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To: Longview Park Board

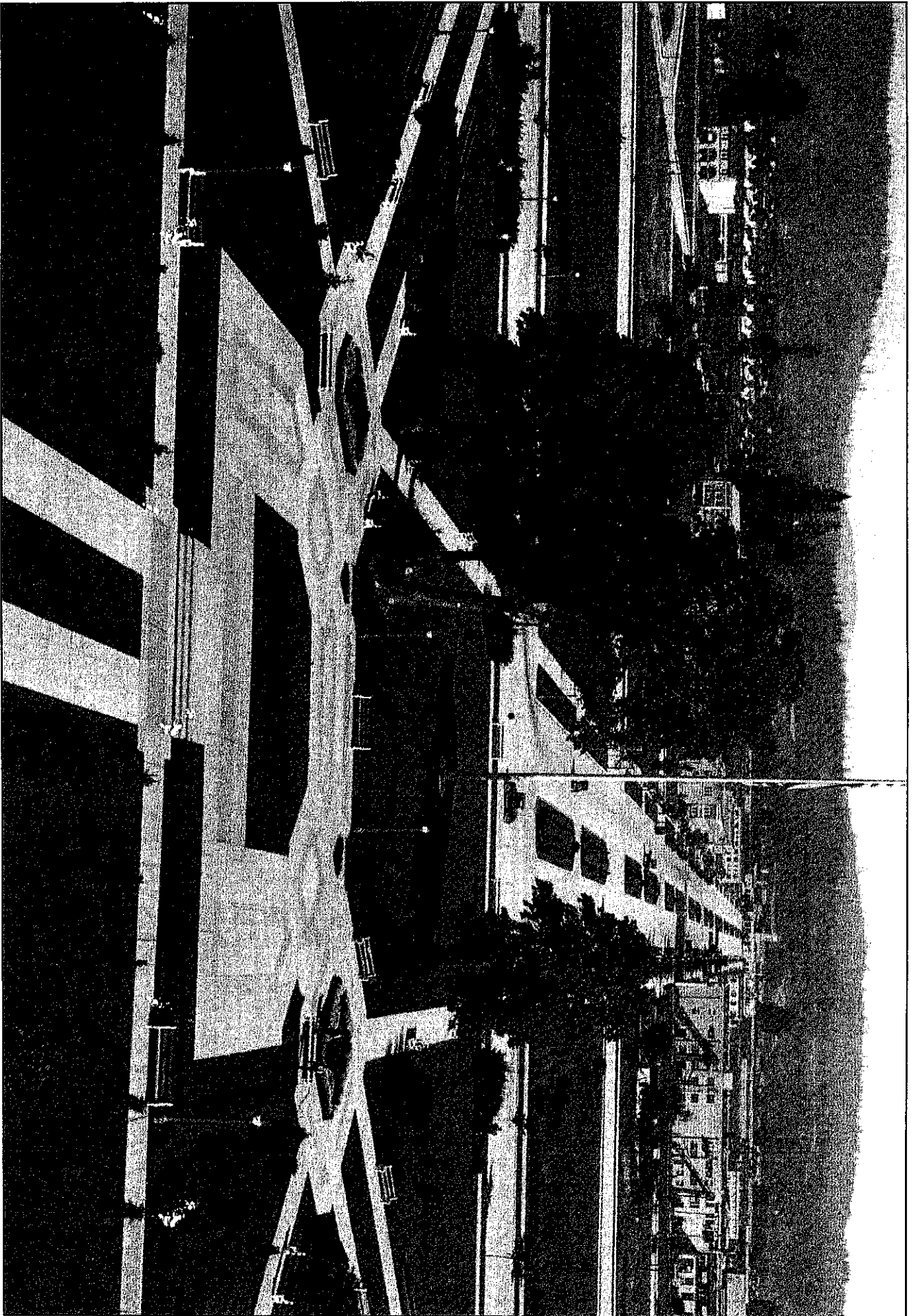
I am hereby submitting a request for a permanent name change of RA Long Park to "RA Long Historic Park". This would be an appropriate change as the park is listed on the National Historic Park Register. I feel it would create an increased interest in our local area as well as an additional tourist attraction.

The park is unique in that several monuments and plaques of significant historical value are placed within its parameters.

I have designed a self-guided walking tour with twelve (12) locations to be displayed on an interpretive panel located in the park. Visitors will be able to use an app "History" to guide them through this historic park.

I thank you for your approval of my request.

Sincerely,  
Bill Kesler



This photo taken in 1926 shows RA Long's 'planned city'. It was taken from the Monticello Hotel looking east on Jefferson Square (now called 'Civic Center') and down Broadway to the LP&N Train Depot near the banks of the Cowlitz. The railroad was relocated back to Kelso after the tracks were washed out in 1933. The depot became the Cowlitz General Hospital in 1935.

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