

11. Re: Big Bend Area Study - Area Zoning Concept
Public Walkway Park Strip Concept -
Fraser River Foreshore

Council was informed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 20, 1971, that in the opinion of the Commission the proposed 100 foot strip of public walkway planned to be provided on the northern edge of the Fraser River in the Big Bend Area was inadequate.

Consequently, Council directed that the Commission be asked to advise what it felt was adequate.

The Commission advised Council on October 18, 1971, that the width of the strip should not be restricted to 100 feet but that it should be an average of 250 feet, realizing that it will be necessary for this strip to be narrower than 250 feet in some areas. This comment was referred to the Planning Director for his consideration, study and report at an appropriate time.

Since the Planning Department has received requests for consideration of development proposals in this area, it was necessary to meet with the Commission to "firm up" the Commission's thoughts on this strip. Also, a dyke will be required along a portion of the river bank for flood control purposes, and it is necessary to see how it would fit in with the strip.

We are now advised by the Secretary of the Commission that it met on January 19, 1972, and that....

"The Parks and Recreation Commission has further discussed the planning study of the Big Bend Area, and wishes to request Council to give serious consideration to having an average of 200 feet from the high water line preserved as a walkway between the park site concepts in the Byrne Road area and D.L. 167 taking advantage of the topography and natural vegetation on the area."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this comment be referred to the Planning Director for his consideration, study and report at the appropriate time on the progress of the Big Bend Area Study (about 4 weeks).