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January 21, 1955

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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

As a sponsor it is a privilege to add my appreciation of J. Lister Holmes to that of other members of the Washington State Chapter. He is a man of refined personality with high standards of performance and effective in his civic responsibilities.

Lister has long been very active in the various undertakings of the Chapter including a period as President - and has recently completed a term as Chairman of the Seattle Planning Commission, a very competent and highly regarded public body, is also a member of the State Board of Examiners and a director of the excellent Seattle Art Museum.

He has designed many fine residences and a number of well known public buildings some of which will doubtless be brought to your considerate attention. I have felt for some time that Lister Holmes is worthy of the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and hold the hope that he may be so honored.

Very sincerely,

E. H. Albertson F. A. I. A.

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Gentlemen:

As a former president of the Washington State Chapter, I wish to recommend J. Lister Holmes for Fellowship in the Institute in recognition of his outstanding services to the profession and to the community.

Mr. Holmes is one of the pioneers in the Northwest area and has devoted far more than his share of time and energy to Chapter affairs over a period of thirty years. In 1926 he was elected a member of the Executive Board and Secretary. He was later Vice President, and for two terms a wise and inspiring President. Since his elevation to the role of Elder Statesman, Mr. Holmes has been drafted by acclamation to counsel the Executive Board.

Professionally, he has achieved outstanding distinction in the field of architectural design and city planning. His earlier efforts were devoted mostly to French, Colonial, and Renaissance; examples of which still reflect his fine taste and good judgement. His gradual progression into so-called Contemporary has always impressed me immensely and I consider Mr. Holmes one of our outstanding designers at the present time. His logic, use of materials and good taste have created an outstanding and distinguished architecture.

Mr. Holmes' reputation for wise and keen interest in civic affairs has spread beyond architecture. He has served as a Board Member of the Seattle Art Museum and for three years on the Washington State Architectural Examining Board. In 1946, in a reorganization aimed to revise a long dormant City Planning Commission in the City of Seattle, the Mayor appointed Mr. Holmes as a member. He has been an outstanding member of the Commission ever since and his colleagues elected him their chairman on two different occasions.

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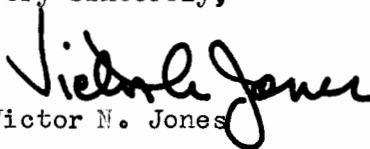
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His experience, fairness and enduring interest in the best practice of architecture are attested by the many younger architects whom he has encouraged and trained, and who so respect him that they constantly seek his advice on personal matters involving the profession.

To all of his tasks he has brought wisdom, patience, and kindness, and no architect in our community more fully embodies all the qualities essential to Fellowship in the Institute and I am sure that all our members share my hope that you will see fit to recognize his outstanding merit with election to the College of Fellows.

Very sincerely,


Victor N. Jones

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January 21, 1955

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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
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Gentlemen:

This letter is written in support of the nomination for Fellowship of Mr. J. Lister Holmes. You will receive other letters attesting to Mr. Holmes' very great ability as a designer and to the consistently high quality of his work over a life span of considerable production. You will also be told of the esteem in which Mr. Holmes is held by his Chapter and community.

Because my own knowledge of his work is greater in relation to his public service to his City in the advancement of planning, I should prefer to focus my commendation on that phase of his career.

Lister Holmes was first appointed to the Planning Commission of the City of Seattle in 1946. It is important to know that the Commission at that time was not a Planning Commission at all but merely a Board of Appeals for those who desired waivers from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. It had two part time employees and no ambition. Mr. Holmes took a leading part to galvanize the Commission into some action. Due in large part to his persuasive zeal, the Mayor and City Council approved a substantial increase in the Commission's small budget which would permit employment of a full time and competent planning staff.

Mr. Holmes went East to recruit personnel and succeeded in attracting nationally recognized consultants and permanent staff members. In short, he put the Commission in the planning business.

He was largely instrumental in the development of the City's comprehensive plan and of a new Zoning Ordinance which is about to be adopted. He has served continuously and devotedly for eight years during several of which he was chairman of the Commission. He has been a continuous party to the development of planning in this City to the point where it is now a major department of city government.

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From a reasonably authoritative position I can say that no architect in this area in my time has used his professional background to better use in public service to his community. It has always seemed to me that architects are uniquely qualified for service on planning commissions and therefore have a special obligation to make themselves available for such service. Lister Holmes has more than fulfilled that obligation. The extent of his service, in quality and quantity, is such that both his Chapter and the Institute are deeply indebted to him, a debt which can be only partly repaid by granting him Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,



TALBOT WEGG

American Institute of Architects
Associate, American Institute of Planners

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cc: Carl F. Gould
J. Lister Holmes

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GENTLE MEN:

It is a distinct pleasure for me to write regarding the nomination of J. Lister Holmes, a Corporate Member of the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Holmes for a period of seventeen years. In that time I have seen the outstanding contributions that he has given to Architecture, the Profession and the Public.

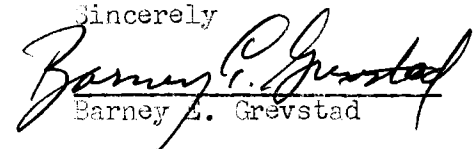
J. Lister Holmes has in all of his buildings shown a mastery of the art of design. The Seattle Public School and Service Center completed in 1949 is an outstanding example of his efforts in this direction. Here he has displayed his ability in arranging the elements of the structure, in detailing simply but effectively and in handling scale, color and texture. Completed also under his direction are the Seattle Goodwill Industry Building completed in 1946, the Catherine Blaine Jr. High and Recreation Project (1952) and numerous other outstanding buildings and residences.

Mr. Holmes has further distinguished himself as shown by the high caliber of "graduates" from his office. He has conscientiously guided these men to greater efforts in design and taught them responsibility to the profession of architecture.

In addition to his practise he has served as a member of the City Planning Commission since 1946 to the present. Here his leadership has been a great factor in the excellent progress of this commission.

I believe that J. Lister Holmes is deserving of the distinguished honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely


 Barney E. Grevstad

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Jury of Fellows
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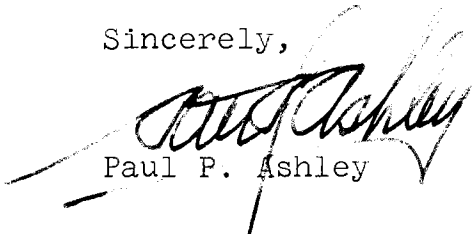
J. Lister Holmes

It has been suggested that you would welcome a letter touching the repute of J. Lister Holmes.

I have known Lister for many years. We have dinner together eight or ten times a year in connection with an organization before which we deliver papers in rotation. He has read excellent papers in connection with city planning and related matters.

He enjoys an excellent reputation in this community. I am confident that all who know him would concur when I say that he will do honor to any group to which he is elected.

Sincerely,


Paul P. Ashley

PPA:EM

cc: Mr. Carl F. Gould

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215 Eighth Avenue North Seattle 9, Washington Eliot 4450

January 25, 1955

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to add my voice to the recommendation of J. Lister Holmes as Fellow of The American Institute of Architects. Throughout my ten years of acquaintance with him, he has proved himself to be an architect of outstanding ability, integrity, and achievement. He has devoted himself and all of his resources to promoting the finest that an architect can offer his community through outstanding structures of taste and ingenuity - always pace-setters for others to follow.

Through the past eight years he has been a leader in the City Planning Commission of Seattle, Washington, and through his various capacities he has been most influential in helping the Commission attain the high stature of respect and advisory authority that it has in our city today.

It is with pleasure that I advise the nomination of J. Lister Holmes as Fellow of The American Institute of Architects, for I feel certain that he is one of the Northwest's most accomplished and deserving architects.

Sincerely,

Marvin S. Iles

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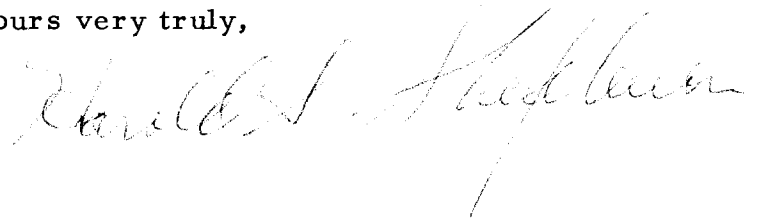
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It is my understanding that J. Lister Holmes of Seattle has been proposed for appointment as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. I believe he is such a credit to the architectural profession and so deserving of the honor that I should like to say a word on behalf of his appointment.

It was my pleasure to serve with Mr. Holmes as a member of the City Planning Commission of Seattle for six years, until June of 1954. During a portion of that time Mr. Holmes served as Chairman. He is an architect and man of great integrity and is thoroughly versed in the art and techniques of city planning. He has devoted himself unstintingly to the public good through his continued efforts on behalf of better planning for our city and area and as a result has enhanced the respect for the architectural profession generally in the Northwest.

