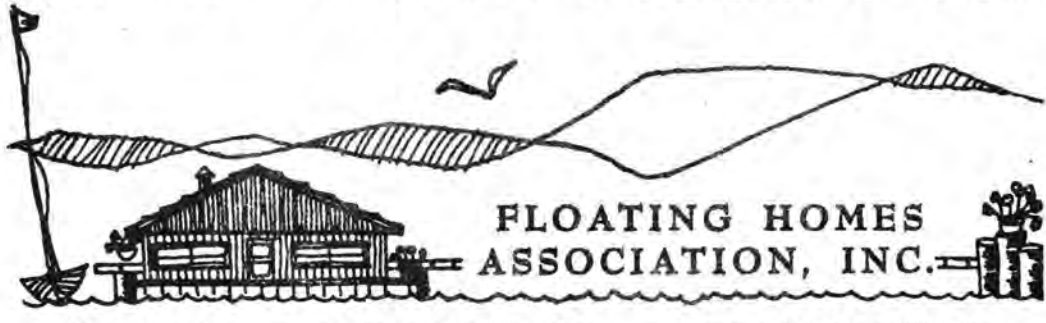


# LAKE SEEN AS "ACTIVE WORKING COMMUNITY"

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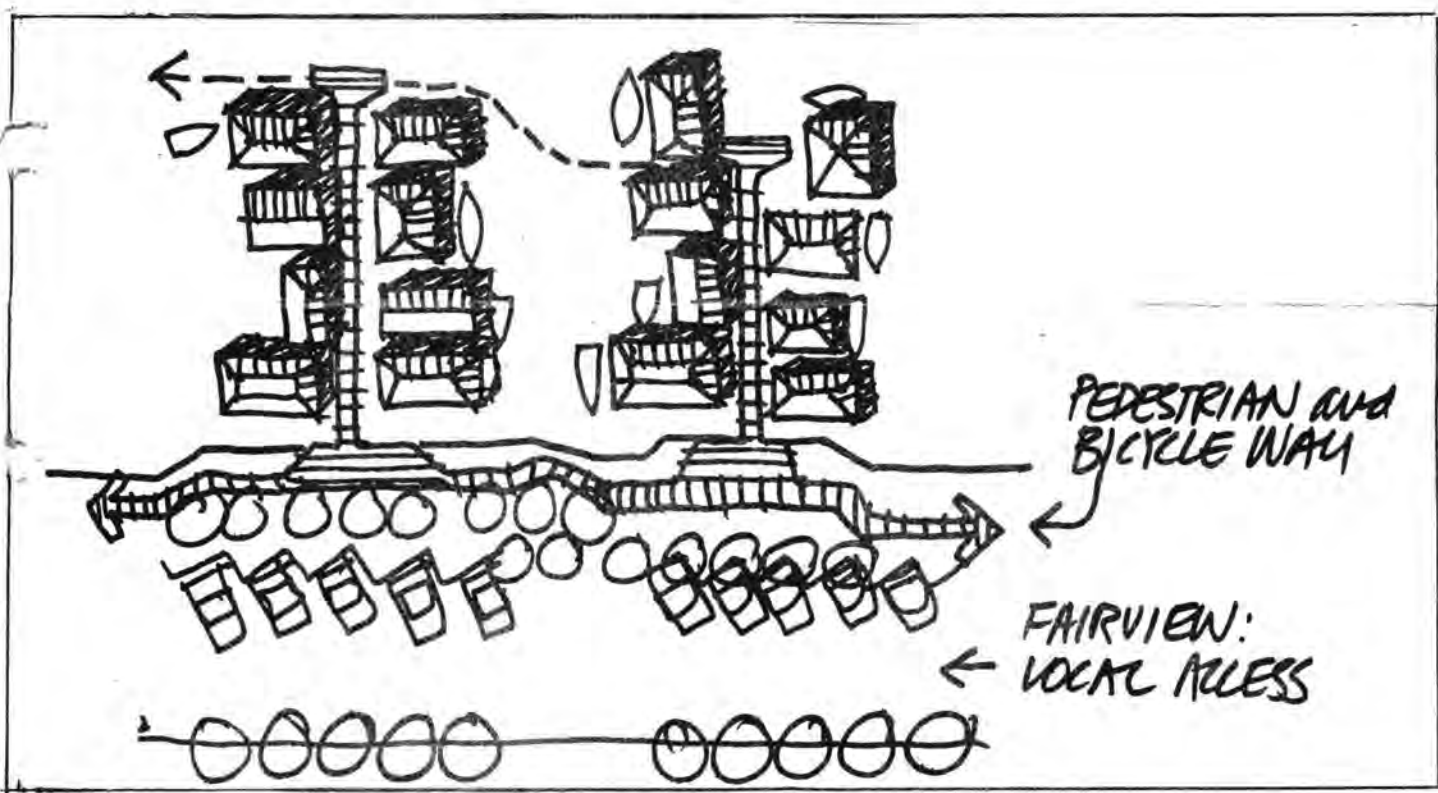
