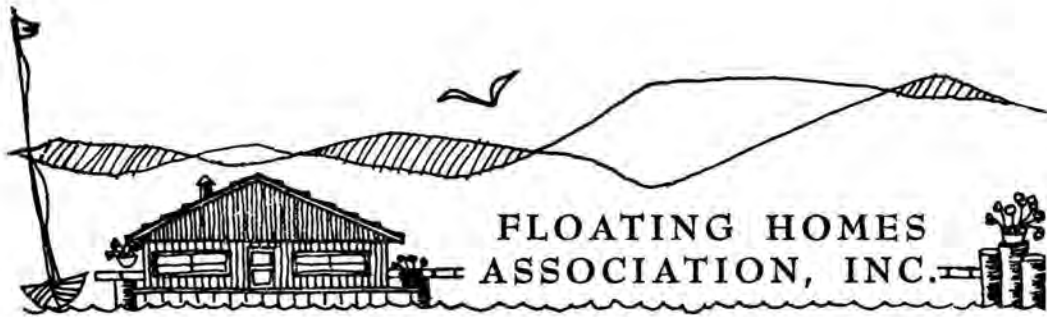


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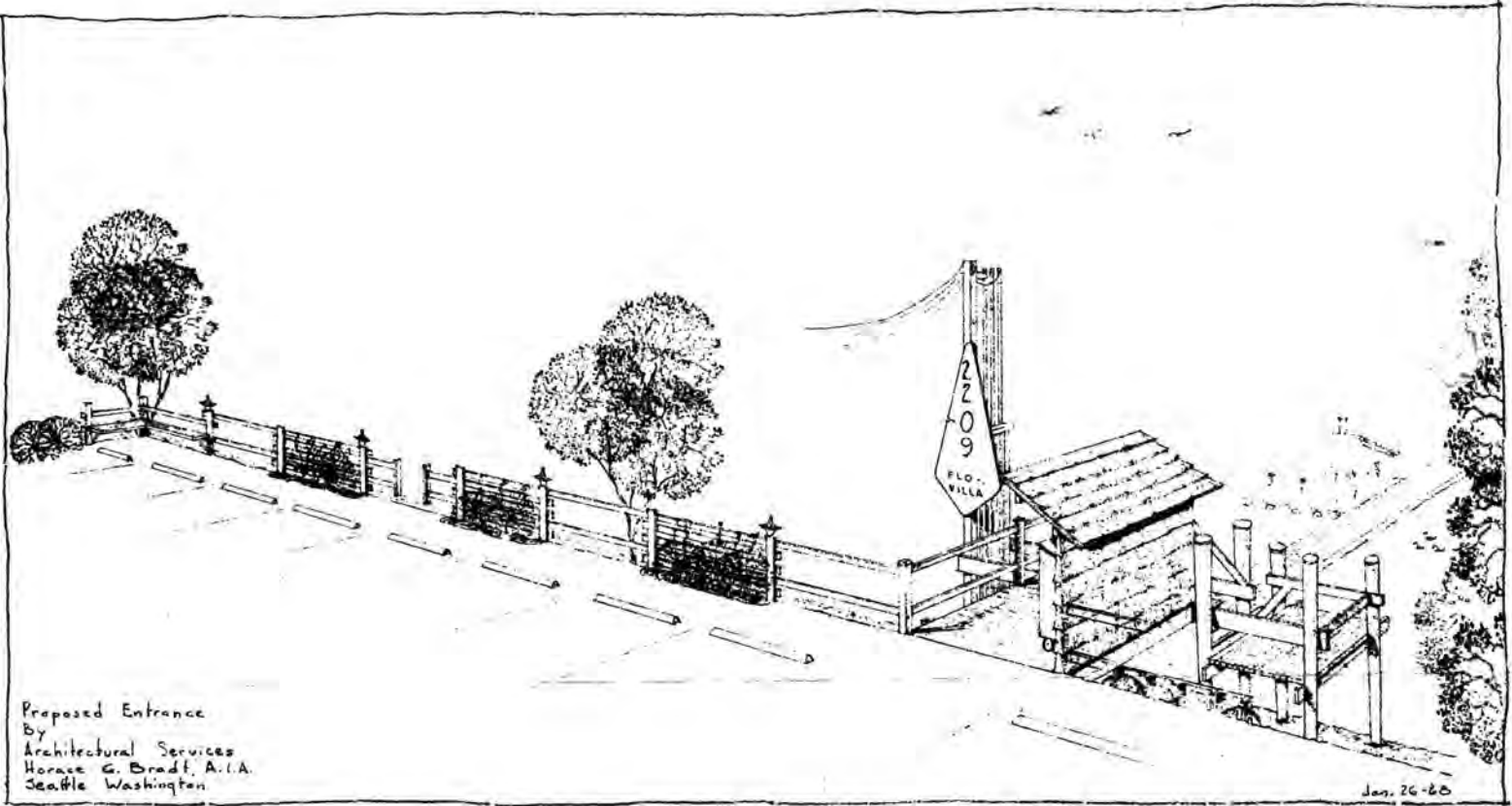
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Proposed Entrance
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The installation of an ornamental, covered entrance way, improvements in the parking area, and the landscaping and terracing of the bank along the 120-foot of frontage at 2207-09 Fairview Avenue E., has been approved by the Flo-Villa Corp., the first joint ownership floating home moorage. The street level design (shown above) is the work of the Architectural Services of Horace G. Bradt A.I.A., who is a member of the Corporation. Flo-Villa has 14 shareholders each with tenancy rights to a moorage site. The improvement and beautification project was approved at a shareholders' meeting at which the following officers were elected: John Southern, president; Carlisle King, vice-president, and Mrs. Susan French, secretary-treasurer.

