

Leavenworth, Washington
May 19, 1972

Honorable Mayor

Dear Russ,

Within a ~~very few~~ ^{promenade} days the city should be awarded money for developing the ~~and~~ Blackbird Island. The appraised value of the strip of land along the waterfront and parking area constitutes the city's share for matching funds.

It is expected that construction of the promenade will raise the value of adjoining property ~~adjoining the promenade~~ to the promenade. On this private adjoining property sidewalk cafes, shops (particularly of the arts and crafts variety) are expected to be developed. These businesses would be possible only because of the manner of waterfront development and would further the European design ideas.

Committed members as well as the Interagency Committee On Outdoor Recreation have raised the question commercial and other uses of the land surrounding the promenade.

My reply in every case is that whatever Mrs. Schutte who owns all adjoining property does will benefit the town of Leavenworth. I also stated that she and I have discussed this adjoining property numerous times and that I am under the impression that this property from the old barn area around to Commercial Street would be placed in a trust to benefit primarily the Town of Leavenworth, Mrs. Schutte's church, and other possible charitable uses. Such a trust would relieve Mrs. Schutte of any responsibility on the property. I understood that such a trust would consist of people from the Leavenworth - Cashmere area.

Discussions of the waterfront area in 1968 and 1969 between Mrs. Schutte and myself favored a little 'Tivoli Gardens' utilizing lagoons. Later discussions seemed favored with a Promenade - Sidewalk cafe and arts and craft shops and narrow-gauge train and bicycle-pedestrian paths upstream and downstream. Mrs. Schutte had

indicated to me that she was not seeking any financial return in any manner to herself. She also indicated a desire ~~in the initial selection of~~ to have a hand in the selection of initial promenade businesses to assure that only the most desirable businesses to the overall atmosphere would be allowed on the promenade. We discussed park maintainance and the possibility that any business in this trust property would have to pay a portion of park maintainance.

This seems to be an everchanging world and sometimes an idea that seems good at one time does not seem so good at another time. Sometime's changing economic needs influences a person's thinking. For this reason before proceeding with transfer of title to the waterfront property and zoning of the surrounding property, it would be wise for the City to investigate precisely what Mrs. Schutte's thoughts are on the entire property. I am sure that if the City writes her a letter regarding any questions, she will be very cooperative in helping to bring about a better Leavenworth.

Sincerely

Ted H. Price

Chairman, Parks and Recreation

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Don Booth, Chairman, Leavenworth Planning Commission

Owen Watson, President, Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

Mrs. A. Carolyn Schutte