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OFFICE OF THE
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May 21, 1984

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 22 1984

OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

City Council
Sacramento, CA

Honorable Members in Session:

Subject: Temporary Heliport, Front Street, Old River Line Pier

SUMMARY:

Mr. Tim Fallis, Capitol Aviation and Helicopter Service appeared at a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 1984. He requested that his organization be permitted to establish a temporary heliport on the concrete platform of the abandoned River Line Pier on Front Street, south of Capitol Avenue. Mr. Fallis wants to conduct sightseeing flights for a fee during the Jazz Festival being held from May 25 to May 28, 1984 in Old Sacramento.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Fallis had requested permission from Yolo County to operate from Raley's property across the river. Yolo County's planning department informed him that he would have to apply for a special use permit through the planning department and that it would take approximately six (6) to eight (8) weeks to process. Due to the time constraint involved in operating during the Jazz Festival, this was not feasible; consequently, Mr. Fallis requested permission from the City.

CONCLUSION

The following information has been submitted to this office in opposition of operating a temporary heliport at this location during the Jazz Festival:

1. The Merchant's Association is operating a private parking lot on Front Street during the Jazz Festival. Front Street from Capitol Avenue south to Neasham Circle will be closed to vehicles. (This was agreed upon as a parking substitute for the merchants of Old Sacramento who are displaced in their parking spaces during the Jubilee.) See Exhibit A & B.
2. There will be open air concert sites that could be affected by the noise from the helicopter.

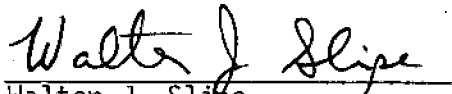
RECOMMENDATION:

With the Jazz Festival activities being conducted in Old Sacramento and the closure of Front Street at Capitol and Neashaw Circle limiting access to the area, we are recommending that the Council deny this request for a temporary helistop at the concrete platform of the abandoned River Line Pier on Front Street, south of Capitol Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,


Walter M. Thompson
Citizens Assistance Officer

Recommendation Approved:


Walter J. Slife
City Manager

District #1
May 22, 1984

Exhibits A & B



May 17, 1984

Mr. Walter Thompson
 City Manager's Office
 915 I Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Walt,

The Merchants Association is operating a parking lot on Front Street during the Jazz Festival. The Jazz Society is blocking off Front Street from Capitol Avenue south to Neasham Circle. The only access will be directly across from the entrance to the "Triangle Lot". Therefore, there will be little access to and much congestion around the old River Lines site on Front Street.

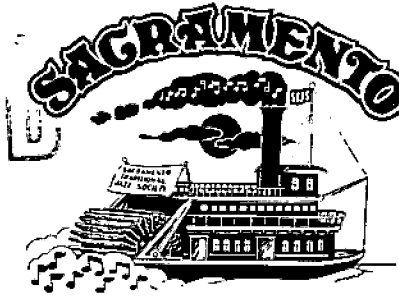
It appears that ^ahelicopter ride operation would not be feasible on that site.

Sincerely,

Catherine MacMillan
 Chairperson

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(916) 372-5277

May 17, 1984

Walt Thompson
City Manager's Office
City Hall
915 I Street, Room 109
Sacramento, CA 95814

Walt:

This is in regard to the inquiry concerning the use of the old River Lines location (parking area immediately south of Capitol Avenue) for a helicopter pad.

We have already worked out an arrangement for the use of this area as a parking substitute for the merchants of Old Sacramento who are displaced by other uses of their paid parking spaces during the Jubilee.

BILL BORCHER
Jubilee Chairman

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bill Borchers". The signature is written over the printed name and title.

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 17, 1984
TO: WALT THOMPSON, Citizens Assistance Officer
FROM: WILL WEITMAN, Planning
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY HELI-STOP

Our Zoning Ordinance requires a special use permit to operate an airport or helistop which is located at other than an existing airport. These uses can be located in any zone provided the commission grants approval of the special permit.

We have no temporary provisions for a helistop operations except the special permit process.

