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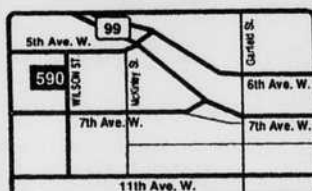
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New stadium stirs housing debate

*Groundbreaking for the
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stadium is set for 2000*

By Tim Klass
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Demolition of the Kingdome for a new football stadium for the Seattle Seahawks was approved Thursday but could ignite a battle over housing demands in the area.

The 6-0 vote by the Washington State Public Stadium Authority board set the stage for groundbreaking in September for an exhibition hall on a parking lot south of the Kingdome, where the Seahawks and Seattle Mariners now play, said Phillip K. Kushlan, the agency's executive director.

The Kingdome would be razed next year, followed by groundbreaking in 2000 for a new open-air gridiron and soccer field with 72,000 seats. The \$425 million project is to be completed in 2002.

Combined with a \$417 million ballpark with a retractable roof and parking garage being built for the Mariners a block to the south, the complex could "attract world-class events like World Cup soccer, the Olympics and the Super Bowl," said board member Benson Wong of Seattle.

Following a staff recommendation, the board rejected two alternatives: a stadium site between Kent and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and use of the north Kingdome parking lot for the exhibition hall.

Before voting for the Kingdome site — the one sought by Seahawks owner Paul Allen — several board members said they saw little chance for housing and retail

development on the north lot.

King County Executive Ron Sims has threatened to withhold title to the land without a guarantee of 1,000 residential units, preferably in a mixed-use development with retail stores and parking.

Home, auto, boat, recreational vehicle, sporting goods and gift show organizers want to keep the lot as a staging area for loading, unloading and maneuvering heavy trucks.

Reducing the size or moving the staging area, they say, could reduce state proceeds from an exhibition hall to be built on the south parking lot.

One-fifth of the profits from the exhibition hall, which would replace the county-owned Kingdome as a site for consumer shows that organizers say generate \$500 million in sales and about \$40 million in tax revenue a year, are earmarked for the state's public schools.

"We must do nothing that would in any way hamper the successful operation of the exhibition hall," board chairwoman Lorraine Hine said.

The site choice "does not include any allocation in the north parking lot for mixed-use residential," said board member Sue Frost of Kennewick. "All of the north lot is necessary to service this project's needs."

Some have suggested the county is legally obligated to convey title to the land.

Board member Robert Dilger of Gig Harbor, executive secretary of the state Building and Construction Trades Council, said a legal battle could delay and drive up the cost of the project.

"My thoughts are that we're on a collision course with the county government," Dilger said afterward.

A closed board meeting after the vote was devoted partly to legal issues, including potential litigation over the housing issue.

Dilger said lawyers told the panel that revenue lost because of housing development could cut funds for youth soccer fields across Washington under the stadium referendum approved in a statewide vote last summer.

Middle-income housing has long been a principal goal of business owners, workers and residents in neighboring Pioneer Square and the International District.

The city comprehensive plan calls for 2,000 new housing units in Pioneer Square, which features one of the nation's largest concentrations of Victorian Romanesque architecture, by 2014.

Kushlan has said it will be at least 2003 before the agency determines how much housing could be built at the north lot because it will take that long to determine minimum staging needs.

To meet the board's timetable, he said, an agreement should be reached within four to eight weeks, possibly to grant access to the land for work to begin without transferring title.

Housing might be built on stilts with room for trucks to maneuver underneath, or state Transportation Department land south of the football complex and east of the baseball stadium might be made available for staging, Michael H. Wilkins, assistant deputy county executive, suggested.

The amount of housing also is negotiable, he said.



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