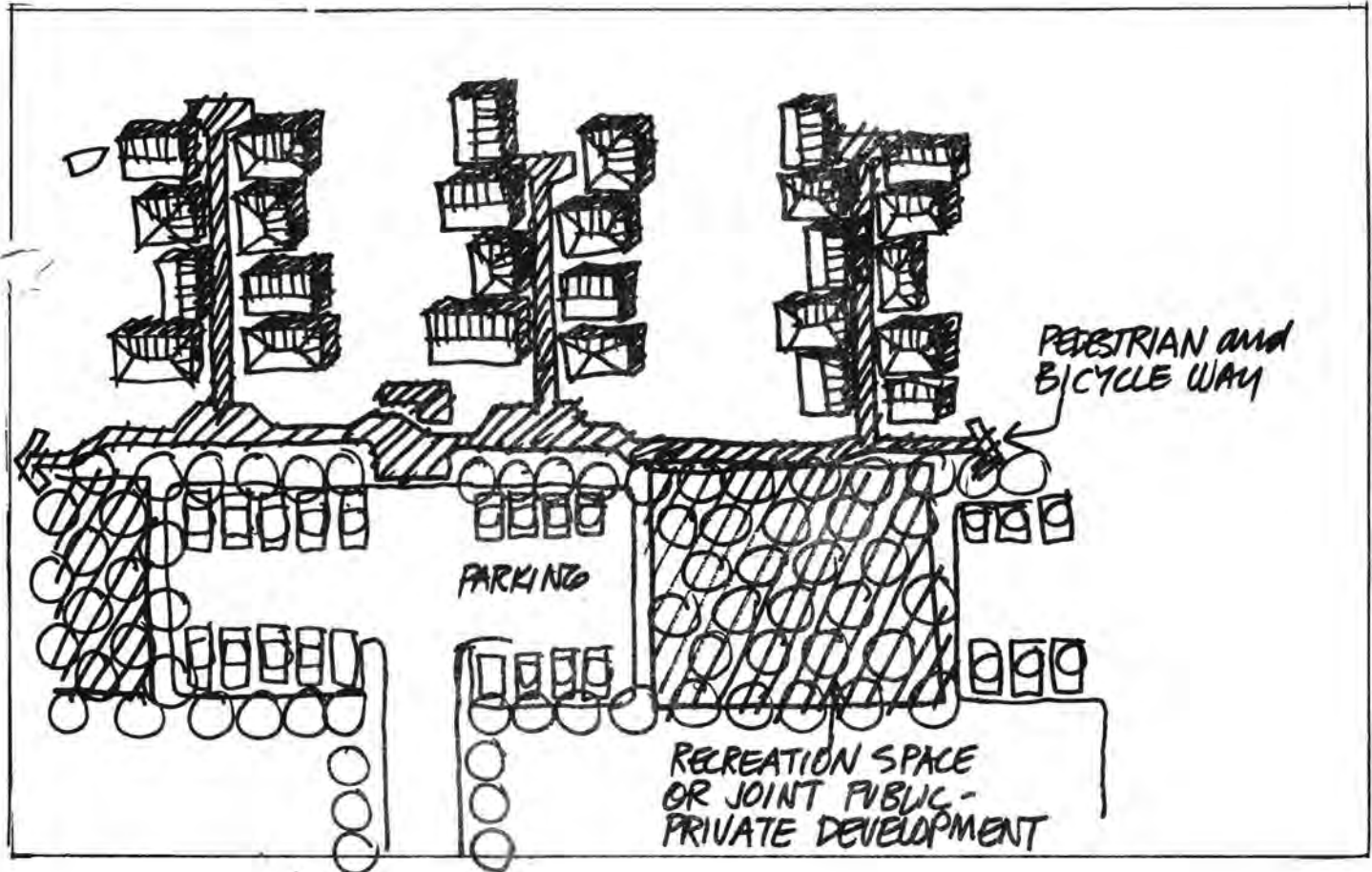
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## TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR SECTION OF FAIRVIEW AVE. E.



