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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 17
COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 7/77

Re: MEETINGS WITH THE KENSINGTON HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Following is a report from the Director of Planning on meetings that have been held with the Kensington Homeowners' Association.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Kensington Homeowners' Association.

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Planning Department,
February 28, 1977.
Our File #08.623(3)

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
RE: KENSINGTON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION.

This report is submitted for the information of Council and documents the status of meetings between the Planning Dept. and this Association.

Following the directive of Council passed On Nov. 15, 1976

"That an Executive Committee of the Kensington Homeowner Association meet with the Director of Planning on the question of the proposed Kensington Road Project."

Two formal joint meetings have been held and one area meeting of the Association was also attended by staff. Details of these meetings are documented below.

1. Dec. 9, 1976. The first meeting between the Association and the Planning Department was held at Municipal Hall.

The meeting was attended by 5 members of the Executive of the Association, the Director of Planning and a Transportation Planner from his staff.

This meeting was essentially of an informational nature where the broader objectives of the group and the boundaries of their community of interest were identified. As well, the Planning and Engineering considerations behind the choice of the Kensington alignment were discussed.

From this meeting it became clear that the Association agreed with the need for an overpass of the B.N. Railway tracks but did not agree with the decision to overpass the Loughheed Highway or to widen any north-south street in their area of interest which they defined as the area encompassed by Hastings - Phillips - Loughheed - Holdom.

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2. Dec. 16, 1976. This well attended area meeting was held in the Lochdale Community Hall. At the meeting the area residents were informed of the activities and objectives of the Association, and formally elected officers of the Association. Some of the objectives of the group were

- to avert construction of the Kensington overpass and any north-south connector road.
- to monitor Council meetings.
- to provide human input to the Planning Dept. and Council.
- to liaise with other area groups such as Burnaby Citizens Roads Committee.
- to consider the possibility of an area representative being elected to Council.
- to concentrate their efforts on crossing of the railway with easy access from the residential area to arterial streets, but with no major "through" route.

This meeting was attended by the Director of Planning and two Transportation Planners but participation from Municipal staff was not requested.

3. Feb. 24, 1977. This was the most recent meeting between the Association and the Planning Department and took place at Municipal Hall. The meeting was attended by eight members of the Executive of the Association, the Director of Planning and a Transportation Planner. The key points of the meeting were

- (i) the Association was advised of the views and position of the Planning Department as a result of the review being undertaken jointly by the Planning and Engineering Depts. A report providing the review requested by Council on Nov. 22, 1976 is submitted as a separate report. Essentially, the Planning Department concluded that the optimum alignment for the overpass was on the Kensington alignment, but that the project could terminate on Broadway.
- (ii) the Association and the Planning Dept. have not reached any agreement on the method of achieving an overpass of the B. N. Railway tracks.

While the Executive of the Association wish to maintain access to the Central Valley area, and generally support the concept of overpassing the railway tracks, they do not want any transient traffic in their area nor do they want any relative change in the traffic flows. It is for these reasons that the group oppose the concept of overpassing the Lougheed Highway and therefore, the proposal as presently placed before the C. T. C.

While the Association did not agree with the Planning Department's general conclusions from the joint Planning/Engineering review, they did agree it was an objective report and that their views had been fairly expressed.

- (iii) Arising from the meeting was a request by the Association for the Municipal staff to cost additional alternatives (one being a 4-lane structure on Sperling and the other being a realignment and widening of Sperling without an overpass) and provide information on accident patterns along Sperling between the tracks and the Lougheed Highway. The Planning Department agreed to provide this material at an early date.


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- (iv) The Planning Dept. staff agreed to continue to meet for discussions with the Association.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Department recommends

THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Kensington Homeowners Association.


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