Yours very truly,



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January 26, 1955

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American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Attn: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

J. Lister Holmes has been intimately known to me since 1922 both as a friend and competitor. He has been head of his own firm since about that time and has always, to my certain knowledge, conducted himself intelligently and ethically at all times. He is a thorough gentleman. Both he and his wife, Jane, are from two of Seattle's Pioneer families. Both have participated in more than their share of charitable civic efforts of all kinds. They are both widely known and highly respected by the better citizens of this community. Both have contributed greatly to the cultural advancement of our Northwest.

J. Lister Holmes has been practicing architecture continuously since around 1922 and has many fine outstanding buildings to his credit. He has never sought for quantity in his practice but rather concentrated on quality. For years he was known for his excellent domestic work, some of Seattle's finest residences coming from his office. In latter years he has been the author of the Seattle School Board's Administration Building, and the Catherine Blaine Junior High School. Both are excellent examples of fine designing in the contemporary manner.

He was one of five architects employed to handle the largest and most successful single housing project in this City. This was a slum clearance, permanent housing development, known as Yesler Terrace Housing Project.

He is sincere and conscientious in his business and has been, and always will be, a credit to the profession.

His largest single contribution has been his activity as a member of the City Planning Commission. Here he has served for many years and has been chiefly responsible for the sound, clear thinking approach that has gone into the achievements of this body.

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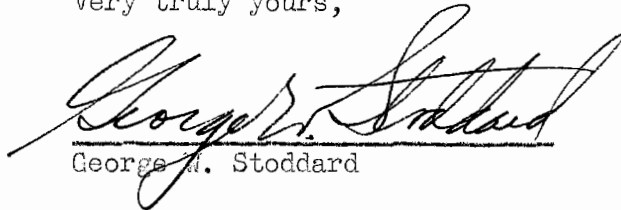
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He has been a pillar of strength in the Washington State Chapter, having served many times on the board as well as being President for 2 years. He takes special pride in looking after the younger men of the Chapter and seeing that they get every opportunity for self expression and advancement.

I feel that J. Lister Holmes has given much of his life to the architectural profession and that it is time the profession recognized his efforts and accomplishments by advancing his position in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



George M. Stoddard

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January 27, 1955

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Jury of Fellows
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Dear Sirs:

It is my understanding that a group of his fellow Architects has proposed the name of J. Lister Holmes to the national American Institute of Architects for the special honor of "Fellow."

I have known Mr. Holmes for the past thirty years and have watched his progress with great interest. He is very highly regarded in this community for his quality of design, and is now regarded as one of our outstanding architects.

Besides his attainments in his own field, I am particularly impressed with his outstanding work in behalf of our City planning program. In a growing city like Seattle this work has been of tremendous value, and I believe that Mr. Holmes has contributed of his time and vision and leadership to make this a better city in which to live.

I trust his nomination may receive your careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Carl M. Ballard

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The American Institute of Architects

Washington State Chapter

January 27, 1955

American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
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Attn: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

It is a distinct privilege for me to be one of the proposers of J. Lister Holmes's elevation to a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Holmes personally for approximately 15 years, during which time he has served the profession, the Chapter and the City in an exemplary manner.

During this period, as the record will show, he was the President of the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, he served on the Examining Board of the architectural section of the Licensing Board of the State of Washington and he served as Chairman and is still a member of the Planning Commission of the City of Seattle.

I firmly believe that his public service alone has been sufficient to warrant his elevation, however, in a special sense, he, I feel, would also be eligible for this elevation through his design ability. His contributions to the City have been practically too numerous to mention, but I would recommend for the Jury's consideration the following: The Administrative Center for the Seattle School District; Catherine Elaine Junior High School for the Seattle School District, The Goodwill Industries Building in Seattle for the Goodwill, The Ida Culver House in Seattle for retired teachers and the Methodist Home for the Aged at Des Moines, Washington near Seattle. Without exception, the above structures all honestly expressing the materials of which they are formed and all uniformly expressing a new clean modern appearance have helped to advance the entire profession in the public's eyes.

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Mr. Holmes, in his personal life, expresses a decorum and dignity, lacking in most of us and through his public utterances based on a substantial knowledge of the profession has done a great deal toward offsetting the public's conception of an architect as one who lives in an ivory tower.

I heartily recommend Mr. Holmes's elevation to Fellow of the Institute.

Yours truly,


Francis E. Huggard

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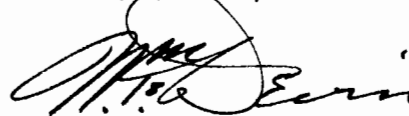
Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Lister Holmes of Seattle is being considered for the honor of "Fellow" in the American Institute of Architects.

During my term of office as Mayor of Seattle I had the privilege of appointing Lister Holmes as a member of the Seattle Planning Commission. While serving on that board he performed splendid, unselfish service for this community. He still serves on this Commission.

I consider Mr. Holmes to be one of our outstanding citizens. He enjoys an excellent reputation as an architect. I am sure he is worthy of any honor which your association might bestow upon him.

Very truly yours,



William F. Devin

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January 28, 1955

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Re:
Nomination to Fellowship
J. Lister Holmes

Gentlemen:

To speak for Mr. Holmes, as one of his nominators, is a sincere pleasure.

As a youngster I met Mr. Holmes through my Father, who was a Fellow in the Institute. He often pointed out Mr. Holmes as a younger Architect who had fine taste and would be a talented addition to the profession.

Upon my graduation in Architecture I applied to Mr. Holmes for a position. For ten years, except for three and a half years of Navy, I enjoyed working up from office boy to Associate. In 1952 I opened my own office. As time goes on the generous time he spent pointing out the varied phases of our profession to me have given me increasing appreciation for what I learned from him. Mr. Holmes always impressed me with the quickness of his perception and his design ability. He has always maintained a personal interest in his commissions, as well as in his office staff - helping many younger men to become established.

I well remember in 1940 when he spent a considerable amount of time, energy, and money attempting to develop interest in a lay-out for our city center with a really magnificent planning approach. Continually he has devoted of his time, talent, and funds working for better civic planning. Success is beginning to show now; A competent City Planning staff, worthy budget (considering the previous years budget) - an overall City plan, -a new Zoning code up for present approval.

With his tasteful design ability, interest in City planning affairs, and help of the younger Architect he has not neglected the Washington State Chapter American Institute of Architects. As active participant and President at one time he has devoted

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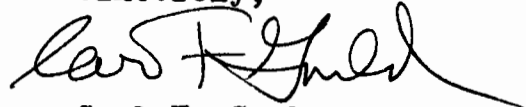
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talented ability to our chapter.

A well rounded talented Architect -
a friend to many -
a senior adviser -
a fine citizen -

May I humbly present this letter as small token for the great
esteem I hold for J. Lister Holmes.

Thank you
Sincerely,



Carl F. Gould

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State of Washington
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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ARTHUR B. LANGLIE
Governor

February 3, 1955

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Lister Holmes of Seattle, Washington, has, I understand, been proposed to the National American Institute of Architects for the special honor of "Fellow".

I have known Mr. Holmes for some years and, like his many professional and business associates, have a high regard for his ability. Not only is he recognized in this area for his excellent work as an architect but also for his interest and effective leadership in worthwhile civic activities.

I feel sure any honor which your association might confer on him is well merited.

Sincerely,


Governor

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CITY OF SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
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February 4, 1955

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Gentlemen:

It is with sincere pleasure that I respond to the request of an architect friend to write this letter in behalf of Mr. J. Lister Holmes, proposed to the national American Institute of Architects for the special honor of "Fellow".

I am writing as one who knows Mr. Holmes, not as a fellow architect, but as a fellow city planner. I therefore bring to you, I believe, a side of Mr. Holmes which you may otherwise not fully appreciate -- his devoted, very high-caliber contribution to city planning in Seattle, and on a national level. It is not often that a person who has the fine sensitivity for good architectural design can also have the patience and fibre that one must have to be subjected to the "politics," both good and bad, inherent in any city planning program.

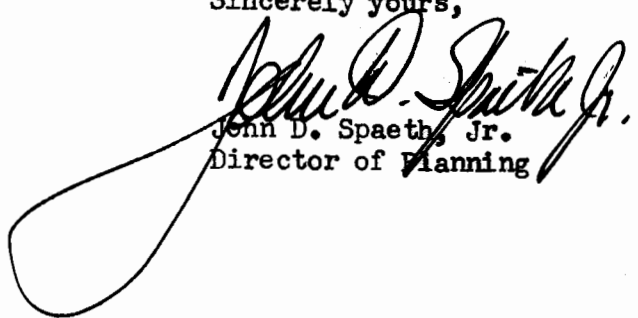
He has been a member of the Seattle City Planning Commission since June 1, 1947. He has also been a member of the Board of the American Society of Planning Officials. It was through his almost single-handed efforts that planning in Seattle embarked in 1947 on a full-scaled comprehensive program. His constant vigilance insured that this program, as it developed, measured up to the highest standards of performance.

