

Anne Crouse 0:07

You say did you have children of your own? Tell me about them?

Norman Smith 0:13

Well, I have two daughters, Jacqueline Jo Smith, who was born in November 28 1945. And [Jerrilyn] Jay Smith. Born December the fifth 1950. They both graduated from Broomfield High School. Both of them were on the, in the Honor Society. And were successful students. Jackie has her own business, brokering metals, and has several hobbies. Lives currently in Adel, Iowa. Jerri graduated with a master's degree from in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, and is working for the Salvation Army and the the Hope Center for abused children in St. Louis.

Anne Crouse 1:32

And when they were younger, I know you're a strong believer in the work ethic, what kinds of chores and things did they do around the house or in the community?

Norman Smith 1:50

Well, when we before we came here, we lived over in Eastlake in a trailer house. And at that time, when Jackie was in the sixth or seventh grade why, I worked out an arrangement with her whereby she'd get up and make breakfast in the morning. And if everything went according to Hoyle, why she got a certain allowance, and if it didn't, she got certain deductions. And she was in the ninth grade when we moved here. And she got a job at the, what was the Patio, which is where the Mexican restaurant is down on 120th Avenue. And so she worked there and had her own money. And then as a senior in high school, she had with the size of the school, she'd pretty well completed the courses that were available, and she had all the courses that were required for graduation. This used to get out of school at two o'clock in the afternoon, and she had a job up at the airport, not the airport itself, but with one of the agencies up there. And she worked eight hours each day there and on weekends, she worked 12 hours pay. So she learned how money comes and also has learned how to spend it.

Anne Crouse 3:36

Let's talk a little bit more about the city itself. What problems do you see both now and in the future for the city that are going to need solution as time goes by?

Norman Smith 3:52

Well, I think it's interesting and maybe it's a matter of hope in the eyes of some people that that there is the amount of activism regarding certain causes in, in and near the city. There are people who have been here for a considerable period of time who have worked to develop the city and there are people in the newly annexed and newly developing areas who hold property and have their own goals as to what to do with it. Some of which is up for contention and some of which it is, has, either by city or other regulation, certain authority to be utilized in certain ways. I think it's at the very least selfish on part of many of us do demand that we're going to have a major voice in what the owners of these properties do with their property. We certainly have city regulations which prevent having a slaughterhouse or a coal powered factory, things of

this type, put in such areas. But there are both individual property rights. And they're also community interests related to the benefits that accrue to an area both as a source of jobs and as a, a source of tax money that should allow certain development to take place. That is countered to what some individuals might see as being in their own individual interests. I don't think at this time, it'd be well to say anything more in regard to that.

Anne Crouse 7:08

This is 1996. And, as you have said, over the years, there have been periods of growth and periods of very slow real estate activity in the last 24 months, maybe 36 months. Not only Broomfield but good part of Colorado has had a lot of activity. And there's been a concern about rapid growth. Is that an issue that you see as a problem for the city? Is it going to be a detriment to the city in the future?

Norman Smith 7:49

It's going to be, it's a problem. And it can be a detriment if it's not done properly. But just because a area of farmland has been in the same family since 1914. And has been that way and has had residential area built up adjacent to it doesn't mean that that property owner doesn't have rights and in some ways, responsibilities for developing it in a way other than residential.

Anne Crouse 8:36

Are you saying then that this is a matter of personal responsibility on the part of the property owner? At what point does city government enter into the issue?

Norman Smith 8:53

Well, the city government in all the areas which we have annexed and some of them been annexed for a long time and still not been developed, have zoned land in certain ways. And most the mostly now it's zoned as Planned Unit Development, PUD. And then when any development is proposed, it has to come and be approved by the Land Use Commission and the City Council. In a manner that we feel is desirable and not detrimental to the city in total. I've been interested in, of course, what's been going on in the Brunner farm, and how the people out in pony estates are the ones who have a recent letter in the paper about, and who were at the meeting, where the archdiocese, proposing its high school and so forth out neighborhood of Lowell and 144th. How they want their isolated area, left that way, with the underdeveloped farm areas adjacent to it, unimpeded views of the mountains and so forth. And their ability to drive out of that 40 acre development and drive through streets that are developed by the cities and by other entities and utilize the facilities in including our tax supported library, which does not get any tax money from them. So I think, in many cases we're unduly selfish.

Anne Crouse 11:14

What do you what do you envision for the city in the future? In terms of size and activity?

Norman Smith 11:29

Well, I think the long range plan is projecting something a little more than twice the population that we have at the present time. And we have more undeveloped land in our annexed areas and in areas that are within our sphere of influence, and potentially an expo and if we do it properly, why that's.

Anne Crouse 12:17

The tape was inadvertently cut off at this point due to the ringing of the telephone and did not continue because the pause button was not reenacted. I apologize for this. The interview lasted only a few minutes longer. Mr. Smith was a member of the City Council in the City of Broomfield, retiring in the summer of 1995 at the age of 90, of 81. Excuse me. He is still living at his home on Sixth Avenue in Broomfield as of this date.

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