Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Living Spaces"

Policy Letter 209: **Multi-Use**

BACKGROUND:
The role that the Fargo Public School District schools play in the summer to provide neighborhood programs to youth may be changing.

The type and quality of facilities available for youth during the summer months are still outstanding. To ensure full utilization and sharing of the school and park facilities, entities must continue to coordinate openly and creatively plan for needed programs. Whether the schools are used by community organizations, for adult education classes, or for neighborhood youth or adult programs, much can be done to share in the facilities operational costs.

POLICY STATEMENT:
The City of Fargo should promote programs that support the maintenance of the community's existing public schools and parks, and encourage cooperative funding arrangements of the facilities. Shared use of the community's public facilities should be a key element in the planning of new public facilities to minimize the negative impact of development costs and to enhance learning and development opportunities for youth.

CONCLUSION:
Concerns over rising development and operational costs of public facilities may be addressed through the special Public Facilities Review Committee. The community needs school and park facilities that are fully utilized during the entire year and property that sits idle for parts of the day may serve other programming needs of the community. Communication and coordination of the various entities is again critical in ensuring public facilities are part of the linkage that brings our neighborhoods together in an effective manner.