In addition to his general contribution to planning, a project in which he personally devoted time and energy and talent, is worthy of mention. In January, 1949, the City Planning Commission embarked upon the project of bringing the school and park boards into a closer working relationship towards the creation of "community recreational, educational and social centers" to better serve the 17 community areas of Seattle. Attached is a copy of a report on such a community center in Magnolia, where this new concept was initiated. This report was of course directed toward getting the people of the area to understand what was being proposed. The project has since been completed as conceived and designed by Mr. Holmes. His contribution was twofold: one, as a Planning Commissioner who helped bring about the concept of community centers, which has since become policy in Seattle, and second, he created the design for the first one built.

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I cannot speak as well as others for his abilities as an architect, however if the honor of Fellow in the American Institute of Architects were to be measured by his contribution to planning alone, there would be little doubt that he fully deserves it.

Sincerely yours,


John D. Spaeth, Jr.
Director of Planning

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Attachment.

September 28, 1949

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Concerning the proposal that the
School and Park Boards pool their
resources in developing new Junior
High School and Fieldhouse facilities
for the Magnolia District.

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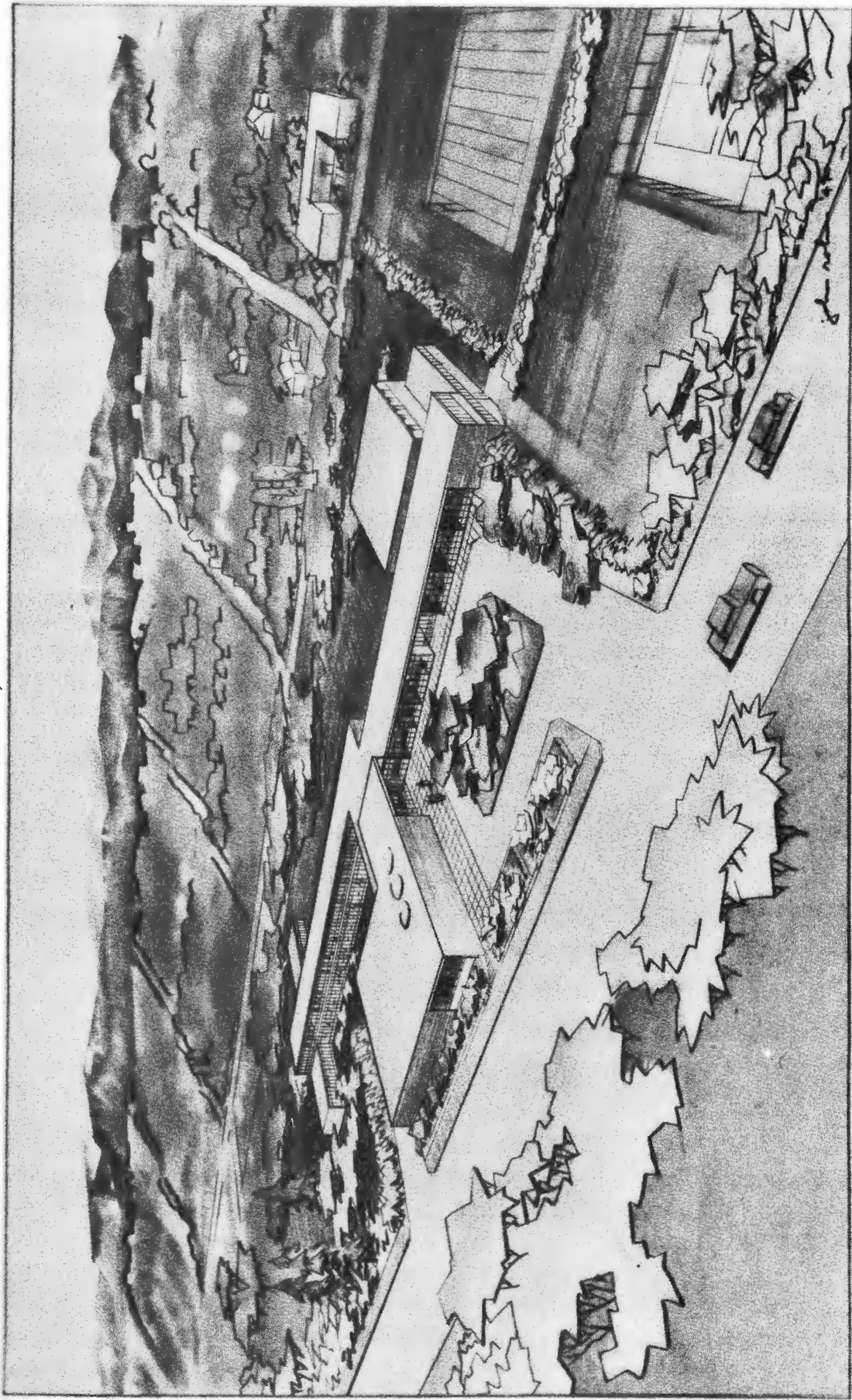
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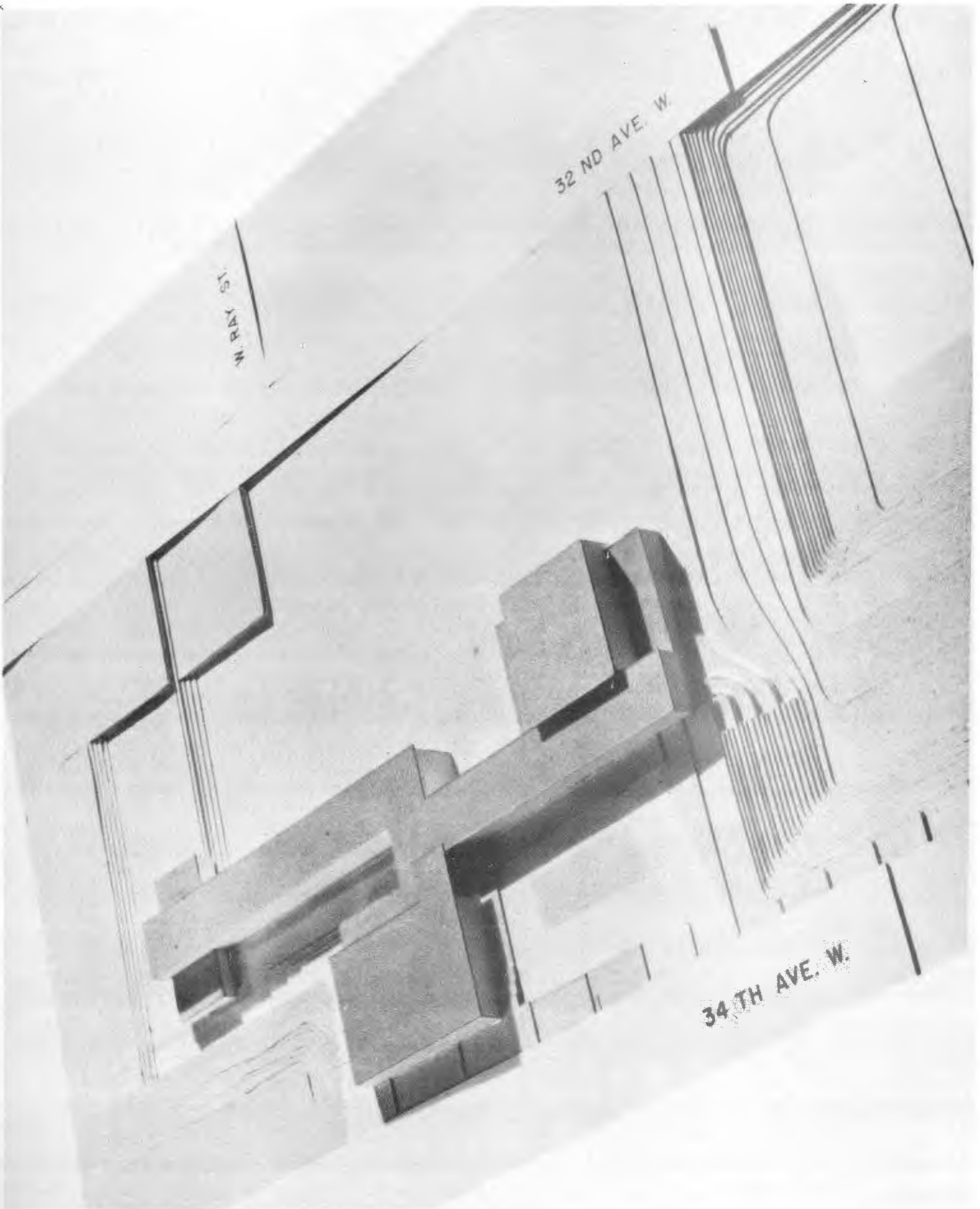
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1. THE BACKGROUND. Both the Seattle School Board and the Seattle Park Board have planned to build new facilities in the Magnolia District. These include a new Junior High School, originally not scheduled for construction until 1952, and a new Fieldhouse, planned for early construction by the Park Board. Both buildings were to be built on land already owned by the two agencies. Both were to be financed from bond issues approved by the citizens of Seattle.

