

DR 70-5 - Open Space Plan  
Amendment - Waco-Finn

ACTION

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M.A.P.C. *Approve* 3-26-70

B.C.C. / ~~B.C.C.~~ *Permits Filed* 4-21-70

M.A.P.C. *Adopted Resol* 6-11-70

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WICHITA—SEDGWICK COUNTY



METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COMMISSION

AMHERST 2-8211 — AREA CODE 316  
CITY BUILDING ANNEX  
104 S. MAIN ST.  
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

June 17, 1970

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Interested Legislative and Administrative  
Groups and Agencies

FROM: Robert A. Lakin, Secretary, Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

SUBJECT: DR 70-5, Adoption of Amendment to the Wichita-  
Sedgwick County Open Space, Parks and Recreation  
Plan.

Attached for your information and files is a certified copy of the adopted Resolution amending the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area by re-designating Woodland Community Park to an existing Neighborhood Park and relocating a proposed Community Park symbol from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a new location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue. This amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was originally approved by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on March 26, 1970.

In fulfilling the requirements prescribed by law, the Planning Commission did on March 26, 1970, distribute certified copies of the approved Resolution to interested governmental and administrative agencies, and in its meeting of June 11, 1970, having waited the sixty (60) days and having considered any comments forthcoming, did adopt the attached Resolution, thereby, making the amendment legally official.

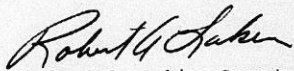
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If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department.

Yours truly,



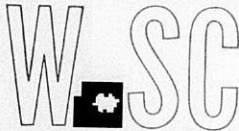
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2. Resolution

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Robert A. Lakin, duly elected, authorized and acting as Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas do hereby certify that the attached Resolution was adopted by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on June 11, 1970, readopting the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area as previously adopted and further amended by re-designating Woodland Community Park to an existing neighborhood park and relocating a proposed community park from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of June, 1970.

Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
politan Area Planning Commission

(SEAL)

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted by statutes of the State of Kansas, a Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission was created, which Commission, pursuant to statutory authority applicable to the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, has heretofore duly made and adopted an Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of a Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, which Comprehensive Plan and amendments, extensions and additions are all incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statutory authority, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission may amend, extend and add to the Comprehensive Plan for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, said Comprehensive Plan includes as a part thereof the following;

"Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area"; and

WHEREAS, having made and caused to be made careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and trends of future growth of the municipality, the Wichita-

Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission determined that the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area should be readopted as previously amended and further amended thereto as set forth within this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 1968 Supp. 12-704, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission did give notice by publication in the official city newspaper on March 3, 1970, of a public hearing to be held on the amendments to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Wichita and Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on March 26, 1970, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 401 of the City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas, did hold the public hearing as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a majority of all members of said Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission approved the amendments, as set out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the majority of all members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, meeting duly assembled, that the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the

Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area be readopted as previously amended and be further amended by changing the classification of Woodland Park from an existing community park to an existing neighborhood park and by relocating the symbol designation for a proposed community park in the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue, all to be accomplished on the pages of the Plan text as specified in the following manner:

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of the semi-regional park complex including Oak, Sim, North Riverside, South Riverside, and Central Riverside Parks. This complex, along with the existing community park (Minisa) and large neighborhood park (Woodland North) precludes the need for additional community park sites in Service Areas 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. Service Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, however, are in great need of community-type park sites and recreational facilities. These service areas are also expected to receive the major portion of estimated future growth (79%) in Planning Area G by 1985. Therefore, the acquisition of community park properties should be accomplished as soon as possible."

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  5. The general area between Woodland Street on the west, Arkansas Avenue on the east, 25th Street on the south, and 27th Street on the north.
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13. Change the Presentation Map 6B in the Planning Commission meeting room in accordance with the instructions in No. 12 above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Planning Commission action be given all interested legislative and administrative groups and agencies in the form of a certified copy of the resolution and that said groups and agencies be requested to submit to the Planning Commission a statement of recommendation on such approval within 60 days of the receipt of such resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that Abner V. Jackson, Chairman, and Robert A. Lakin, Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, record on the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, as heretofore adopted, amended, extended and added to, the action hereby taken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that an attested copy of this resolution accomplishing said amendments and extensions to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan be certified to the governing body of the City of Wichita and the governing body of Sedgwick County and to all legislative and administrative agencies affected by the plan.

APPROVED by at least a majority of all of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission members, at Wichita, Kansas, this 26th day of March, 1970.

