

first to get a so-called "handle" on the situation within the framework of the District.

Secondly, I believe the matter of representation and broad representation of the citizens is a primary concern of mine, and I propose that an appropriate advisory committee or an appropriate body be established to include the broadest cross section of citizens possible and particularly the youth. Since I have been in this position, I have upon recommendation appointed two youngsters to this Board in order to further implement it and give it some vitality related to the younger people's interest.

I think, Mr. Congressman, we have a real opportunity here to gain a form of citizens' participation in recreation, in leisure time activities, and in cultural enrichment which will be significant and in which they will be able to participate.

I am right now, for instance, in the process of arranging for citizens' participation in model cities. The development of Fort Lincoln, which is the National Training School site, is a response to the whole question of citizens' participation. And I believe that this would be simply one other aspect of it. The Council will have many roles here. They will have the role, first, of reviewing the budget and holding hearings on the budget which will be obviously related to the recreation plan, and they will be assisting the Department in this fashion.

They will, also, from time to time, at my request, just as they do in hearings on housing, have an opportunity to look at some of the regulations. We have a serious problem in the matter of permits which needs to be updated. The Council will have, I think, a rather substantial role in many of the policy areas. But beyond that——

Mr. ERLNBORN. The rulemaking power will be concentrated in you.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. Yes.

Mr. ERLNBORN. The present rulemaking power of the District of Columbia Recreation Board will be given to you.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. Under this proposal, yes.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Whereas, with parks and other things under the reorganization plan of last year, the rulemaking power was given to the Council.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. With respect to the parks?

Mr. ERLNBORN. Yes. I was just reading, for instance, that the establishment of public-convenience stations and the charge to be made therefrom was one of the functions that the present Council has given last year under the reorganization plan, also setting aside space in the streets and avenues for parking purposes, denominating portions of streets as business streets, jurisdiction over parking, and so forth. All of this rulemaking power——

Mr. HUGHES. Many of those authorities are rather basic zoning responsibilities that I think are traditionally council-type functions.

Commissioner WASHINGTON. And technically, Mr. Congressman, I might say that the Council has already taken a group, closing of streets, for example, and turned them back to me. I am not saying I am happy about getting them, but I do have them now.

However, I do not believe we have a serious problem here. The nature of the format on involving broad citizens' participation seems to be a crucial point here. I assume any mayor that is worth his salt would want, in a program as significant as this, which goes to the