

PLANNING AND ZONING – 1970

The League of Women Voters of Juneau supports planning policies of balanced development which improve the physical environment in the interest of the community at large.

To achieve this, long range considerations must be injected into short range actions.

Members were in agreement that the following points should be a part of planning in Juneau:

Public Education and Enforcement

1. Promote public education and information about planning and planning projects. This will encourage public participation at all stages of planning. In addition, an educated public should be more ready to support zoning and other controls to achieve a better community for all.
2. Support present system whereby the Assembly serves as the Board of Adjustment, so that the ultimate responsibility of government will not be divided as it would be if a separate Board performed this function.

Equal Opportunity

1. Encourage planning to provide a just and healthy answer to our social, racial and economic needs. Two current needs are scattered low cost and public housing, and increased public transportation over the entire area.

Open Space

1. Encourage acquisition and designation of open space and recreational lands in the urban areas, as well as the outlying area. To encourage this, the borough should:
 - a. be prepared to purchase land as it becomes available
 - b. insist upon open space in multi-lot development
 - c. prohibit building in geologically unsafe areas
 - d. provide for retention of natural terrain and screening trees along main roadways
2. Retention and acquisition of public access to public waters, including streams through presently developed areas.

Subdivisions

1. Support requirements in subdivisions ordinance for:
 - a. underground utilities
 - b. set back and screening of subdivisions from materials. Trees should be saved or replanted.
 - c. drainage-provision for storm runoff.