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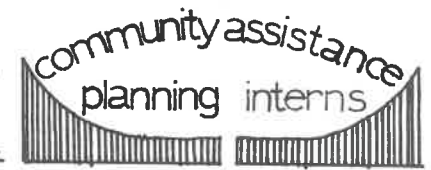
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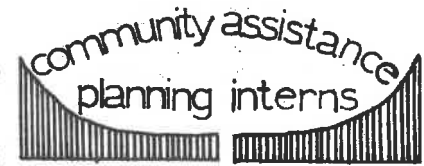
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Businessmen's Association
Fairmount Methodist Church
Glenway Woods Committee
Immanuel United Church of Christ
Independent Businessmen
Independent Residents

Martini United Church of Christ
Quebec Road Residents Council
Roosevelt School PTA
San Antonio Men's Society
St. Bonaventure Church
St. Bonaventure School PTA
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FORWARD

This report was prepared as a cooperative effort of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee and the Miami University Summer Planning Intern Program with the assistance of the Community Assistance Team #3. The summer's work, a two-part effort including the organization of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee and the development and documentation of this report, was initiated by a request from the South Fairmount Improvement Association for assistance in the preparation of the neighborhood for a comprehensive study and plan scheduled to begin in March, 1977, by the Community Assistance Team #3.

Miami University has been involved in South Fairmount during the past academic year, 1975-76, within the fourth year urban design studio of the Department of Architecture under the direction of Professor Bruce A. Tully. Work during this period involved an existing conditions study as well as a variety of specific architectural and urban design projects. Out of this program, the students formulated two recommendations. First, the community was in need of a citizen participation planning committee to work on the formulation of the community plan and to lobby for the implementation of that plan. Secondly, this committee should generate an interim policies plan as part of their in-service training and to serve as a rational basis for community and city activities while the Community Assistance Team #3 completes formal planning activities in South Fairmount.

Under Professor Tully, the role of the Miami University students has been extended into the summer months through the funding, under Community Development monies, of the two summer planning interns, both of whom were June, 1976, graduates of Miami University and had participated in the previous academic work in South Fairmount through their urban design studios.

The planning interns were then tasked with the following objectives, to be completed by the end of August:

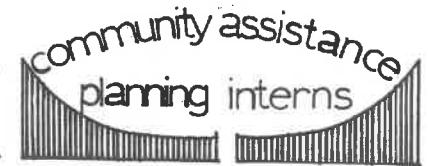
1. The establishment of a structure for a citizen participation organization in South Fairmount.
2. The formation of such a committee.
3. The training of its members in planning methodology and the existing situation in the community.
4. The documentation of a goals and policies statement for the community.

This report represents the accumulated ideas and concerns of the residents of South Fairmount as expressed during a series of weekly meetings of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee. The stated goals and objectives form the basis for the future development within the community of South Fairmount. While these statements are not "carved in stone" and must be responsive to changing needs of the community, such development or clarification of goals and objectives must come through further involvement and participation of those directly affected--the people who live and work in South Fairmount.

Through continued development and organization of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee, these goals and objectives will continue to develop and become more definitive. This document, therefore, represents a basic guideline for development for both the residents of the community and for the Community Assistance Team as they begin their comprehensive planning in the community.



CHARACTER



South Fairmount portrays an image which is quite unique for its location, part of a large metropolitan area. From the hillsides surrounding the community, it is easy to believe that you are actually in Cincinnati since Union Terminal and the skyscrapers of downtown can be seen clearly to the south. Yet, once in the valley, the community resembles a small town nestled in the hills. The heavily wooded slopes and the enclosing nature of the surrounding hillsides leaves the viewer cut off from the rest of the city. The small town impression is further enhanced by the age and the historic quality of the buildings. Above the businesses and housing in the central valley rise St. Francis Hospital and St. Bonaventure Church, providing a visual focus much as these institutions would in any town. Yet, South Fairmount is not a small town but part of a large city and this fact is driven home by the large amount of traffic that invades its boundaries every day on their way to and from work within Cincinnati.