The City Planning Commission, in the course of developing a comprehensive plan for the Seattle area, has proposed that wherever feasible, school and fieldhouse facilities be combined for better service and for economy of construction and operation. This proposal was in line with cooperative methods practiced by the two departments for many years. It also was based on the successful experience of other large cities, such as Detroit, San Francisco and Cincinnati.

Last January, this proposal was discussed in general terms by the School and Park Boards, in a session with some 50 residents of the Magnolia District. At that time, the Boards ordered a thorough study of the proposal, as it might apply to Magnolia. This was done, and recommendations of the School and Park staffs were presented to their Boards on September 1, 1949.

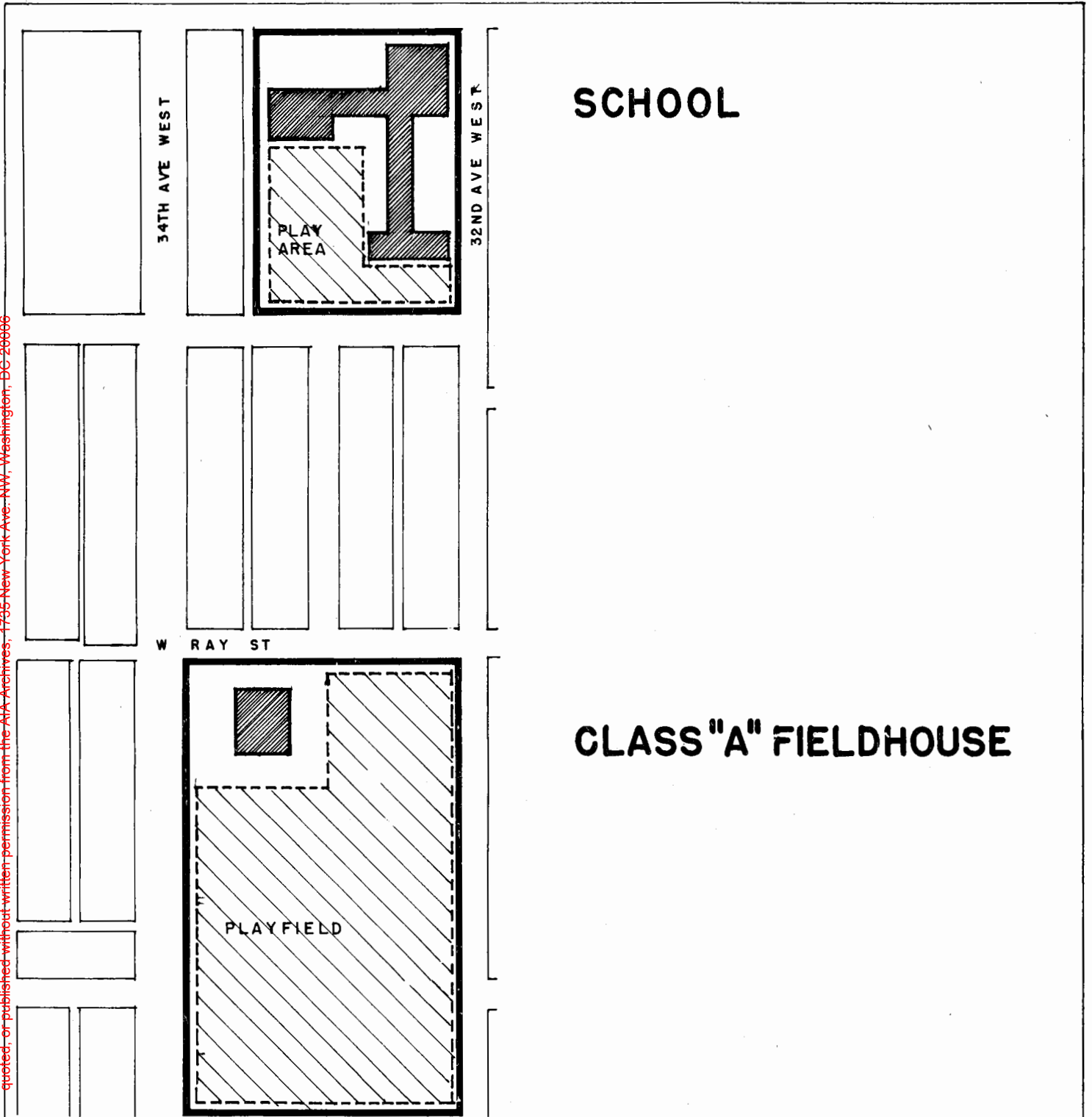
At the September 1st meeting, the Boards approved in principle the proposal for joint facilities, but withheld decision on the Magnolia District proposal until the residents of the District had an opportunity to examine and consider the plan.

2. THE MAGNOLIA PLAN. The properties now owned by the two Boards (18 3/4 acres) are separated by the block between West Armour and West Ray Streets. The Magnolia Plan calls for enlarging the total amount of land involved by the addition of 5.4 acres connecting the two pieces.

On this larger property, totalling 24.13 acres, the School and Park Boards would construct a combined Junior High School and Fieldhouse, with the balance of the land to be devoted to playfield uses. The School Board would agree to advance its construction date for the Junior High School, from 1952 to coincide with the Park Department construction plans, in order to make possible the cooperative program.

(Sketches on the pages following show the separate properties with buildings added, and the proposed combined plan.)

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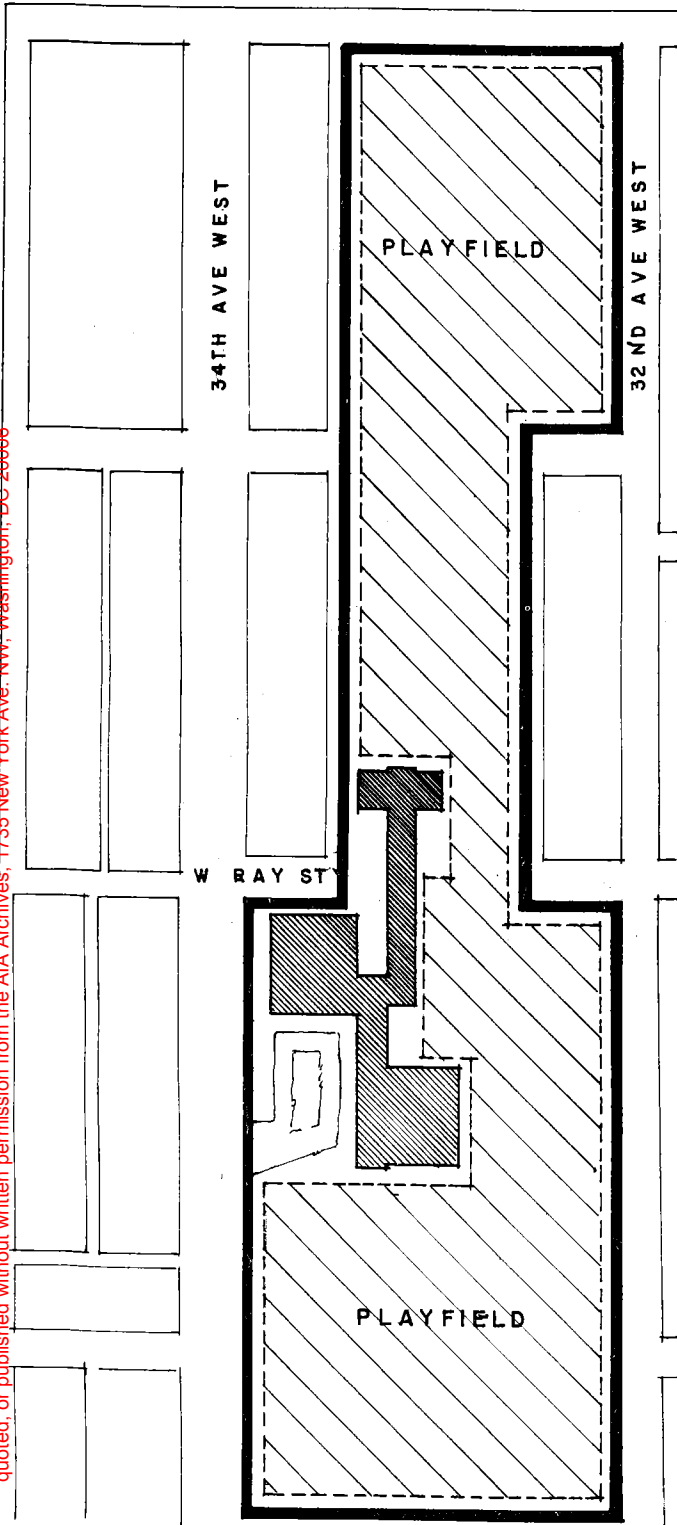


PLAYFIELD AREAS

WITH USE OF

SEPARATE SCHOOL & FIELDHOUSE

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**COMBINED
SCHOOL
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PLAYFIELD AREA
WITH USE OF
COMBINED FACILITIES

3. CONSTRUCTION COSTS. Class A Fieldhouses are estimated to cost \$385,000 under present conditions. Under the proposed plan, the Park Board's cost is estimated at \$110,000. Cost to the School Board under either plan would be about \$1,500,000.