Floyd R. Souders  
Floyd R. Souders, Vice-Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

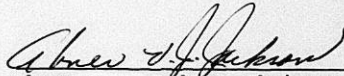
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Robert A. Lakin  
Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

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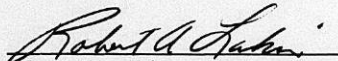
After notice having been given to all interested groups and agencies and 60 days having elapsed since their receipt of such notice, and having considered the comments received by all interested groups and agencies, the foregoing Resolution is hereby amended and adopted.

ADOPTED by a least a majority of all the Metropolitan Area Planning Commissioners at Wichita, Kansas this 11th day of June, 1970.



Abner V. J. Jackson, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

ATTEST:



Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

(SEAL)

Mailing List for  
Park Plan Amendment

City Manager (20)

Fire Department - Chief

Police Department - Chief

Community Facilities Director

Library - Ford Rockwell

Director of Law

Director of Administration

Budget Director

- Park Board Director

Director of Public Works

Traffic Engineering - Graves

Urban Renewal - Kitchen

City Demonstration Agency - McClure (10)

Human Resources - Bill Knox

- Unified School District 259 - Richard Holstead

Public Information Office - Henry Nathan

- Metropolitan Transit Authority - Paul McGinnis

TAC - Chairman - Lakin

County Commissioners - (3)

County Clerk

County Assessor

Lynn Burris, Director

State Park and Resources Authority

801 Harrison  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

DATE  
June 5, 1970

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**



TO Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan  
Area Planning Commission

FROM Robert L. Young, Principal Planner *RLY*

SUBJECT DR 70-5 - Final Adoption of Amendment to the  
Open Space Parks and Recreation Plan Element of  
the Comprehensive Plan

As you may recall, the Planning Commission took action on March 26, 1970 to approve a resolution amending the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan by redesignating existing Woodland Park as a neighborhood park and relocating a proposed community park symbol from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue. A copy of the previously approved amendment resolution is attached.

Pursuant to State statutes, copies of the approved resolution were sent to interested groups and agencies. These groups and agencies have been given the 60 days required by law to review and comment upon the amendment proposed. No comments have been received.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Planning Commission proceed with the final adoption of this amendment by passing a motion adopting the attached resolution and authorizing the Chairman to sign the same.

RLY:ber

Attachment

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Robert A. Lakin, duly elected, authorized and acting as Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas do hereby certify that the attached Resolution was approved by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on March 26, 1970, readopting the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area as previously adopted and further amended by re-designating Woodland Community Park to an existing neighborhood park and relocating a proposed community park from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue.

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Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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DEPARTMENT

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WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

March 26, 1970

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Interested Legislative and Administrative  
Groups and Agencies

**FROM:** Robert A. Lakin, Secretary, Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

**SUBJECT:** DR 70-5, Approval of Amendment to the Wichita-  
Sedgwick County Open Space, Parks and Recreation  
Plan.

Attached for your information and review is a certified copy of the approved Resolution amending the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. The amendment consists of redesignating Woodland Community Park as an existing neighborhood park and relocating a future community park proposal from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue. This action is the result of a request made February 26, 1970 by the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners on the following bases:

1. As a result of further study and detailed analysis, the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and City Demonstration Agency, has indicated that Woodland Park (existing) is insufficient in size and configuration to accommodate community-type recreation facilities and therefore should be reclassified as an existing Neighborhood Park.

There is an apparent need for a suitable site for location of certain major community-type recreational facilities which cannot be properly located on the existing Woodland Park site.

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In addition to the above, Woodland Park is not strategically located, and consequently has a limited service area. The Little Arkansas River on the south and west and 21st Street, a heavily traveled thoroughfare, on the north tend to limit the service area only to the east.

2. On the basis of recent surveys, analysis and consultations of the City Demonstration Agency, and the Urban Renewal Agency, in conjunction with the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, a critical need still exists for community-type recreation facilities to serve the general area of north Wichita, of which the Waco-Finn neighborhood is a part.
3. There is a site of sufficient size and configuration, which is predominantly open space, and offers the most economical selection centrally accessible to the portion of the City it is intended to serve.
4. There is also a possibility that joint school and park planning will be effective, if the plan is amended and the proposed site is acquired.

At the Planning Commission meeting of March 26, 1970, a public hearing regarding this proposed amendment was held as required by law and the Resolution effectuating the amendment was approved by a majority of the Planning Commissioners present.

