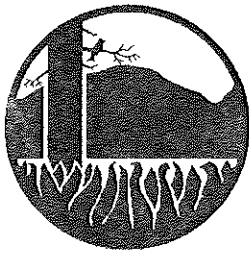


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LIGHTS AND SHADOWS FROM THE DISHMAN HILLS

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ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE ARTERIAL

After County Commissioner Skip Chilberg, who initially questioned the advisability of building the South Valley arterial, decided to approve it, making it two commissioners to one for it, a number of organizations agreed to work together to stop it. Included is the possibility of entering into a lawsuit against the County. Joining the Spokane Valley Business Association are our Association; Spokane Audubon Society; Sierra Club, Upper Columbia; Washington Environmental Council; Citizens for Clean Air; Spokane Chapter of Washington Native Plant Society, and The Hobnailers. If the county commissioner elected this fall to replace retiring Commissioner Pat Mumey is against the arterial, he or she could join with Steve Hasson to stop it. We have learned that Phil Harris is against the arterial but we don't know the attitude of Rich Skalstad, the other successful candidate.

The Business Association is concerned about the arterial drawing traffic away from Sprague Avenue, traffic which is important to their businesses. The environmental organizations deplore the damage that the arterial would cause to Dishman Hills Natural Area (auto exhaust, known to damage ponderosa pines, being spewed out within a few feet of the Natural Area, in a corridor known to trap pollutants). Users of Camp Caro would be subjected to high noise levels as well as auto fumes and would find access to this popular park more difficult.

Placing an arterial with high speed traffic through an area that is largely residential would seriously affect people living there--noise, pollution and limited access to destinations on either side of it. It would also increase response time for fire fighting equipment and medical emergency vehicles.

Our thanks to all of these organizations who have agreed to fight the construction of this destructive arterial project. The Business Association has agreed to assume any costs if the efforts goes to court.

SPECIAL NEWS

Four arson-caused fires have been reported in the Dishman Hills but were promptly extinguished by Spokane County Fire District No. 1, which was able to confine them to small areas. Many thanks to them!

Our display at the County Fair, along with those of other environmental organizations, was very successful. A number of people stopped by to chat and pick up information. Our thanks to the Sierra Club for paying the rent on the booth.

ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving some of the natural areas of the Spokane area for people to enjoy and learn from.

OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

President: Michael Hamilton; Vice-President: Tom Rogers; Secretary: Helen Lininger; Treasurer: David Lentes; Board Members (in addition to officers): Omar Carroll, Francis & June Potter and Ray Staley. Officers and board members serve without pay and we have no paid employees.

MEETING DATE / PLACE

Our meetings will be held at Opportunity Elementary School, S. 1109 Wilbur each third Tuesday at 7 p.m. during the school year. You are cordially invited.

ROCKS OF SHARON NEWS

Our campaign is progressing tremendously well to pay for the 170 acres we are buying on Tower Mountain (Rocks of Sharon, Big Rock), thanks to you loyal supporters. You are doing your part in saving a little wilderness at Spokane's doorstep! And it's not costing a nickel in taxes. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

August contributions to our land fund and for operating expense totalled an excellent \$6,397.24, the best ever! August expenses were \$120.64 for two bulletins, \$40 for administrative expense and \$3.77 for miscellaneous expense.

We made our first quarterly payment of \$6,467 on September 1. Our board of Directors decided that we should keep in our land fund a reserve equal to two quarterly payments. Any money beyond this and what is needed for the payments will be used to make additional payments in order to reduce interest charges.

Many thanks to the following who contributed in August and have given permission to be listed here: James F. Acton, James C. Banta, Kathryn Bernard, James T. Bertis, Lori Nicol Bingham, Ferne E. Dahlstrom, Verna O. Dolphin, R.W. Downing, Myrtle A. Erickson, Virginia R. Featherman, Joan G. Fergin, Dr. W.A. Fernau Jr., Frieda Foth, Wilbert Fritz, Mrs. K. Gudgel, Charline A. Hagen, Michael M. Hamilton, Adeline E. Haynes, Eris A. Heggen, Tim R. Henderson, Hobnailers Inc., Mary Alice Jones, Robert R. Jones, Donald J. Kachinsky, Janice G. Mahoney, Bettie Maron, J.B. Mason, Beth Saperstein Miller, Mrs. Roy R. Mills, Aroa A. Ohme, Jill Thomas Pestrin, Ruth S. Peterson, Madeline A. Phelps, Marion L. Pillsbury, Michele I. Pope, Frances H. Potter, Fred B. Radebaugh, Avis E. Ray, Lorna Ream, Mrs. Lonnie Roe, Tom Rogers, Julie L. Rosenoff, Iris K. Scheel, Shirley A. Schmidt, Hazel L. Smith, Spokane River Canoe Classic, Helen Stowell, V.F. Strange, Beth Lloyd Tietjen, Bernadine Van Thiel, Jeanne H. Wilson, Sylvia K. Wilson, Shirley E. Wihlborg and Mary L. Wright. If you should be listed here but we missed you, please let us know at 926-7949. Again MANY THANKS for your tremendous support!

Our policy is to send a letter of thanks to anyone who donates \$100 or more at any one time. If you donate a lesser amount but wish to receive a letter, please let us know. Such a letter, stating the amount donated, could be used as a receipt to keep the IRS happy.

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