Some \$200,000 of the Park Department's saving would be used to acquire the additional property involved in the proposal. There would be no additional local improvement assessments to acquire this land.

4. MAINTENANCE COSTS. The cost of heating and maintaining a single building, as against the cost of heating and maintaining two buildings, obviously would represent a substantial saving annually. This saving has been estimated at 20 percent, to the Park Board, under the proposed plan. Maintenance of separate fieldhouses is estimated at \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year.

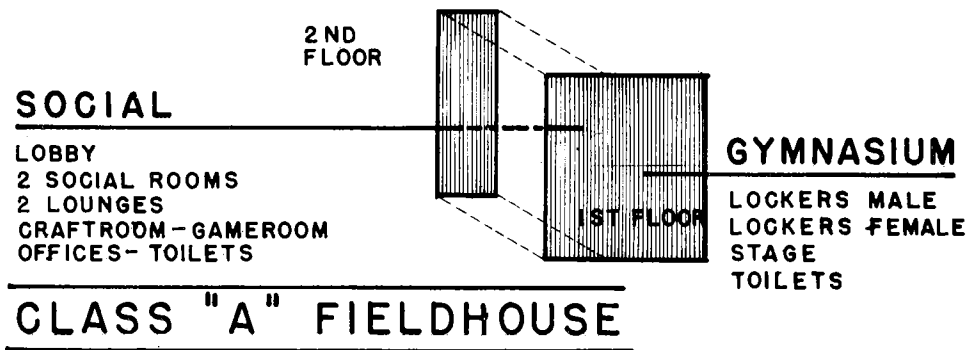
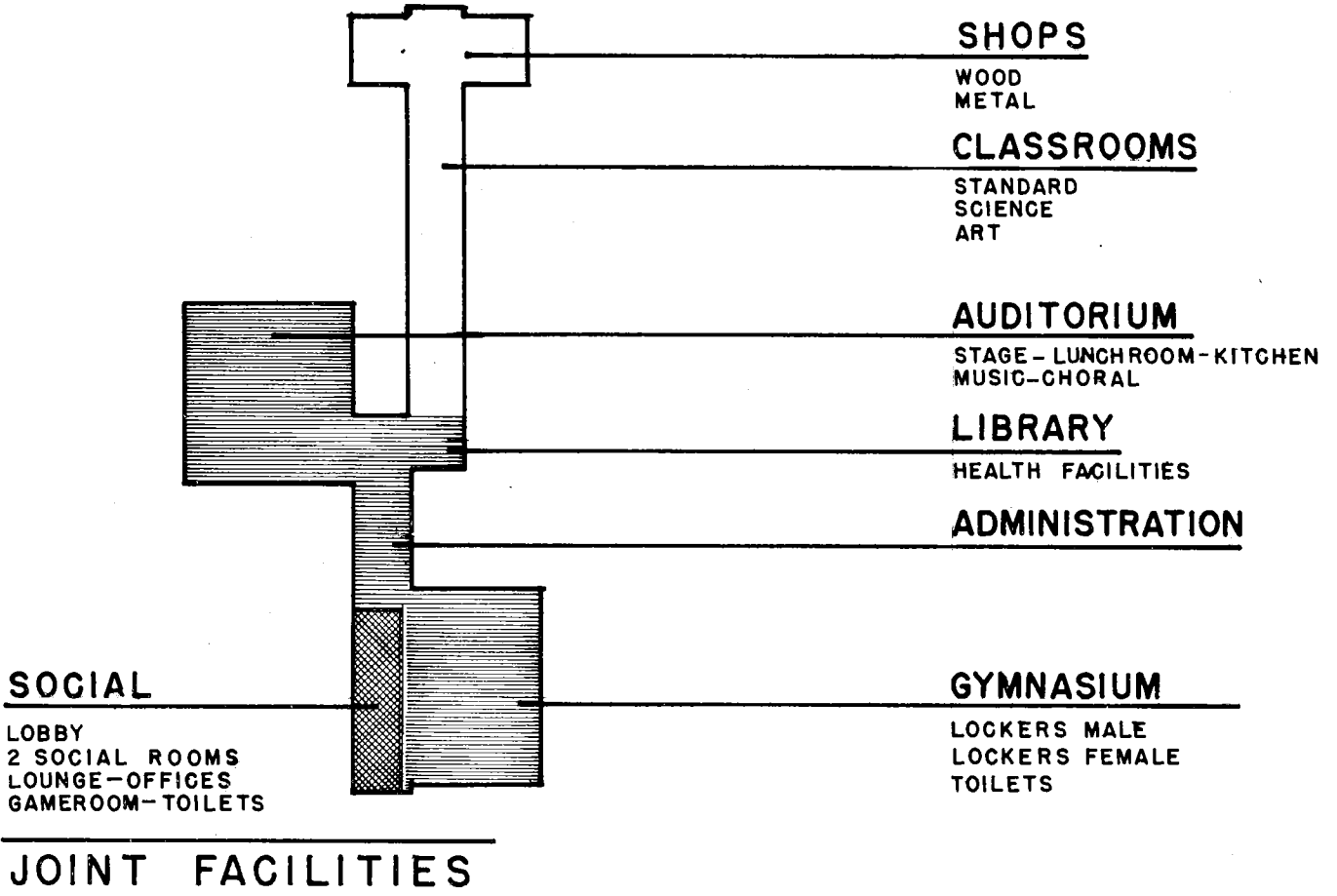
5. CITY'S FINANCIAL PICTURE. Operating and maintaining park department properties must be financed each year from current taxes, not from bond funds voted for park improvements. The City Council already has advised the Park Department that no additional funds are available for next year to operate the city's two new fieldhouses, and that available staff will have to be redistributed for that purpose.

At the present time there are seven Class A Fieldhouses in operation and two being completed. It is estimated that an additional 16 would be needed to provide comparable service for other areas of the city. The cost of constructing, maintaining and operating any such number of separate facilities is completely beyond the financial ability of the city, based on present or foreseeable tax sources.

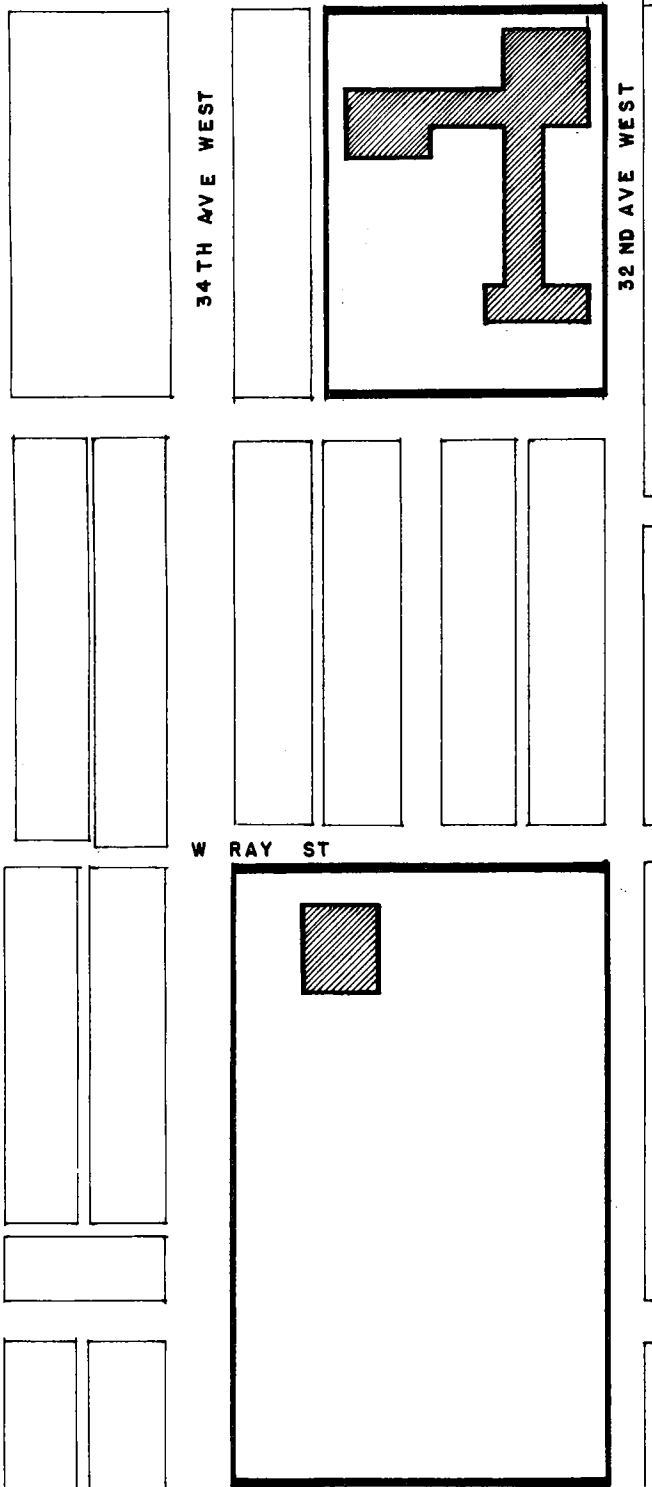
In contrast, joint facilities would cost less to construct.
They would cost less to operate.
They would cost less to maintain.