In fulfilling the requirements prescribed by law, certified copies of the APPROVED Resolution are submitted to interested legislative and administrative agencies for review, comments and recommendations. The law provides that legislative and administrative agencies shall have sixty (60) days, after receipt of the APPROVED Resolution, to consider the proposed Plan or parts thereof and to submit their comments and recommendations to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission, after considering the submitted comments and recommendations, may make changes if deemed necessary, and may then formally ADOPT the Resolution. The Planning Commission will consider this Resolution for final ADOPTION at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 1970, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 401, City Building Annex, 104 South Main Street, Wichita, Kansas. We cordially invite you to submit your comments regarding this amendment on or before that date.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department at the above-mentioned address.

Yours truly,



Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Metropolitan Area Planning  
Commission

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that an attested copy of this resolution accomplishing said amendments and extensions to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan be certified to the governing body of the City of Wichita and the governing body of Sedgwick County and to all legislative and administrative agencies affected by the plan.

APPROVED by at least a majority of all of the Metro-  
politan Area Planning Commission members, at Wichita, Kansas,  
this 26th day of March, 1970.

Floyd R. Souders  
Floyd R. Souders, Vice-Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
politan Area Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Robert A. Lakin  
Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
politan Area Planning Commission

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WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

DATE  
March 20, 1970

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**



TO Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area  
Planning Commission

FROM Robert L. Young, Senior Planner, Current Plans Division

SUBJECT DR 70-5 - Amendment to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation  
Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan

Please find attached a copy of a letter from the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners requesting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. Upon review of this request, the Planning Department concurs in the reasons for amendment specified in the attached letter and recommends that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission approve the attached resolution redesignating Woodland Park as an existing neighborhood park and relocating the symbol for a proposed community park in the vicinity of 29th and Arkansas Avenue. We understand that the park proposal involved in this amendment request is one of several proposals which will be incorporated into an application for Open Space Land Program funds to acquire and develop park and recreational sites to serve the Model Cities Neighborhood Area. As such, all the site proposals will be subject to an A-95-204 review by the Planning Commission in the near future. With the exception of site being considered here, remaining site proposals appear to be consistent with the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan as currently adopted. The Planning Commission, however, will have the opportunity to determine plan conformity once a formal notice is received from the Park Board stating their intent to file an application and specifying the sites to be acquired and extent of development proposed.

RLY:ls  
Attachment

BOARD OF  
PARK COMMISSIONERS  
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DIRECTOR

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

503 CITY BUILDING ANNEX, 104 SOUTH MAIN  
CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS FORESTRY RECREATION AIRPORT

February 24, 1970

Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan  
Area Planning Commission  
City Building Annex  
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Attention: Robert A. Lakin  
Director of Planning

Subject: Open Space, Parks and  
Recreation Plan - Amendment



Gentlemen:

This letter will affirm that the Board of Park Commissioners at its regular meeting of January 24, 1970, reviewed the Open Space Parks and Recreation Plan in regard to proposing an amendment.

As a result of the review, the Board hereby requests that the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan be amended to the extent that the following major changes are effected:

1. Change the classification of Woodland Park from Community Park to Neighborhood Park.
2. Indicate the need for a Community Park in the vicinity of Arkansas Avenue and 25th Street North.

Reasons for the amendment are as follows:

1. As a result of further study and detailed analysis, the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and the City Demonstration Agency, has indicated that Woodland Park is insufficient in size and configuration to accommodate community-type recreation facilities, and therefore should be reclassified as an existing Neighborhood Park.

There is an apparent need for a suitable site for location of certain major community recreation facilities which cannot be properly located on the Woodland Park Site.

In addition to the above, the Park is not strategically located, and consequently has a limited service area. The Little Arkansas River on the south and west and 21st Street, a heavily traveled thoroughfare, on the north, tend to limit the service area only to the east.

2. On the basis of recent surveys, analysis, and consultations of the City Demonstration Agency, and the Urban Renewal Agency, in conjunction with the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, a critical need still exists for community-type recreation facilities to serve the general area of north Wichita, of which the Waco-Finn Neighborhood is a part.
3. There is a site of sufficient size and configuration, which is predominantly open space, and offers the most economical selection centrally accessible to the portion of the City it is intended to serve.
4. There is also a possibility that joint school and park planning will be effective, if the plan is amended and the proposed site is acquired.

We urge immediate consideration of this request in that we have a deadline to meet in connection with the "Parks-in-Cities Program."