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ROBERT BROWN ELECTED ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT; OUTLINES PROGRAM: Robert Brown of the Boeing Engineering Dept., was elected president of the Floating Homes Association, at the annual business meeting March 28. He succeeds Kenneth Kennedy who was named to a five-year term as Trustee. Others elected are: Mark Freeman, vice president; Clara Kennedy, recording secretary; Richard Wagner, Trustee; Merla Jones, George Johnston and John Southern, Executive Committee. The Executive Committee April 11th elected Grant Copeland to the unexpired Trustee term of Mark Freeman. Mr. Copeland is president of the Portage-At-Bay Corp., now installing the new moorage for new floating homes at 1214 E. Hamlin. This year the Executive Committee will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays.

President Brown outlined the following program for 1968 which received unanimous approval: (a) speedy compliance with the sanitary requirements in the new Ordinance (b) elimination of all floating homes now illegally in public waters (c) upgrading of useable floating homes and elimination of sub-standard dwellings (d) encourage more "joint ownership" moorages as well as new installations by private developers (e) emphasis on such community-acceptance programs as beautification, lake clean-up and a fire boat for Lake Union and adjacent waters.

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SANITARY REQUIREMENTS IN NEW COMPREHENSIVE FLOATING HOME ORDINANCE: Seattle's first comprehensive Floating Homes Ordinance has been approved by the Public Safety Committee and enactment by the full City Council is expected soon. The draft Ordinance was submitted by Terry Pettus on behalf of the Council's Advisory Committee on Floating Homes

established in 1964. The composition of this Committee is as follows: Building Dept.: Lester J. Gillis and Robert Donohue; City Council: Mrs. Phyllis Lamphere and Sam Smith; Engineering Dept.: William E.P. Smith and J. J. Coover; Floating Homes Assn.: Mark Freeman and Terry Pettus; Fire Dept.: Fire Marshal S.H. MacPherson; Health Dept.: Fred Aldridge and John Van Amburgh. Mr. Ksun Onodera, Code Research Director, is secretary.

This Ordinance, which goes far to establish floating homes as a legitimate part of the Seattle housing scene, calls for the sanitary requirements which are already in the process of being met. The individual as well as the joint responsibility of the moorage property owner and the individual floating home owner are provided for in these pertinent sections.

"Section 1.100 Local Side Sewer System. Every floating home moorage within the limits specified in Section 1.090 (within 300 ft. of a city sewer) shall provide a local side sewer system for the collection of sewage from every floating home in such moorage. Such local side sewer system shall be connected to the public sewer, shall have an inlet connection at each floating home site and shall be constructed, installed and maintained as required by the City Engineer.

"Section 1.200 Connection to Local Side Sewer System. Every floating home in a floating home moorage shall be connected to the local side sewer system and no owner or operator of a floating home moorage shall permit to be moored at such moorage under his control any floating home which is not lawfully connected to the side sewer system. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, occupy or let any floating home for human habitation within the limits of Section 1.090 unless the same is lawfully connected to the sewer system.

"Section 1.140 Plumbing Systems. All plumbing and plumbing systems in every floating home shall meet the requirements of the Plumbing Code except as otherwise approved by the Director of Public Health."

The Executive Committee has announced that it will print and distribute the full text of the Ordinance in the next few weeks. It has called an enlarged meeting of the Moorage Council (time and place to be announced later) where the Ordinance will be discussed and attention given to problems arising out of its implementation. Copies will be made available to all members. The individual floating home plumbing requirements were approved by the Health Department more than two years ago. These were explained at a series of moorage meetings beginning in January, 1966. Members having any questions should contact the Association.

Still to be resolved are the discriminatory features of the 1957 Comprehensive Land Use Plan which zones floating homes off of some 85% of Lake Union Shorelands and contains an unworkable spacing provision which has made it virtually impossible to establish a new moorage or upgrade an old one without seeking a variance.

In an effort to remedy this situation, the Advisory Committee has taken two steps: (a) a request to the City Council that it include the Planning Dept. on the Committee and (b) creation of a sub-committee to deal with the problems. This consists of Mrs. Phyllis Lamphere, City Council; Mr. Gillis, Assistant Superintendent of Buildings; Mr. Onodera and Terry Pettus.

In a communication to the County, Terry Pettus wrote: "It must also be pointed out that the application of this proposed Ordinance is not a simple matter of applying sanitary regulations to a frozen existing situation. We of the Floating Homes Assn. have recognized from the start that this would require an extensive program of renewal and rehabilitation to eliminate all sub-standard conditions and that this would neither be easy nor inexpensive."

Pettus said that the discriminatory features of the 1957 Zoning Code reflected the thinking at that time that houseboats were doomed to disappear and that therefore are "inconsistent with the intent of the proposed Ordinance." The letter pointed out the application of the Ordinance and the upgrading programs "will mean the displacement of floating homes whose owners are able and willing to meet the sanitary requirements. Where such hardship situations develop, the Floating Homes Association cannot sit idly by and see the homes of its members destroyed. In such emergency situations the Association will, if necessary, seek emergency relief."

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