6. ELIMINATE DUPLICATIONS. Under these conditions, it seems logical to the professional staffs of the School and Park Boards, that they should work together on their construction plans. This would eliminate duplication in construction, operation and maintenance costs. It would, at the same time, provide almost twice as much gymnasium space as in a Class A fieldhouse; a separate auditorium; a larger playfield; and other outstanding features for a community center.

(See charts on following pages for details.)



COMPARISON OF FACILITIES



SCHOOL

STANDARD CLASSROOMS
SHOPS
HOUSEHOLD ARTS
SCIENCE ROOMS
ART ROOMS
MUSIC ROOMS
LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION
HEALTH FACILITIES
CUSTODIAN'S QUARTERS
AUDITORIUM-LUNCHROOM
KITCHEN
CHAIR STORAGE
STAGE

GYMNASIUM 90'X104' BLEACHERS
SPLIT FOR BOYS & GIRLS

BOYS' LOCKERS, SHOWERS & TOILETS
GIRLS' LOCKERS, SHOWERS & TOILETS
MEDICAL EXAM
OFFICE SPACE
BOILER ROOM- VENTILATION

CLASS "A" FIELDHOUSE

LOBBY
2 SOCIAL ROOMS 24'X42'
1 LOUNGE
2 OFFICES
1 GAME ROOM

DUPLICATED AREAS

2 CRAFTS ROOMS
TOILETS
GYMNASIUM-AUDITORIUM 60'X90'
MALE LOCKERS, SHOWERS & TOILETS
FEMALE LOCKERS, SHOWERS & TOILETS
STAGE
STAGE STORAGE
CHAIR STORAGE
EQUIPMENT STORAGE
CARETAKER'S QUARTERS
BOILER ROOM - VENTILATION

DUPLICATION OF FACILITIES

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7. TIME ELEMENT. As has been indicated, the School Board is willing to advance its construction plans for the Junior High School from 1952 to take advantage of the combined plan. The total improvement would therefore be completed more quickly than with separate facilities, even though a separate fieldhouse might be finished somewhat sooner than the combined structure.

Whatever decision is made by the Park Board, as to joint or separate facilities, will go to the City Council for final action. The Council, in accordance with its usual policy, would hold public hearings on the Park Board recommendation before arriving at its own decision.

In the case of the proposed joint operation, the date when construction could start would depend on experience with the condemnation proceeding.

8. CONDEMNATION PROCEDURE. All of the recently acquired playfield and playground areas in the city have been acquired by condemnation procedure. The two most recent were the View Ridge Playground and the enlargement of the Queen Anne Playfield.

The condemnation procedure, as specified by law, may be summarized as follows:

The City Council passes a condemnation ordinance for the area involved. Following approval by the Mayor, the ordinance is referred to the Corporation Counsel (Law Department) for action. Maps are prepared, and ownerships and parties in interest for each parcel of land ascertained.

At this point the condemnation proposal is submitted to the Court to determine whether the use for which the property is to be taken is a public use.

Three appraisers are then appointed by the Corporation Counsel to appraise the value of each piece of property on the basis of present values.

Property owners and the three appraisers then meet with the Corporation Counsel, to try to agree on values. If an agreement is reached, the condemnation proceedings can be concluded immediately. If no agreement is reached, there is a regular trial before a jury to determine the fair value of the property. Following the judgment, the City Council accepts or rejects the jury's awards.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the total length of time required for the whole procedure. On the average, approximately six months is required to reach the point of attempting to agree upon values. If no agreement is reached, approximately another six months ordinarily would be required.

While this procedure is going forward, however, architectural plans and construction drawings would be underway, so that construction could begin immediately upon acquisition of the site.

9. HOW MUCH PLAYFIELD SPACE DOES MAGNOLIA NEED?

The Planning Commission studies indicate that the Magnolia District will grow to a population of 25,000. According to standards of the National Recreation Association, it is desirable to have a minimum of 31 acres of playfield space for that many people. (One acre per 800 people.)

The proposed Magnolia plan would provide 20 acres of playfield space, excluding building areas, and including the property it is proposed to acquire. The separate facilities would provide only 14 acres.

There is a need for additional playground space principally for smaller children in the Lawton and in the Briarcliff neighborhoods. These should be on smaller, separate properties, since it is desirable for younger children to have playground space close to their homes and schools.

Playfield space for teen-agers and adults, however, should be centrally located, and of sufficient size to permit inclusion of baseball diamonds and similar facilities. This is an objective of the proposed Magnolia Plan.

With separate facilities, playfield space on the school property would be insufficient for the schools' program, and the junior high school students would use the park playfield, crossing Ray and Armour streets and the intervening block for this purpose. Under the proposed plan the joint building facilities would be centrally located and all parts of the play area would be accessible without leaving the tract.

10. JOINT ADMINISTRATION. Both School and Park Boards exist to serve all the citizens of Seattle. No significant administrative problems result from the use of joint facilities by the two boards.

During those hours in which the property is being used by the School Board, its rules govern. Similarly, during those hours in which the property is being used by the Park Department, its rules govern. In a joint facility, neither Board would control the other in its use of the property, and joint use would not result in greater restrictions.

The already existing cooperative "permit plan", under which the two boards operate, results in scheduling the fullest use of their properties by the entire community, adults and children alike.

11. CONCLUSION. Staffs of the School and Park Boards have tried to develop the best possible solution for the Magnolia District. Careful study of the sketches will indicate the various ways in which the combined facility provides additional and more convenient space, both outdoor and indoor, for recreational and community programs.

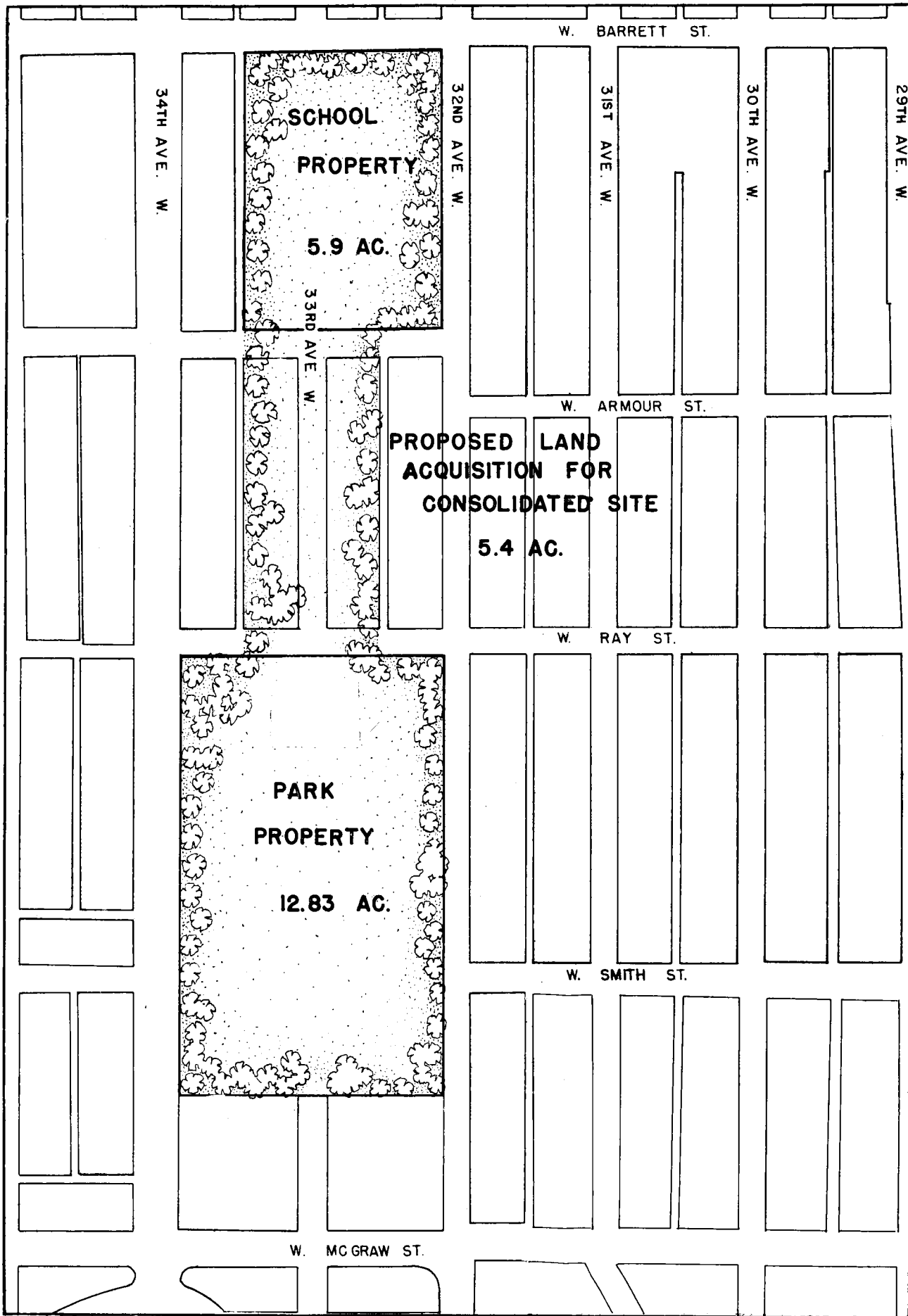
While the proposal represents a change from original discussions, the staffs believe the change is for the better, from the standpoint both of Magnolia residents and the city as a whole.