The housing of the community speaks strongly of its history and its character. Although there are some new apartment buildings being constructed about the community, most of the housing remains single and two family giving the neighborhood a more intimate nature. Likewise, much of the housing is older, some from the late 1800's and early 1900's and includes many good examples of past architectural styles such as High Victorian and Italianate. Yet, the housing portrays quite plainly that South Fairmount has long been and still is a workingman's neighborhood.

South Fairmount is a small community, about 6000 residents at this time although it could accommodate a slightly larger population. This leaves the hillsides primarily undeveloped particularly to the south where slope conditions are quite steep.

The strongest node is the center of the valley along Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue. This has traditionally been the focal point of the community, its business district and its prime institutions, such as the hospital and the churches.



COMMUNITY HISTORY

The history of South Fairmount goes back to the 1820's when the first settlers moved into the Mill Creek Valley and the Lick Run Valley to farm. Due to the abundance of good farm land in the bottom of the Mill Creek Valley, this was the first area settled. From here the settlement pattern moved into the Lick Run Valley and then up the sides of the hills as the population grew and it was necessary to spread out.

The two hills at the entrance to the Lick Run Valley have been neighborhood landmarks over the years. To the south is Bald Knob which was long a focal point of western Cincinnati. It was the playground, picnic spot, and nature preserve as the western side of Cincinnati grew up. However, in the 1920's and 1930's, the hill was purchased and its topsoil used as fill for the train yards of Union Terminal. Since that time, the base of the hill has become a wholesale and storage region. At this time, the top of Bald Knob also sports the WXIX broadcasting tower. Fortunately, Bald Knob was included in the first Environmental Quality Hillside District to be established, thereby protecting its severely stripped slopes from further misuse. The hill to the north has been known by a variety of different names through the years. In the early 1850's, the Baptists built the Fairmount Theological Seminary on this site. The hill was later known as Schuetzenbueckel Hill which means marksmen's hill and the area became very popular in its day. The seminary burned in the 1880's and the hilltop has since been known as the St. Clair Heights Park.

As the Mill Creek Valley became industrialized, settlement moved into the Lick Run Valley. Since at this time, South Fairmount was unincorporated, many Cincinnati businessmen found it to their advantage to locate in the area to escape city taxes. However, in 1870, South Fairmount was incorporated into Cincinnati and the tax evaders in the area moved their factories closer to their homes.

Like most of Cincinnati, South Fairmount has a strong German heritage. In the 1850's and 1860's, approximately 80,000 German immigrants inhabited the western sector of Cincinnati. There was also a small group of French immigrants who chose to settle primarily along Quebec Road. Unfortunately, most of the French immigrants are gone although their heritage remains in many of the street names and the architectural detailing used on many of the homes. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, a large number of Italian immigrants moved into the area to work on the sewer that was being constructed. Most of these immigrants settled along the Upper Lick Run Valley.

South Fairmount derives its name from a J. A. Jones who owned large tracts of land in the area. The whole area was originally named Fairmount after the Fairmount Park in Philadelphia, and was later split into North, South and Central Fairmount.

Many of the buildings in South Fairmount have had interesting histories. The Adler Woolen Mill was used as an insane asylum from 1854 to 1860. The success of the institution was instrumental in the founding of the Longview State Hospital in 1860. St. Francis Hospital, St. Bonaventure Church, Immanuel Church and Martini Church have all been part of the neighborhood from the early days. Martini Church was used as an underground railroad station for many years prior to the Civil War.

Due to its prime location, South Fairmount and the Lick Run Valley have long been one of the prime traffic corridors from the western sector of Cincinnati into the downtown area. It is from this fact that many of the community's current problems stem. However, over the years, South Fairmount has retained its historic character as a refreshing counterpoint to the urban environment of 20th Century America.