ABOVE ARE TWO INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF FAIRVIEW AVENUE E. between Newton Street (just north of the Coast & Geodetic Base) to Roanoke, where Fairview dives into the water and is submerged until

it reaches Edgar Street. These concepts were among many suggestions made at the public forum January 19th by the consultant firm of Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn. Top drawing would close the four-block area to through traffic forming a Mall design. Provisions would have to be made for service vehicles and fire fighting equipment. The bottom design would continue the two-lane vehicular roadway. Both would provide for more parking and call for a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the shoreline. As a dedicated street, Fairview is 100 feet in width and extends into the water. Except for the Cadranelle Marina and Hungry Turtle restaurant the McCray Marine Construction Co. (now going out of business) and the controversial apartment at 2301 Fairview (opposite Pete's Market) all of the shoreland property is used for floating home moorage purposes. These concepts were presented in the hopes of stimulating discussion and are not hard proposals. Comments and suggestions will be welcomed by the Lake Union Advisory Commission, Department of Community Development, Municipal Building, Seattle 98104.

### MORE THAN 300 ATTEND FIRST PLANNING REPORT SESSION

The basic goal for future planning for Lake Union and Portage Bay should be the enhancement of the area as an "active working Lake Community." This was the central theme of a detailed, illustrated report by the professional consultants to the Lake Union Advisory Commission, given at a public forum in the Naval Reserve Training Center, Jan. 19th and attended by an over-flow crowd of some 300.

Chairman J. E. Thonn of the Commission presided and the report was given by Lee Copeland of the architectural and planning firm of Joyce, Copeland & Vaughn. The consultant firm is scheduled to make its final report about May 1. In the meantime other public forums will be scheduled. Robert Hintz, assistant City planning director, also participated. Three City Council members attended: Mrs. Phyllis Lamphere, Wayne Larkin and Tim Hill.

During the presentation it was repeatedly emphasized that all the proposals and suggestions are tentative and for discussion purposes. The consultants will report to the Lake Union Advisory Commission who in turn are charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the City. Changes in zoning, performance standards, etc. will require action by the Planning Commission and the City Council. Such actions can come only after formal public hearings on specific proposals.

The report was in three parts (1) Tentative Goals (2) Tentative Objectives and (3) Preliminary Policies. Some of the suggestions present alternatives. All involved are asking for the widest possible citizen and organizational participation. For this reason we are running the outline report in full in this issue of the NEWS LETTER. This report will be the subject for discussion at a membership meeting of our Association at the Montlake Recreational Center, 16th East and East Calhoun Street at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 1. Members are asked to bring their copy as a discussion guide.