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Virgil L. Parker*  
By Virgil L. Parker, President

VLP:cg

R E S O L U T I O N

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 1968 Supp. 12-704, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission did give notice by publication in the official city newspaper on March 3, 1970, of a public hearing to be held on the amendments to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Wichita and Sedgwick County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on March 26, 1970, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 401 of the City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas, did hold the public hearing as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a majority of all members of said Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission approved the amendments, as set out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the majority of all members of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, meeting duly assembled, that the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the

Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area be readopted as previously amended and be further amended by changing the classification of Woodland Park from an existing community park to an existing neighborhood park and by relocating the symbol designation for a proposed community park in the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to a location in the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue, all to be accomplished on the pages of the Plan text as specified in the following manner:

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13. Change the Presentation Map 6B in the Planning Commission meeting room in accordance with the instructions in No. 12 above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Planning Commission action be given all interested legislative and administrative groups and agencies in the form of a certified copy of the resolution and that said groups and agencies be requested to submit to the Planning Commission a statement of recommendation on such approval within 60 days of the receipt of such resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that Abner V. Jackson, Chairman, and Robert A. Lakin, Secretary of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, record on the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, as heretofore adopted, amended, extended and added to, the action hereby taken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event the Planning Commission adopts said proposal, that an attested copy of this resolution accomplishing said amendments and extensions to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan be certified to the governing body of the City of Wichita and the governing body of Sedgwick County and to all legislative and administrative agencies affected by the plan.

APPROVED by at least a majority of all of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission members, at Wichita, Kansas, this 26th day of March, 1970.

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Abner V. Jackson, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

ATTEST:

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Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

(SEAL)

After notice having been given to all interested groups and agencies and 60 days having elapsed since their receipt of such notice, and having considered the comments received by all interested groups and agencies, the foregoing Resolution is hereby amended and adopted.

ADOPTED by a least a majority of all the Metropolitan Area Planning Commissioners at Wichita, Kansas this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1970.

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Abner V. Jackson, Chairman  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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ATTEST:

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Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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( ) Published on the Wichita Beacon on \_\_\_\_\_, 1970.

OFFICIAL COUNTY NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the adoption of an amendment to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area, which hearing will be held in the Planning Commission Meeting Room, 401 City Building Annex, 104 South Main, Wichita, Kansas, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 1970.

Said public hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 1968 Supp. 12-704, at which time it is proposed to amend the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area by changing the classification of Woodland Park from an existing Community Park to an existing Neighborhood Park and designating a proposed Community Park northwest of the Arkansas Avenue - 25th Street intersection within the text of the Plan and on Maps 5B, 5C-9, and 6B thereof.

The proposed amendment above-described shall be discussed and considered by the said Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, and all persons interested in said matter will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes in the premises as by law provided.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 23 day of March, 1970.

Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro-  
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503 CITY BUILDING ANNEX, 104 SOUTH MAIN  
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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS FORESTRY RECREATION AIRPORT

February 24, 1970

Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan  
Area Planning Commission  
City Building Annex  
Wichita, Kansas 67202



Attention: Robert A. Lakin  
Director of Planning

Subject: Open Space, Parks and  
Recreation Plan - Amendment

Gentlemen:

This letter will affirm that the Board of Park Commissioners at its regular meeting of January 24, 1970, reviewed the Open Space Parks and Recreation Plan in regard to proposing an amendment.

As a result of the review, the Board hereby requests that the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan be amended to the extent that the following major changes are effected:

1. Change the classification of Woodland Park from Community Park to Neighborhood Park.
2. Indicate the need for a Community Park in the vicinity of Arkansas Avenue and 25th Street North.

Reasons for the amendment are as follows:

1. As a result of further study and detailed analysis, the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and the City Demonstration Agency, has indicated that Woodland Park is insufficient in size and configuration to accommodate community-type recreation facilities, and therefore should be reclassified as an existing Neighborhood Park.

There is an apparent need for a suitable site for location of certain major community recreation facilities which cannot be properly located on the Woodland Park Site.

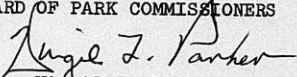
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2. On the basis of recent surveys, analysis, and consultations of the City Demonstration Agency, and the Urban Renewal Agency, in conjunction with the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, a critical need still exists for community-type recreation facilities to serve the general area of north Wichita, of which the Waco-Finn Neighborhood is a part.
3. There is a site of sufficient size and configuration, which is predominantly open space, and offers the most economical selection centrally accessible to the portion of the City it is intended to serve.
4. There is also a possibility that joint school and park planning will be effective, if the plan is amended and the proposed site is acquired.