SOUTH FAIRMOUNT

OUTLINE OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

For the past several years, many community organizations have been working somewhat independently within the South Fairmount neighborhood. During this period, the community has been deteriorating both physically and psychologically, a change which although not caused directly by the lack of coordination and cooperation of these groups, has certainly not been slowed by it.

In the fall of 1975, with the possibility of an upcoming neighborhood study, the South Fairmount Improvement Association--the largest and perhaps most effective of the community groups-- went to the city in search of an introduction to the planning process. At the same time, a fourth year urban design studio in the Department of Architecture at Miami University was seeking a neighborhood in which to offer its services and to develop its own educational program at the level of community planning and design.

For the following academic year, the Miami University students carried out numerous studies and design projects within South Fairmount, meeting with members of the South Fairmount Improvement Association both in work sessions and in review and critique of the academic projects. Through this process, the residents of South Fairmount gathered interest and momentum in their role in the neighborhood planning process.

In April of 1976, realizing the lack of coordination between the community organizations and the compelling need for a better informed community in regards to the procedures and methods of the now definite upcoming comprehensive study, the South Fairmount Improvement Association requested city assistance in the formation of a community planning committee bringing together all groups within the neighborhood and the development of a goals and policies statement by this committee to add direction to both the upcoming study by the city and to the various community groups. The city responded with federal funding for the two summer planning interns, students of Miami University who were familiar with the South Fairmount neighborhood and who were tasked with the objectives as outlined in the Forward of this document.

In order to formalize the community planning committee and to develop what has eventually become this document, a series of weekly meetings were held throughout the months of July and August. In order to draw together the various neighborhood groups and organizations, a publicity committee was quickly established and specific contacts were made with the various groups, eventually

resulting in the representation at some or all meetings by sixteen different neighborhood organizations, as well as independent businessmen and individual residents. The meeting format generally was comprised of two segments, the first being a discussion of the purpose, role and functional structure of the community planning committee, and the second segment became organized around a series of guest speakers from various city departments and agencies focusing upon a particular component area each week. Those areas included: transportation, education, business and industry, medical and social services, parks, recreation, and open space, and housing.

These component segments were effective for several reasons:

1. They provided a format which the residents could use to voice their concerns about various problems to specific representatives of the specific agencies.
2. The speakers presented very strong encouragement and impetus for the generation of an effective forceful community organization.
3. The segments provided a format through which the residents became familiar with their own neighborhood and with the various procedures carried out within different departments and agencies of the city.
4. The discussion and verbal exchange between residents and guest speakers provided a format from which goals and policies could be drawn, synthesized and represented to the community planning committee, the neighborhood and the city.

This document is that assimilation and synthesis of the community planning committee's discussions, formalized and reviewed by the members of the steering committee. At a meeting on the evening of August 20, 1976, this document was approved with the complete support and backing of the steering committee of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee.

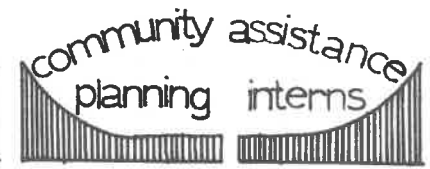
With the development of organization within the community planning committee, the direction and momentum have been established for the continuing evolution of the neighborhood group as it looks forward to the Community Assistance Team's participation in the neighborhood in March, 1977.

Definitions:

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DEFINITIONS



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POLICIES: Delineations of goals in quantifiable terms, establishing measurable accomplishment criteris for the plan or program under consideration.



OVER-RIDING GOALS

Although for the sake of clarity and ease of use, the goals and policies determined by the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee have been presented in this document as separate units. However, it must be remembered that these goals and their respective policies form an integrated whole to be considered and acted upon as such. A problem in one component area will also manifest itself in several other areas as well. It does no good to treat only isolated symptoms without treating the cause of the disease as well. Therefore, it is our hope and the hope of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee that this statement will be considered by the respective city agencies and departments as a cohesive whole and acted upon as such for the betterment of South Fairmount and Cincinnati as a whole.