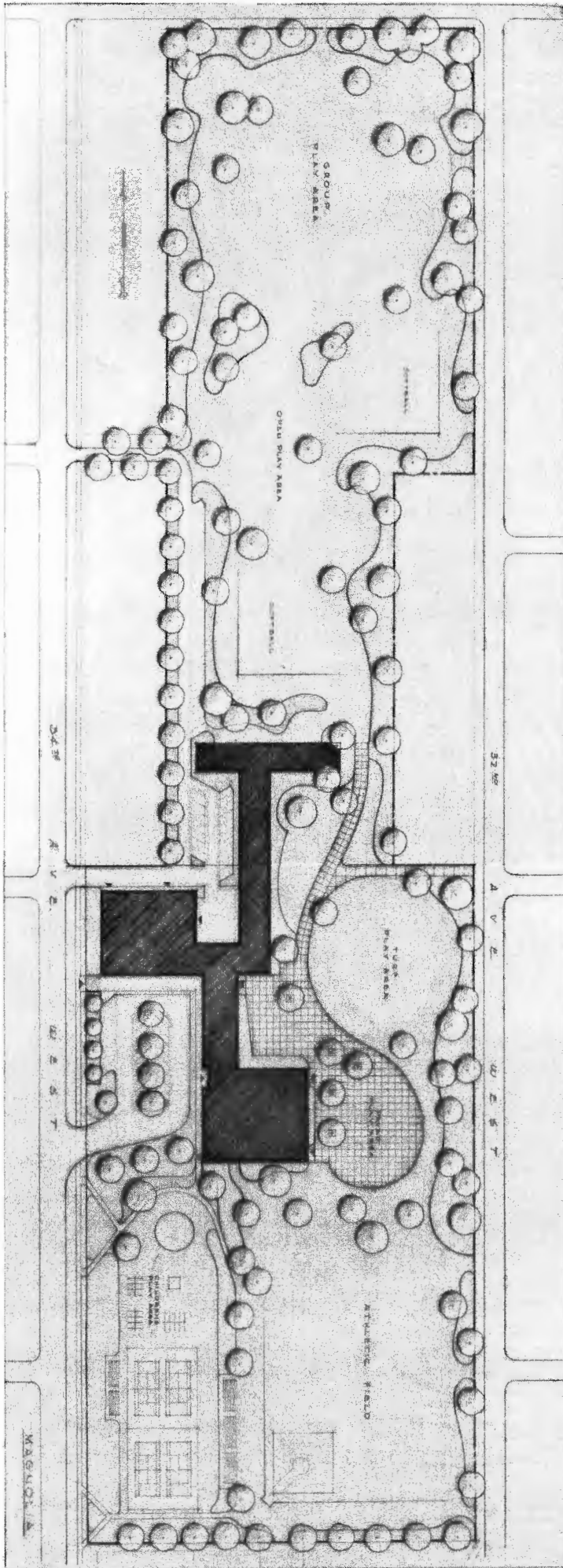
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Seattle Public Schools, 815 4th Ave. N., ALder 0900

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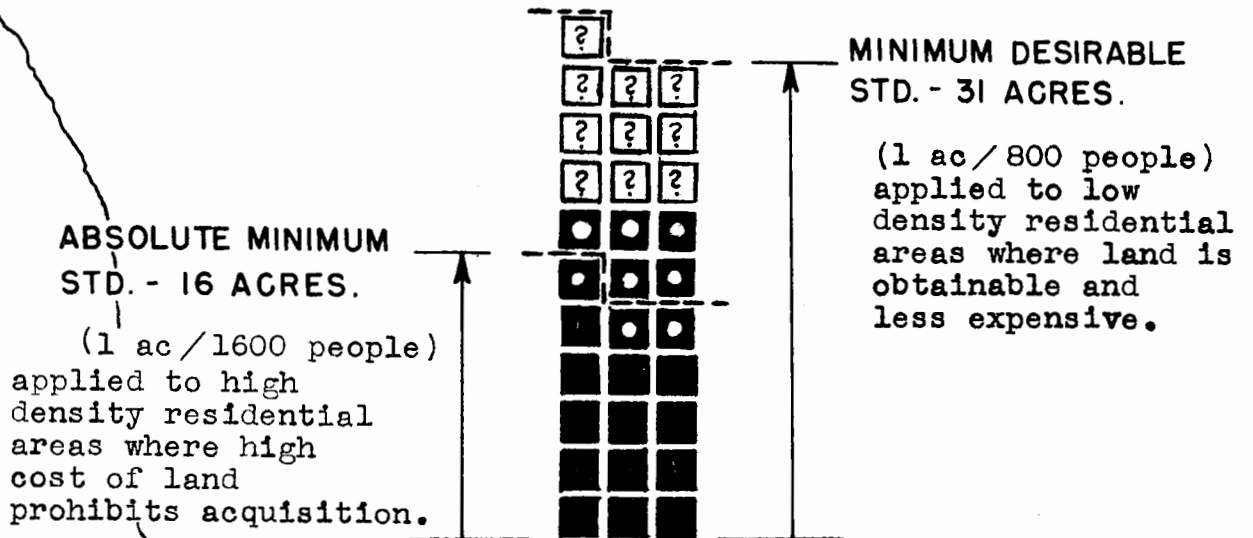


MAGNOLIA RECREATION STUDY

FUTURE PLAYFIELD NEEDS

FOR USE BY

YOUTHS & ADULTS



LEGEND: Each square = 1 ac

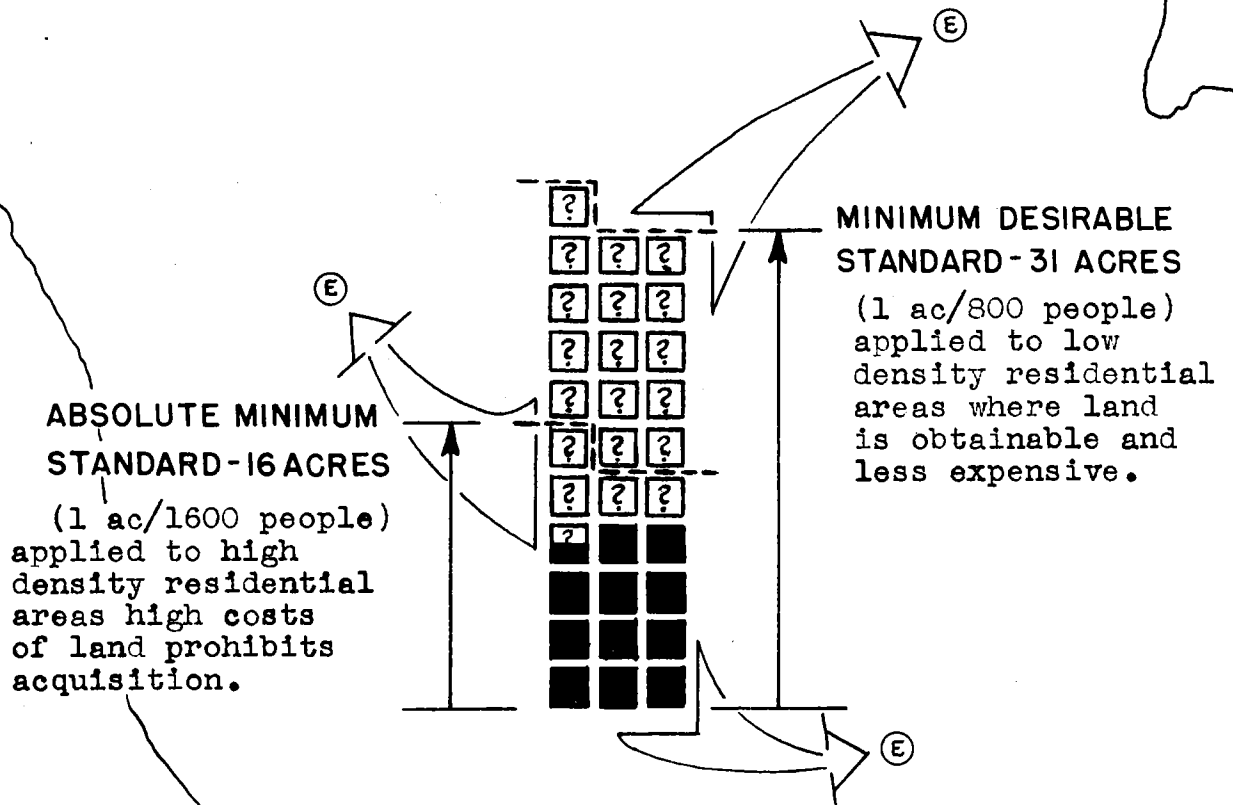
- Existing acreage
- Deficient acreage
- Proposed-acquisition
- ⊡ Acreage needed in addition to proposal