We urge immediate consideration of this request in that we have a deadline to meet in connection with the "Parks-in-Cities Program."

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

By   
Virgil L. Parker, President

VLP:cg

WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY

DATE  
February 16, 1970

**METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**



TO Robert A. Lakin, Assistant Planning Director  
FROM Robert L. Young, Senior Planner, Current Plans Division  
SUBJECT Waco-Finn Park Proposal

In regard to the proposed acquisition of a community park site in the vicinity of 25th and Arkansas Streets adjacent to the Waco-Finn area, it is obvious that the proposal is in direct conflict with the wording contained on page 201 of the adopted Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan.

In regard to Map No. 5E-9 and the adopted Plan Map 6B, conflict with the general locational symbols for proposed community parks is not so obvious and is subject to argumentative interpretations.

I, therefore, recommend that the Adopted Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan be amended on the following basis:

1. Upon further detailed analysis, the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Wichita in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and the City Demonstrations Agency has determined that Woodland Park (which was originally designated on Map 6B of the adopted plan as the Community Park serving the general area) is insufficient in size and configuration to accommodate community type recreational facilities and therefore should be reclassified as an existing Neighborhood Park.
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I recommended that the process of amending the Plan be initiated only after receipt of a letter, resolution, or other appropriate notification from the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Wichita requesting the plan amendment; advising the Planning Commission and Department that the matter has been fully reviewed by the Board; and stating reasons the amendment is needed.

Provided the Park Department proceeds with the preparation of an application for Federal Grant funds, the 204 or A-95 Clearinghouse review necessary for the project could be scheduled for the MAPC meeting following the one in which MAPC take initial action on the plan amendment question.

It should be obvious from the above comments that very little has been said about the past "neighborhood planning" activities of the Waco-Finn neighborhood council. It might be argued that their activities alone are justification for the plan amendment. If this approach is taken for plan amendment justification, unwarranted credence might be given in total to the Waco-Finn "Neighborhood Plan" at this point in time. This would present some limiting implications regarding the location of other major public facilities. There should, therefore, be a complete understanding between the officials involved in this project that while the past "Neighborhood Planning" activity in the Waco-Finn neighborhood has contributed substantially to the identification of a critical need for community recreational facilities and to a determination of the location of those community recreational facilities, the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate this recreational proposal in no way predetermines the validity of locational proposals for other public facilities expressed in the present Waco-Finn Neighborhood Plan.

In regard to the actual amendment to the Plan, I would recommend that the following specific changes be made to the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan document:

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As you are aware, it will be necessary for us to advertise for public hearing to amend the Plan at least 20 days prior to the hearing date. Following the public hearing and action by the Planning Commission, a minimum of 60 days response time for other interested public officials and agencies is necessary before an amendment takes legal effect. Tom Allen and I are of the opinion that this time lag requirement will not have an adverse affect on any application for Federal Grant under the Parks in Cities program provided Federal officials fully understand that the amendment process is underway.

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The latest possible time the Planning Commission could take initial action on the amendment question and meet the Federal deadline requirement for submission of Parks in Cities applications would be March 26. Advertisement for a public hearing to amend the Plan would, therefore, have to be made on or before March 6.

The Board of Park Commissioners will, therefore, have to submit a request for plan amendment in the immediate future to allow the Planning Department sufficient lead time to prepare for and carry out the necessary legal procedures.

RLY:ls

cc Tom Allen, Deputy Director  
Wichita Board of Park Commissioners

THE CITY OF WICHITA  
OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

DATE January 16, 1970

TO Ralph Wulz, City Manager  
FROM Robert G. Finch, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT Conference of January 15, 1970  
"Parks-in-Cities" Program



ATTENDANCE:

Wulz	Carpenter
McClure	Finch
Allen	Lakin
Anderson	Habermehl



The Park Board's proposal for the "Parks-in-Cities" program was reviewed. Problem areas discussed and the conclusions reached are as follows:

(1) Financing

The sum of \$275,000 is required to finance the program. Only \$60,000 is available in the Park Board CIP.

Conclusion:

Carpenter is to prepare an amendment for submittal to HUD reallocating the \$206,300 originally provided for acquisition of the KG&E building. Council action on this is not necessary.

(2) Submittal to Neighborhood Councils:

It can be expected that the Neighborhood Council will resist the Waco-Finn Park proposal on the basis it will fix the school and highway locations in the area.