As a guide in the activities of the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee this summer, the boundary lines utilized have been those established by the City Planning Commission since they are more inclusive than the census tract boundaries previously used.

OVERRIDING GOALS:

TRANSPORTATION: The maintenance and improvement of accessibility for car, bus and pedestrian within the South Fairmount community and the development of a continuing process of investigation of traffic related problems.

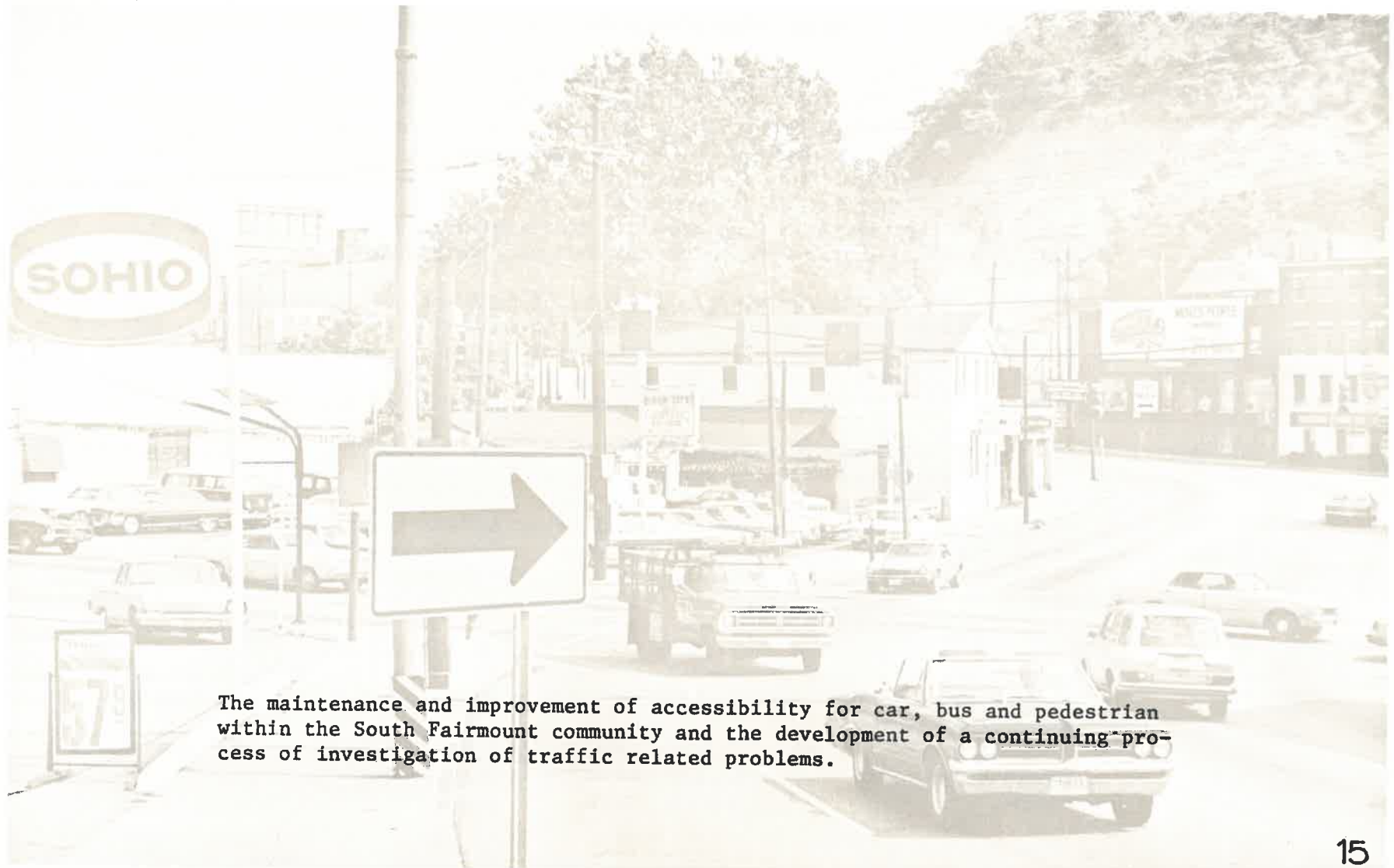
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY: Maintain and improve existing designated neighborhood business districts as economically viable districts serving both the needs of the South Fairmount community and the specialized needs of the Western Hills population.

