

Comprehensive Policy Plan
"Living Spaces"

Policy Letter 215: Public Land or Facility Development

BACKGROUND:

Public agencies should be more communicative and more cooperative in the process of developing land on or adjacent to residential neighborhoods. With the magnitude of certain public land development, great caution must be exercised to better influence the actions of private development decisions. In the entire process of developing public land or facilities, public agencies should be the leaders in quality projects. Public facilities should be expected to pass the same rigorous review that private developers experience and achieve at least the same levels of conformity to development standards.

A process should be established to hold the City of Fargo, the Fargo Parks and Recreation Department, the Fargo Public School System, and other governmental and public entities to high standards of orderly land use development. By setting the example in proper land use planning and residential neighborhood development, the stewards of our public lands and facilities reconfirm their support of the City land use policies and practices.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The City of Fargo should require governmental and public entities to uphold similar standards and practices in the process for public land and public facilities development or redevelopment. Special consideration may be given to projects of limited scale and public impact to best serve the public interests.

CONCLUSION:

It was generally agreed that the immediate need was to create a special committee of the Planning Commission to undertake the core of Public Building Review work. It was felt that the structure of the process should involve the subcommittee early on in the planning of the facility or land use development, and area plans or long range plans for the institution or function must be brought forward for review.