The Tentative Goals are given as follows:

- "Encouraging economic activity which maintains and enhances the diverse and unique characteristics within the Lake Union environs.
- "Enhance the form and comprehension of Lake Union and environs as a major component in Seattle's urban structure.
- "Promote and create a safe and healthful environment within the Lake Union environs.
- "Provide opportunities for citizen involvement in the life of the community through social, economic and governmental processes."

### HERE ARE 10 TENTATIVE OBJECTIVES

- "1. Encourage development of commercial and residential structures which are related to the use and enjoyment of the waterfront or to the service and maintenance of water related activities.
2. Encourage a diversity of uses which provide for public access and which are oriented towards the use of the waterfront or which provide services for those who use the lake.
3. Encourage multiple use concepts having a wide range of densities while preserving view of the lake from adjacent and upland properties.
4. Provide for the safe, economical movement of goods and the rapid, safe and convenient movement of people from one type of activity to another within and between the city and Lake Union.
5. Preserve a maximum amount of water area commensurate with reasonable economic development.
6. Develop parks and public areas along the shoreline of Lake Union with provisions for related landscaped parkways to other major areas of Seattle.
7. Develop immediate and long range programs contributing to the eventual elimination of pollutants from areas surrounding Lake Union.
8. Eliminate physical and visual pollutants from areas surrounding Lake Union.
9. Insure that planning is responsible to shoreline land owners and residents, citizen groups from upland areas and other groups representing the interests of the general public."

### 30 PRELIMINARY POLICY POINTS OUTLINED

The Executive Committee has discussed these and other parts of the report in detail and urge members to do likewise. We feel that it should be pointed out that in regards to over-the-water office and residential structures these would no doubt be prohibited under the Congressional Environmental Act which requires a Corps of Army Engineers' permit for any development on navigable waters even on privately owned property.

- "1. Encourage improvement of existing, viable, industrial, manufacturing, commercial and residential activities along the Lake shoreline requiring Lake access.
2. Discourage expansion of heavy industrial activities in the Lake area except under special circumstances.
3. Consolidate industrial activities requiring Lake access.
4. Permit a wide range of uses in areas abutting the Lake provided that they are water oriented.
5. Encourage integration of residential uses with other compatible activities on Lake Union.
6. Provide incentives for developing public open space and access.

7. Allow multi-story office and residential structures where compatible.
8. Preserve selected view corridors from adjacent and upland streets.
9. Establish height and mass limitations within the Lake Union area to preserve views of the Lake from adjacent and upland properties.
10. Prohibit state leased land to be considered in calculating floor area ratios. (Note: As a spin-off from our law suit the City Council in Ordinance No. 97998 has enacted such a prohibition.)
11. Improve and upgrade the street system.
12. Provide additional public and private parking in the Lake area.
13. Restrict private parking facilities to the uplands or within new structures.
14. Eliminate or relocate railroad lines as it becomes economically feasible and desirable.
15. Insure public use of waterways while allowing their use for marine access and service by adjacent property owners.
16. Improve public transportation from Lake Union to other parts of the city.
17. Allow filling and dredging only under special conditions.
18. Protect the integrity of the Seattle Construction Limit Line; Review and modify if necessary.
19. Clarify and simplify government jurisdiction over Lake Union.
20. Develop landscaped pedestrian and automobile parkways between Lake Union and major points of interest in Seattle.
21. Develop pedestrian circulation system around Lake Union at street and shoreline.
22. Orient lakeshore public areas and facilities toward Lake activities, using primarily present public lands, street ends and waterways.
23. Separate City sanitary and storm sewers.
24. Eliminate salt water intrusion into Lake Union.
25. Establish controls over boat wastes and bilge pumping.
26. Require sewer line hook-ups for all uses in and around the Lake.
27. Provide incentives for the overall beautification of the Lake Union area.
28. Replace existing overhead poles and electrical wiring with underground service.
29. Provide a Fire Boat to serve the Lake Union and Portage Bay areas.
30. Provide for a debris clean-up program on the Lake."