HOUSING: Develop and maintain an overall land use pattern which supports the present housing pattern and further encourage such a land use pattern which will strengthen the benefits of residential improvement and an eventual expansion of the total housing stock.

EDUCATION: Promote the development of both individual and community habits and skills leading toward more beneficial and satisfying social roles through encouraging greater effectiveness in the development and improvement of educational opportunities at all age levels.

COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES: Encourage greater effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of the residents of South Fairmount in the area of human services and promoting the further development of community and city programs which seek to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Encourage sufficient land to be reserved within the community for parks, recreation and open space in order to maintain and improve the quality of life within South Fairmount.



The maintenance and improvement of accessibility for car, bus and pedestrian within the South Fairmount community and the development of a continuing process of investigation of traffic related problems.



TRANSPORTATION

1. Encourage safer vehicular and pedestrian circulation for both residents and commuters.
 - a. Encourage the police department to more strongly enforce the traffic control regulations, with particular concern directed toward speed enforcement along Queen City Avenue, Westwood Avenue, and Harrison Avenue during rush hour traffic.
 - b. Encourage the police department to more strongly enforce traffic signals and crosswalks regulations at the following locations: Westwood and Grand Avenues, St. Francis Hospital, and St. Bonaventure School.
 - c. The police department and the Board of Education should be encouraged to provide additional crossing guards within the neighborhood, particularly at the major traffic intersections.
 - d. Encourage Traffic Engineering to use all possible speed in the continued development and implementation of Scheme 1 for the extension of Westwood Avenue to Sunset Avenue.
 - e. Traffic Engineering should be encouraged to explore the possibility of reducing the speed limit on the section of Harrison Avenue from Fairmount Avenue to Queen City Avenue because of the particularly dangerous curves in this area.

2. Improve access to all neighborhood residences and businesses through a general improvement in the quality of all streets and hillside stairs.
 - a. Encourage Traffic Engineering and local organizations to explore the need for off-street parking available to both residences and businesses within the community.
 - b. The police department is encouraged to strictly enforce rush hour on-street parking bans along Queen City Avenue and Westwood Avenue.
 - c. Promote the repair, cleaning and lighting of the hillside stairs as soon as possible in order to improve and facilitate pedestrian circulation about the valley.
 - d. Traffic Engineering is encouraged to upgrade and maintain all residential streets as soon as possible to assure at least a width of two lanes and curbing to improve safety and accessibility.
 - e. Pedestrian curb-cuts to facilitate circulation by the elderly and the handicapped should be promoted throughout the community particularly along Queen City and Westwood Avenue.

3. Adequate mass transit service should be promoted within a reasonable walking distance for all residents of South Fairmount.
 - a. Encourage city organizations and agencies, especially the Queen City Metro, to maintain and increase weekday bus service during non-peak hours.
 - b. Promote the construction of bus shelters in the area of the Quebec Road Housing Project, Queen City and Harrison Avenues, and Westwood and Harrison Avenues.
 - c. Promote the adequate provision of seating at all bus stops with particular attention to the large numbers of elderly residents relying upon city bus transportation.
 - d. Encourage Queen City Metro to conduct a feasibility study to determine the demand for direct bus service from South Fairmount to business and community service locations within the surrounding communities.
 - e. Encourage further study and development of the OKI mass transit proposal for a bus lane or light rail system connecting the Western Hills area with downtown Cincinnati utilizing the C&O Railroad right-of-way and readily accessible to the residents of South Fairmount.

