

Planning Commission Makes Library Site Recommendations

The Sweet Home planning commission put together a two-fold, either-or recommendation to hand to the city council in relation to site acquisition for a contemplated new library at a meeting Monday night.

The commission recommended that the 11,890 square feet of property located on Kalmia behind the post office be given first preference because of a more attractive price offer.

HOWEVER, THE commission also recommended that if the west half of property located between 12th and 13th on Kalmia across from the city hall were available at the appraised price, due consideration should be given to that property also.

The library board had previously laid down a preference for the site located near the post office.

The commission said, in its recommendation, that it preferred the site across from the city hall because anticipated traffic increase on 12th ave. would bring a new library into more use; that it would provide an opportunity to improve the esthetic beauty of the area across from city hall, and that it favored a position as close to the city hall as possible.

THE COMMISSION elaborated on the third reason stating that the closeness to the city hall was desirable because it would make possible joint use of rooms, parking and other facilities; it would reduce overhead costs; it would be closer to police; and it would provide an opportunity for close working relationships between the library and city officials.

The commission's recommendation also included that the city should acquire an option on either of the parcels of property with terms for time payment to be negotiated.

Langmack field site with assistance from Federal and State funds.

A review of the situation indicated that Langmack field had not been looked upon favorably in the past due to limitations, but that it was possible a change of ideals had been reached by the board of aeronautics.

The commission, in conjunction with the airport talks, said that it would look into the land use to see what sort, if any, of land use conflict might arise if the Langmack site were developed on a larger scale.

The drainage committee cited a need for a comprehensive survey to evaluate the overall needs and adequacy of the present drainage facilities and the need for future planning.

It was noted that the study

would cost approximately \$5,000 for the 2.6 square miles of the city covered by the sanitary sewer survey. Available assistance for such a program was pointed out to include advance loans plus a two-thirds federal planning grant which would be available to cover a portion of the costs.

Also discussed in the same topic was the feasibility of topographic mapping of the city. Costs would be about \$3.50 per acre or \$6,000 for the inside of the city limits. This could also be assisted on a two-thirds planning grant from federal tax monies, leaving a \$2,000 minimum cost to the city.

Topographic mapping would be very helpful in the drainage survey and for all future planning and engineering work.