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**INFORMATION SOURCES ON ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION**

(From "Earth News", February 5, 1971)

- Washington Environmental Council (Seattle) MA 3-1489
- Washington Environmental Council (Olympia) 1-943-5055 (Dial direct)
- Transportation Bills: Margaret Tunks EM 4-3699
- Friends of the Earth: Maxine Banks 485-2323
- League of Women Voters: Anne Conn, SU 2-1992 or EA 9-4848
- Zero Population Growth: Nancy Jones LA 3-3411
- Beverage Container Control Act: Bob Lycette EX 2-5969 or Bonnie Hodsdon EX 4-8254.

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- REMEMBER TO NOTIFY OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS -

"God has lent us the earth for our life . . . . It belongs as much to those who come after us, as to us; and we have no right, by anything we do or neglect, to involve them in any unnecessary penalties, or to deprive them of benefits which it was in our power to bequeath." John Ruskin (1819-1900)

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BRING THIS COPY of the NEWS LETTER with you to the membership meeting Monday, March 15th in the Montlake Recreational Center, 16th East and East Calhoun Streets. It will be very helpful as a discussion guide. Other items on the agenda will include (1) What can be done about discriminatory fire insurance rates and coverage (2) The need for an intensive Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up campaign this spring and the proposed Mini-Park at Newton and Fairview. All members will receive a written notice of this meeting which will include an important announcement about our law suit. Watch for it.

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WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE requests for the September 1970 issue (No. 43) of our NEWS LETTER with a comprehensive report on the survey which we jointly sponsored with the Lake Union Association and the Bureau of Community Development of the University of Washington. We still have a limited number and will furnish on request. Contact the office.

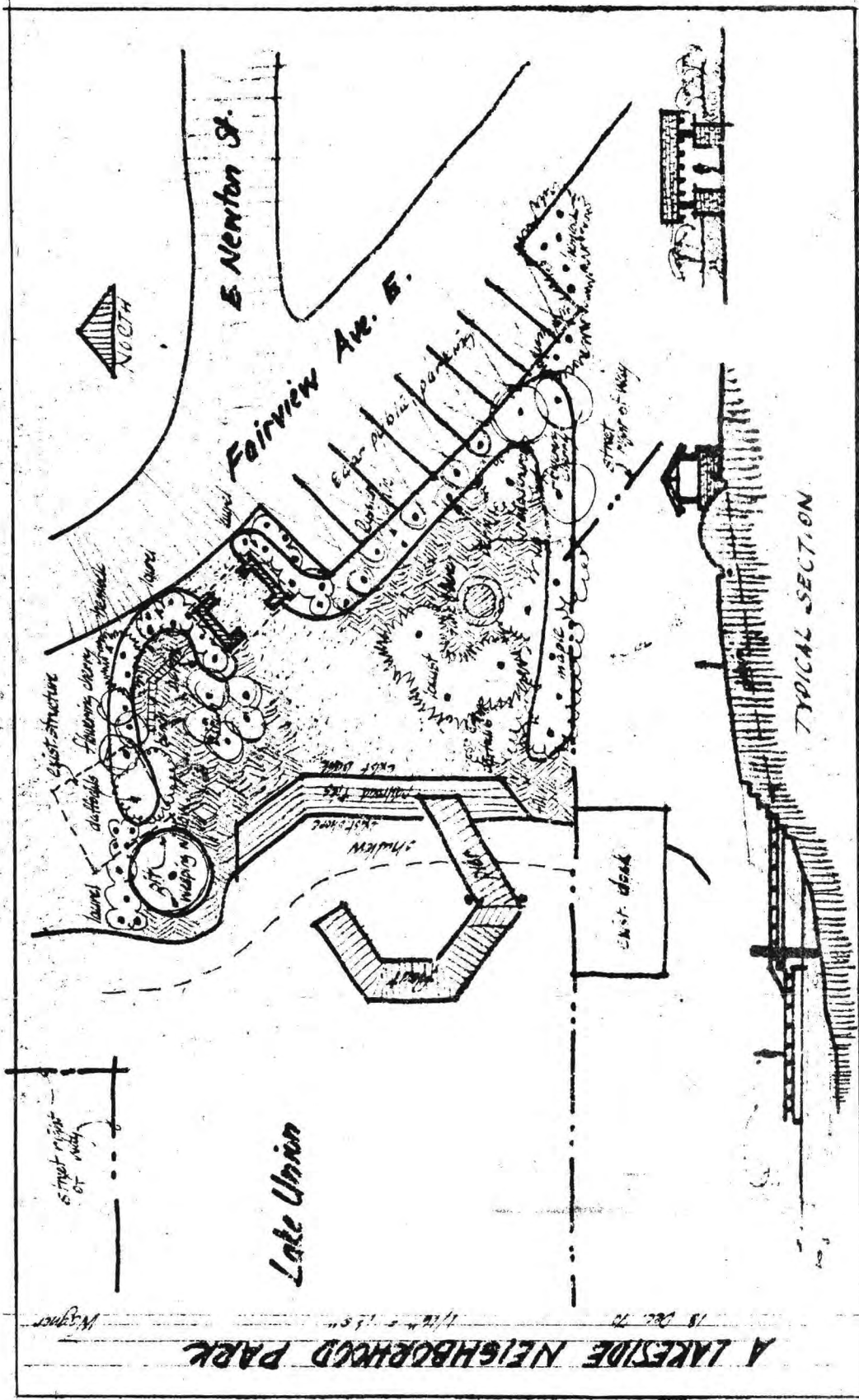
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YES, NEW MOORAGES are underway. Two properties, where apartment houses were once planned, are being developed for new and upgraded floating home moorage. One, with five units, is filled. Another (possibly 20 units) is underway. Priority is being given to good existing floating homes who are being displaced or who are in dead storage. For information contact the office (afternoons and evenings) at EA 9-1517 or EA 5-1132.