4. Promote the development of a standard process of review and action by which transportation questions and concerns can be transmitted from an individual through the community organization and ultimately to the appropriate city or area-wide agency or department.



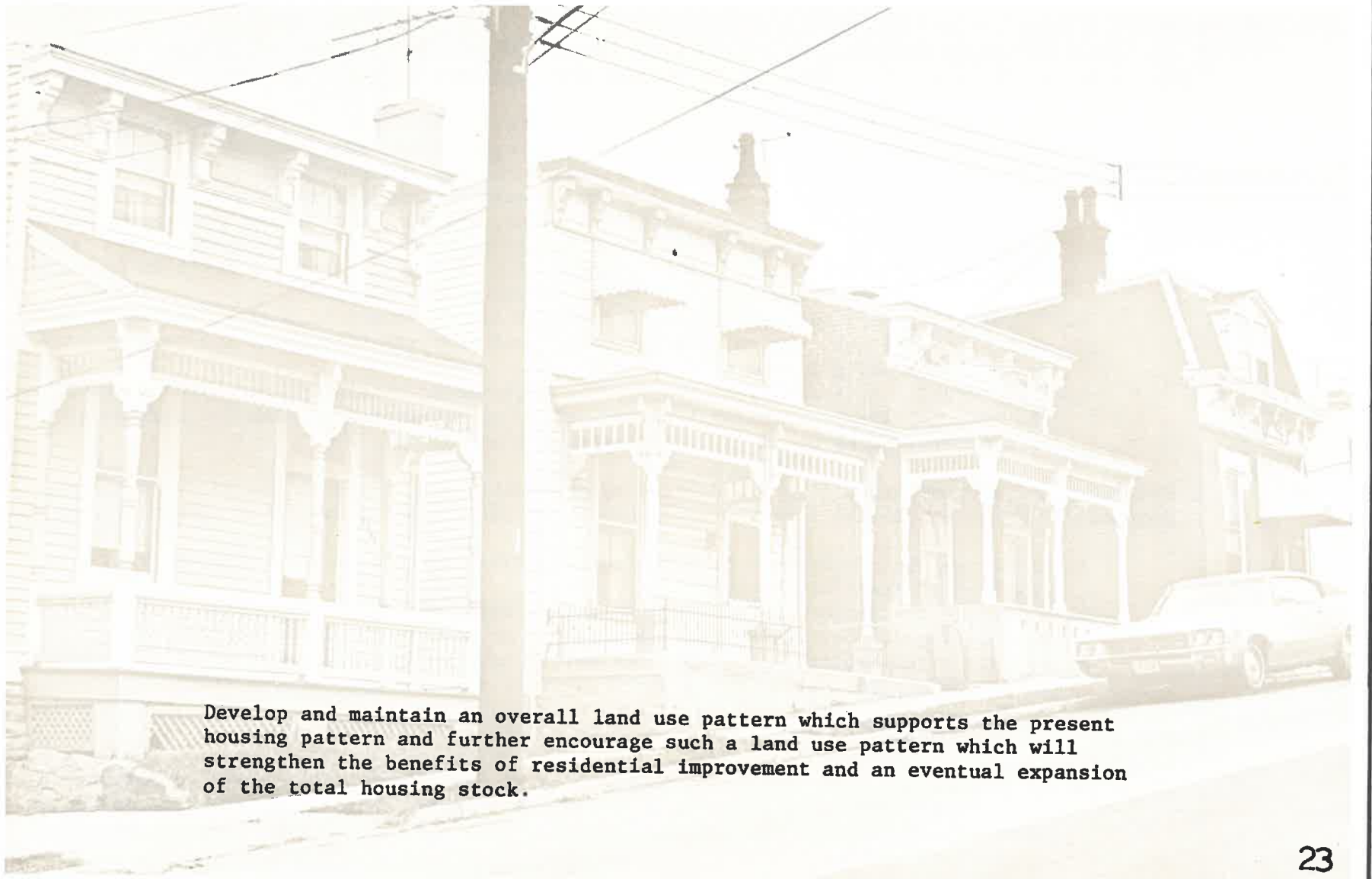
Maintain and improve existing designated neighborhood business districts as economically viable districts serving both the needs of the South Fairmount community and the specialized needs of the Western Hills population.