M E M O R A N D U M

SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

To : FRANK B. SILVA, LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER, TRAFFIC SECTION
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Date: MAY 21, 1984

Ref. No: 5-20

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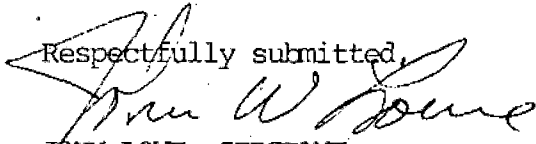
From : JOHN LOWE, SERGEANT
TRAFFIC SECTION

Subject: HELICOPTER USE DURING JAZZ FESTIVAL

On May 17, 1984, Front Street between Capitol Mall and P Street was inspected to determine the feasibility of helicopter operation conjoining the Jazz Festival in that area. Particular attention was directed toward a warehouse foundation, the proposed heliport site, adjacent to Front Street and Capitol Mall. The review disclosed several shortcomings which impact public safety and the festival. These deficiencies are listed and discussed below:

1. The Suggested Heliport is in an Unsafe Condition - Years ago a fire totally destroyed the warehouse. A decrepit foundation which is pitted, cracked, and broken in places has had no repairs whatsoever to this date. It is possible that debris emanating from the unsafe structure because of excessive aircraft turbulence, takeoffs, and landings could injure a pedestrian, boater or plane passenger.
2. Prohibit Pedestrian and Vehicle Traffic and Parking Near Capitol Mall on Front Street - As you are aware, on-and-off-street parking is prohibited in Old Sacramento during the Jazz Festival, hence, Front Street becomes a major arterial for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. It is also the preferable location for tour bus and recreational vehicle parking. A set of railroad tracks divide Front Street in the concerned area and street closure could impinge upon their use.
3. Close Proximity of the Heliport to High Activity Areas - A bridge, waterway, and two major freeway systems are adjacent to the considered heliport. If an aircraft accident occurred near the heliport, any one of the aforementioned structures could be impacted, causing numerous injuries and tying up traffic. The movable bridge and electrical wires also pose a problem to aircraft operating near the proposed heliport.
4. No Plan of Action Submitted for Review - As with every major event, especially those involving aircraft, there should be timely planning to provide for input from effected entities. However, from a police viewpoint, an indepth plan of action is needed from an aircraft advertiser months in advance for an effective and efficient review to plan for public safety. No such plan of action, at this point in time, has been submitted by anyone.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN LOWE, SERGEANT
TRAFFIC SECTION
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Engineering and Transportation Division
915 I Street - Room 300
Sacramento, California 95814

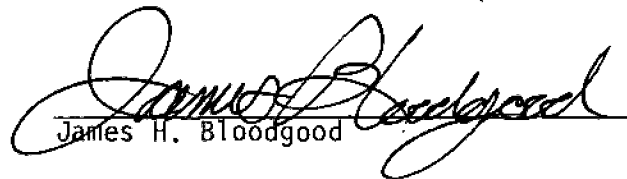
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Traffic Engineering	449-5307
Parking	449-5354
Street Maintenance	449-5236

MEMORANDUM

TO: Walter M. Thompson, Citizens Assistance Officer
FROM: James H. Bloodgood, Traffic Engineer
SUBJECT: Proposed Heliport

In response to the temporary heliport being proposed to operate during the Jazz Festival, I totally support the position of the Police Department. The Jazz Festival is a time when hundreds of thousands of people are drawn to Old Sacramento. Traffic is extremely heavy and circulation is slow. When considering an attraction such as helicopter rides adequate planning for the use of emergency vehicles, should they be needed, must be identified. I am not aware of any plan that has been submitted to the City for the various divisions and departments to critique.


James H. Bloodgood

May 23, 1984

Tim Fallis
Capitol Aviation and Helicopter Service
P. O. Box 133
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Mr. Fallis:

On May 22, 1984, the Sacramento City Council denied your request for a permit for a temporary heliport to be located on abandoned River Line Pier on Front Street in Old Sacramento for use during the Jazz Festival May 25 to May 28, 1984.

Sincerely,

Anne Mason
Assistant City Clerk

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cc: City Manager