and advantageous in guiding the physical development of the County.

No County Capital Improvement Project wherein Commission review is stipulated as part of the Ordinance or previous Resolution of the Board of County Commissioner, shall be designed, placed under contract for design or constructed without first being referred to the Commission for its review and recommendation.

Except under unusual circumstances the Commission shall make its recommendations on any matter submitted to it within thirty (30) days after submission. If it fails to do so, it shall be considered to have recommended approval.

Section 10. The advisory and review function of the Commission shall include:

(a) Recommending to the County Executive those project designers and/or design teams that, in its opinion, should be selected and commissioned by the Board to provide design services for the execution of Capital Improvement Projects. The Commission shall

establish, and make public, procedures for obtaining the credentials and experience of such design professionals, and procedures for evaluating the relative capabilities of said professionals for specific projects. Recommendations and supporting material shall be forwarded to the County Executive, and where requested or necessary, to the County Council.

(b) Study of projects prior to commencement of design. Such study to include formulation of recommended aesthetic, environmental and design principles and objectives that the Commission believes should be sought in the development of the project. These recommendations shall be discussed with the project designer prior to commencement of his work.

(c) Review projects from time to time during the design period and upon completion of the schematic design phase, the design development phase and the construction document phase. It shall be the function of the Commission to advise and assist the project designer, the County Staff, and the County Executive in the development of the project.

The Commission may recommend changes in the project designer's work or may recommend approval. Recommendations, resulting in changes in construction cost or involving extra services on the part of the project designer, shall first receive approval of the County Executive, and where appropriate the County Council.

Commission review of contract documents, working drawings and specifications shall mean review relative to compliance with previously determined environmental and aesthetic objectives.

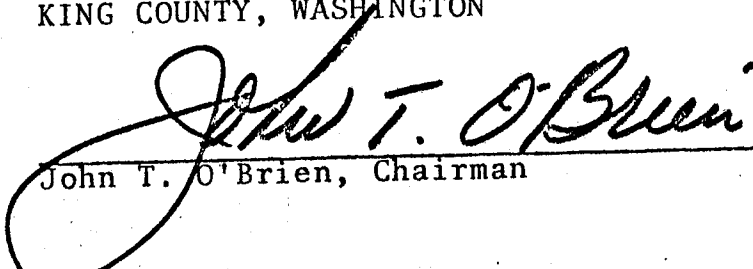
Section 11. The County Administrator, the Director of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation, the Director of the Planning Department, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and a member of and designated by the County Arts Commission, shall act in an advisory capacity by the Commission.

Section 12. For purposes of providing funds necessary to pay the costs of the Design Commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to King County Commissioner's Resolution 35366 of May 20, 1968, a Design Commission Operating Fund was created from Current Expense Funds to be reimbursed from appropriate Capital Improvement Project Funds for actual costs incurred on behalf of said Capital Improvement Project. The Design Commission Operating Fund is hereby continued without change.

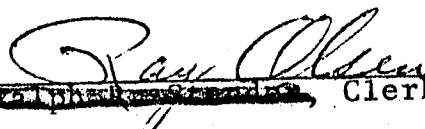
Withdrawal from the Operating Fund to pay costs of the Commission shall be made on the basis of actual costs incurred for each project for the services of the Commission.

PASSED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 1969.

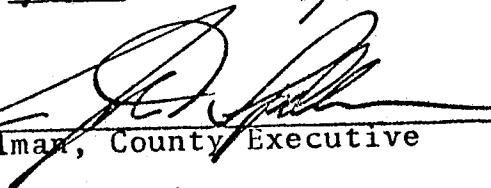
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
John T. O'Brien, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
~~Ray Olsen~~, Clerk

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF September, 1969.

  
John D. Spellman, County Executive

ORDINANCE READINGS

1st Aug 25, 1969  
2nd Sept 12, 1969  
3rd Sept 12, 1969  
Effective Date.....