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SINCE ITS FORMATION there have been some changes in the membership of the official Lake Union Advisory Commission. The present commission consists of: J. E. Thonn, attorney, chairman; Alvin C. Williams, architect and past acting chairman; Winston D. Brown, Howard S. Wright Construction Co., past chairman; R. G. Alden, vice president, Fisher Flouring Mills; Alex W. Brindle, attorney; Jerry Bunting, student; L. Chapin Henry III, vice president, H. C. Henry Investment Co.; Clara E. Kennedy, past president Floating Homes Assn.; Mildred J. Robertson, Associated Clubs of the North End and Walter B. Williams Jr., president, Continental Inc.

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**HERE IS HOW TO REPORT OIL SPILLS AND DEBRIS DUMPING**

It is against federal, state and municipal laws to throw anything into the water (food for ducks and other waterfowl excepted). Violations should be promptly reported to the CORPS OF ARMY ENGINEERS, MU 2-2700, Extention 508 .

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reaction from the Municipal Board of Public Works. The project is conceived in two stages. Phase One calls for stabilizing the banks, now being badly eroded from wave action, and landscaping. Later it is hoped that a float can be installed in the Newton Street waterway for transient boat moorage and a fishing pier. The design would also pre-serve as much parking as the area now provides.

The juncture of the two streets is adjacent to the Coast & Geodetic Survey Base and provides a sweeping view of the south end of Lake Union and the city skyline. It is hoped that this will be a demonstra-tion project for what could be done with the 33 street ends and 19 large state waterways bordering Lake Union and Portage B.

Transforming an unsightly plot of city owned property at the inter-section of Fairview Avenue E. and Newton Street into an attractive waterfront mini-park and view-point, is the exciting project conceived by a group of floating home residents in the area. The neighborhood group proposes to do the work themselves and furnish the material. They are not asking for public funds. As a preliminary step a work party of more than 20 persons cleaned up the plot and removed a truck-load of unsightly debris.

The designs above, show a proposed plot plan and a typical section. It is the work of Richard Wagner, architect and chairman of our Associa-tion's "Planning & Design Committee." It has received a favo- rable