Conclusion:

The park proposal should be taken to Councils with the written assurance that its approval will not commit the school and highway locations since the park and school proposals need not necessarily be combined. In the event the councils are not agreeable to proceed without a commitment on the highway and schools, the Waco-Finn Park proposal will be dropped from the application.

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(3) Amendment to Park Master Plan:

Lakin maintained that an amendment to the Park Plan would be required to include the proposed Waco-Finn Community Park. Allen was of the opinion that an amendment would not be required.

Conclusion:

Lakin and Allen are to resolve this question.

(4) Staff Assistance Required:

Allen pointed out that in order to meet the April 3, 1970, deadline for filing of the applications, the Park Department would require assistance from the other departments, ie:

- (a) Public Works - surveys, preliminary appraisals.
- (b) Urban Renewal - relocation report.
- (c) MAPD - assistance in preparation of applications.

Conclusions:

Finch to coordinate assistance required.

(5) Over Assumptions by Neighborhood Councils:

Some plans have been developed which recognize only neighborhood boundaries; are overly ambitious; and not in accordance with the City's plans for overall development. A lack of coordination is evident.

Conclusion:

The Councils must be provided written background material on the master plan and the various applicable statutory requirements prior to starting their planning processes.

RGF:gl

cc: Russell McClure, Deputy City Manager for Urban Affairs  
Donald E. Anderson, Director of Administration  
Robert A. Lakin, Assistant Director of Planning ✓  
Frank Carpenter, Deputy CDA Director  
Ray W. Bruggeman, Director of Public Works  
Kenneth Kitchen, Executive Director of URA  
Thomas P. Allen, Deputy Dir. of Parks & Recreation

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METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING  
COMMISSION

AMHERST 2-0611 — AREA CODE 316  
CITY BUILDING ANNEX  
104 S. MAIN ST.  
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202

March 26, 1970

M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** All Interested Legislative and Administrative  
Groups and Agencies

**FROM:** Robert A. Lakin, Secretary, Wichita-Sedgwick County  
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

**SUBJECT:** DR 70-5, Approval of Amendment to the Wichita-  
Sedgwick County Open Space, Parks and Recreation  
Plan.

Attached for your information and review is a certified copy of the approved Resolution amending the Open Space, Parks and Recreation Plan Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area. The amendment consists of redesignating Woodland Community Park as an existing neighborhood park and relocating a future community park proposal from the vicinity of 29th Street and Arkansas Avenue to the vicinity of 25th Street and Arkansas Avenue. This action is the result of a request made February 26, 1970 by the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners on the following bases:

1. As a result of further study and detailed analysis, the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, in cooperation with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department and City Demonstration Agency, has indicated that Woodland Park (existing) is insufficient in size and configuration to accommodate community-type recreation facilities and therefore should be reclassified as an existing Neighborhood Park.

There is an apparent need for a suitable site for location of certain major community-type recreational facilities which cannot be properly located on the existing Woodland Park site.

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2. On the basis of recent surveys, analysis and consultations of the City Demonstration Agency, and the Urban Renewal Agency, in conjunction with the staff of the Board of Park Commissioners, a critical need still exists for community-type recreation facilities to serve the general area of north Wichita, of which the Waco-Finn neighborhood is a part.
3. There is a site of sufficient size and configuration, which is predominantly open space, and offers the most economical selection centrally accessible to the portion of the City it is intended to serve.
4. There is also a possibility that joint school and park planning will be effective, if the plan is amended and the proposed site is acquired.

At the Planning Commission meeting of March 26, 1970, a public hearing regarding this proposed amendment was held as required by law and the Resolution effectuating the amendment was approved by a majority of the Planning Commissioners present.

In fulfilling the requirements prescribed by law, certified copies of the APPROVED Resolution are submitted to interested legislative and administrative agencies for review, comments and recommendations. The law provides that legislative and administrative agencies shall have sixty (60) days, after receipt of the APPROVED Resolution, to consider the proposed Plan or parts thereof and to submit their comments and recommendations to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

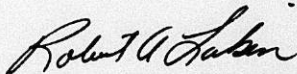
The Planning Commission, after considering the submitted comments and recommendations, may make changes if deemed necessary, and may then formally ADOPT the Resolution. The Planning Commission will consider this Resolution for final ADOPTION at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 1970, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 401, City Building Annex, 104 South Main Street, Wichita, Kansas. We cordially invite you to submit your comments regarding this amendment on or before that date.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department at the above-mentioned address.

Yours truly,



Robert A. Lakin, Secretary  
Metropolitan Area Planning  
Commission

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Attachments: 1. Certificate  
2. Resolution

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