MAGNOLIA RECREATION STUDY

FUTURE PLAYGROUND NEEDS

FOR USE BY

YOUNGER CHILDREN

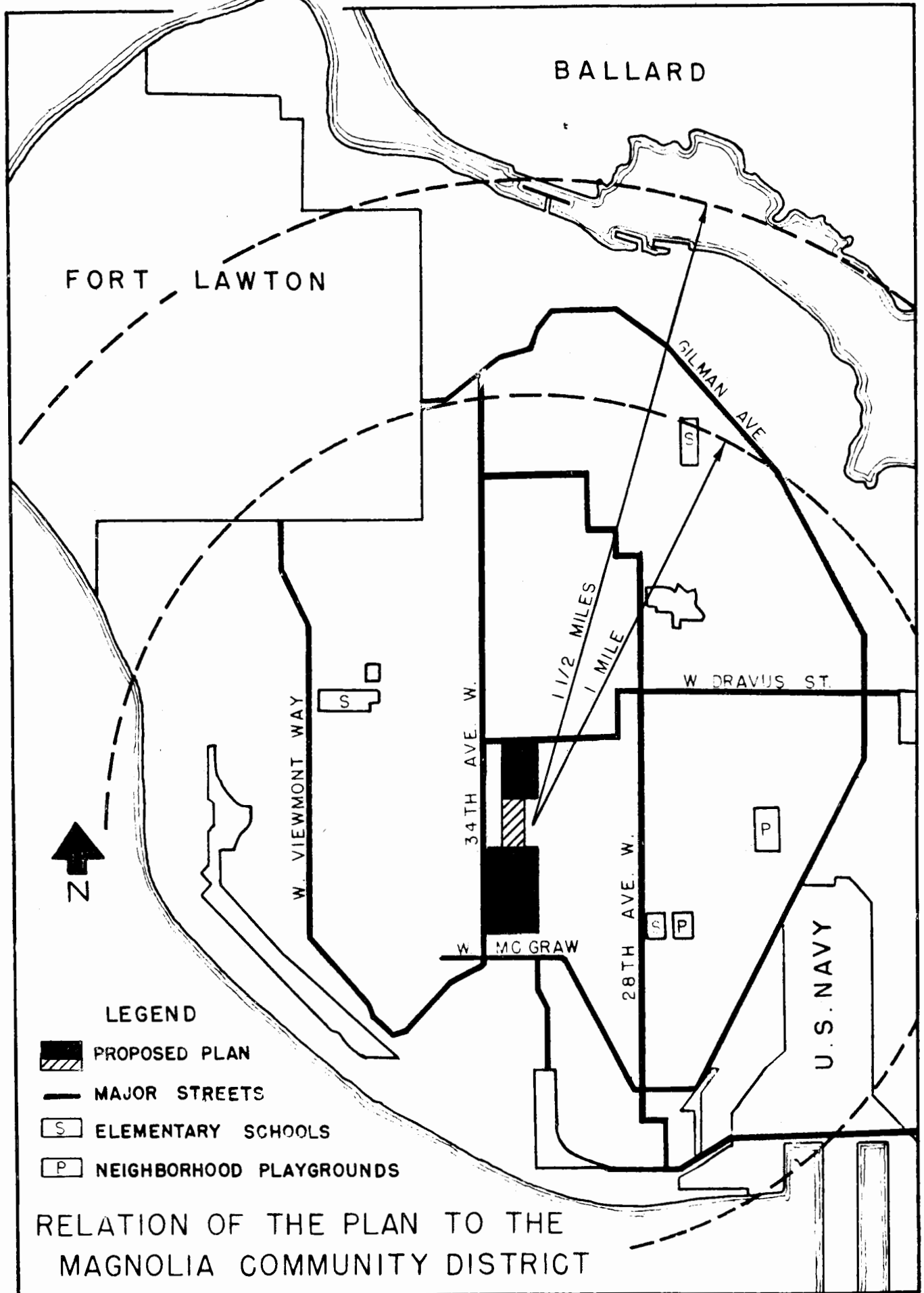


LEGEND: Each square = 1 ac

■ Existing acreage

□ ? Deficient acreage

Playgrounds should desirably be located adjacent to elementary schools



RELATION OF THE PLAN TO THE
MAGNOLIA COMMUNITY DISTRICT

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
SEATTLE 5

March 12, 1955.

The Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I feel it an honor to add my name to the group of those members proposing Mr. J. Lister Holmes for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

For more than a quarter of a century I have been acquainted with Mr. Holmes, with his practice, with his work for the Institute, and with his leadership in community affairs. For some time I have felt that he has deserved this honor as much as any architect in this region; so, it is with great satisfaction that I second this proposal.

I understand that a complete dossier of his work has been forwarded to your committee, so I won't dwell on this at length. However, I would like to point out certain aspects of it. Although, if compared to some of the large business-type offices, Mr. Holmes' office might be considered small, Mr. Holmes has always carried on his practice in the most professional way and with the highest ideals: he has always maintained a high standard of design; all of his work appears to have been meticulously studied and detailed with great care. This conscientious endeavor to produce good architecture regardless of cost to him, I believe is an outstanding characteristic of his practice.

During the depth of the depression I was associated with Mr. Holmes in the work of the Washington State Chapter of the Institute when he was President, I was Secretary. I can testify to the enormous amount of work and the leadership which he gave in holding the chapter together in those trying times.

Since that time, Mr. Holmes has gone on with his work with the Planning Commission, City of Seattle, and many other civic activities. Throughout it all, his career has advanced materially the profession of architecture in this city and this state.

Very sincerely yours,



Lance E. Gowen,
Professor of Architecture.
(Washington State Chapter, A.I.A.)

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Gentlemen of the Jury:

Nominee for Fellowship,
J. Lister Holmes - Seattle

In further extension of my endorsement of the above nomination for Fellowship in the Institute, I wish to state that I have known Mr. Holmes for more than thirty years, and have had occasion to be very closely in touch with his architectural activities and efforts in behalf of Design and City Planning.

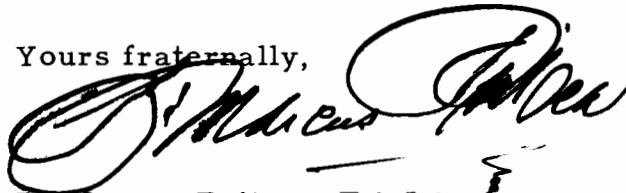
The detailed list of Lister's achievements enumerates the projects with which he has been identified, and I should add that I personally have intimately observed most of those buildings.

In addition to his studious application for building Design, he has put forth great effort in the last several years to the study and exemplification of the benefits of City Planning, and he is at present serving on the Seattle City Planning Commission, in extension of a long previous term on that board.

Mr. Holmes is outstanding in every other respect as a good citizen and member of our profession, and I unhesitatingly second his nomination to the College of Fellows.

With best respects for your consideration, and with personal regards, I remain,

Yours fraternally,



B. Marcus Priteca, F.A.I.A.

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Attention: Jury of Fellows

Re: J. Lister Holmes
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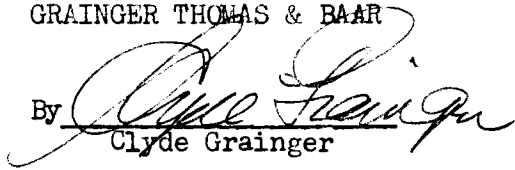
As a signer of above-named nomination, it is a privilege to testify to Mr. Holmes' qualifications. Specifically I am stressing his civic service record as outstanding and because my knowledge of this phase of his activities is personal and detailed.

The final four years of my service on the Seattle Planning Commission coincided with the first four when Lister was a member and (for two years) Chairman of that body. His efforts to build an adequate staff, and acquire a nationally recognized Consultant were an important contribution to the work of the Commission. He showed himself untiring in the development of the Comprehensive Plan, the detailed work of the staff and the Commission, the continued publicity for a better city through ~~this~~ intelligent use of planning and zoning.

I should be less than frank, if I claimed that complete harmony within the Commission was to be credited to Mr. Holmes' efforts. Rather he found it possible to achieve agreement through discussion and controversy. His city has reason to be proud of his contribution to the public good.

Sincerely yours,

GRAINGER THOMAS & BAAR

By 
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15-MARCH-55

Re: J. LISTER HOLMES
FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Miss Lewis:

Thank you for your letter Monday:

I called Mr. Pitcairn - he had just returned from a trip and said he would take care of sending along his letter immediately -

Mr. Granger said he had sent one but will send a copy - likewise Mr. Gower said he had sent one but would send a copy. Mr. Lowless is still out of town but airmailed to him (Los Angeles at this moment?) a request for his letter.

Thus you should have a complete file in time!

Thank you for your care in watching over important matters -

Thank you

Sincerely
Carl F. Gould.