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4 MOTION NO. 7301

5 A MOTION requesting the King County Natural
6 Resources and Parks Division to prepare a Parks
7 Plan and an Open Space Action Plan and
8 describing their scope.

9 WHEREAS, the 1985 King County Comprehensive Plan recognized the
10 need for a functional plan to implement its parks and open space
11 policies, and

12 WHEREAS, continued development in unincorporated areas of King
13 County has increased the need for conserving open spaces to
14 maintain the region's natural beauty and provide for the outdoor
15 recreation needs of a growing population, and

16 WHEREAS, the natural resources and parks division's 1987
17 assessment of King County park needs identified areas of the
18 county significantly underserved by active recreation parks, and

19 WHEREAS, the draft open space plan identifies the elements of
20 a county-wide open space system and identifies strategies for
21 creating this system;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

23 A. The department of parks, planning and resources is
24 requested to develop a parks plan which considers and addresses:

25 1. An overview of adopted policies which affect parks and
26 an inventory of existing county and non-county parks available to
27 county residents.

28 2. The extent to which each community planning area in King
29 County is adequately served by active recreation parks according
30 to the adopted acreage/population standards and the adopted
31 facility/population standards of the county,

32 3. The appropriateness of the acreage standards for
33 neighborhood parks, community parks and major urban parks, and the
appropriateness of the facility/population standards,

1 4. Possible amendments to the adopted standards,

2 5. Possible policies to guide the county's involvement with
3 special purpose or regional parks,

4 6. Possible policies to govern how, and under what
5 circumstances, the county funds or operates parks within
6 incorporated areas,

7 7. The identification of specific opportunities within each
8 underserved community planning area for providing sufficient
9 active parks, and

10 8. Strategies for acquiring, developing and operating the
11 additional park facilities needed.

12 BE IT FURTHER MOVED:

13 B. The department of parks planning and resources is
14 requested to develop an open space action plan which considers and
15 addresses:

16 1. The ultimate scope and configuration of the open space
17 system envisioned by the Draft Open Space Plan,

18 2. The extent to which each open space strategy identified
19 in the plan will contribute to the creation of this system,

20 3. The method and timing of implementation of these
21 strategies,

22 4. A prioritization of strategies including an acquisition
23 schedule and a capital development schedule for open space lands,
24 and

25 5. The identification of funding needs for implementation
26 of these strategies and of potential funding sources.

27 6. Revisions to the Open Space Site Evaluation System and
28 Resource Rating Criteria to include:

29 a. Definitions of the open space attributes, and

30 b. Provisions addressing the special circumstances of the
31 urbanized areas of the county.

32 c. Administrative guidelines for determining the
33 requirements of single-benefit open space sites, and

1 d. Administrative guidelines for determining if a
2 potential acquisition is threatened by development or is likely to
3 be within a reasonable time period.

4 7. A program of incentives for landowners who provide
5 special public amenities by undertaking exceptional preservation
6 measures. Such actions are contemplated to be beyond those
7 required in the development process to protect environmentally
8 sensitive features pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act
9 or to protect public safety.

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11 BE IT FURTHER MOVED:

12 C. A work plan for developing this Parks Plan and this Open
13 Space Action Plan should be submitted by February 15, 1989 to the
14 Council for review.

15 PASSED this 12th day of September, 1988.

16 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
17 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

18 Gary Grant
19 Chairman

20 ATTEST:

21 Dorothy M. Owens
22 Clerk of the Council
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