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

1. Improve the existing business districts located along the Westwood Avenue/Queen City Avenue traffic corridor emphasizing increased access and greater safety in pedestrian and vehicular movement around the business establishments.
 - a. Strongly encourage an intensive study of the existing transportation patterns exploring the effect on the economic viability of the businesses:
 - 1) the one-way street system
 - 2) existing speed regulations and lack of enforcement
 - 3) limited on-street parking due to the peak hour restrictions.
 - b. Within such a study, explore the effect upon business and industries created by the temporary closing of the Western Hills Viaduct, the more permanent long-run affect of the viaduct improvements, and the foreseeable conditions which will arise pursuant to the further extension of Westwood Avenue and the various schemes proposed as alternatives.
 - c. Provide increased access to business and industry:
 - 1) Additional parking spaces, preferably off-street, must be sought in immediate access to the existing businesses.
 - 2) Business owners and city agencies must be encouraged to maintain pedestrian walks in both proper repair and cleanliness.
 - d. Provide greater safety for residents and consumers:
 - 1) Existing traffic control and speed regulations must be more stringently enforced by the City Police to insure greater safety in both pedestrian and vehicular circulations within the business districts.
 - 2) Traffic Engineering must be encouraged to maintain existing pedestrian crosswalks and to develop a safe means of crossing throughout the traffic corridor.
 - 3) Traffic Engineering must be encouraged to devise safer alternatives to the sidewalks directly adjacent and parallel to the major vehicular traffic routes (i.e. Queen City Avenue).
2. Improve the overall existing business environment within South Fairmount by encouraging greater and more pleasant opportunities for the residents of the community.

- a. Provide greater incentives to the establishment of a wider range of goods and services available within South Fairmount, particularly through integrating broad policies of the business environment with existing and suggested residential and transportation improvements.
 - b. Encourage the establishment of a committee to make recommendations to the City and property owners for the improvement of aesthetics, including signage, within the neighborhood business districts.
 - c. Business and industry must recognize the positive role they can and should play in the betterment of the community through increased resident employment, new training programs for employees, and increased support for other community-wide activities and programs.
 - d. Enhancing the image of both the community and the business by encouraging the cooperation of businesses and industrial establishments in the maintenance and cleanliness of their property.
 - e. Emphasize the mutual benefit the community can derive by the betterment of services and relations for both business and industry.
3. Promote the development of a standard process of review and action by which problems and questions concerning business and industry can be transmitted by an individual through the community organization to the appropriate neighborhood business or industry, or to the appropriate city or area-wide agency, department, or organization.



Develop and maintain an overall land use pattern which supports the present housing pattern and further encourage such a land use pattern which will strengthen the benefits of residential improvement and an eventual expansion of the total housing stock.



HOUSING

1. Encourage all steps necessary to maintain all housing within South Fairmount in good condition in order to insure public safety and to enhance the attractiveness and comfort of the community.
 - a. The Community Planning Committee should encourage its member organizations to promote the improvement and maintenance of homes throughout the neighborhood by:
 - 1) Promoting special beautification programs and campaigns.
 - 2) Encouraging residential rehabilitation throughout the community.
 - 3) Encouraging private funding sources, building and loan companies, etc. to play an active role in the rehabilitation of the neighborhood.
 - 4) Establishing a committee tasked with the notification of specific city agencies and departments concerning suspected code violations.
 - b. The City Building and Maintenance Department and the Board of Health must be encouraged to inspect and take action upon residences and property throughout the neighborhood suspected of being in violation of the code.
 - c. The Community Assistance Team and Traffic Engineering should be encouraged to explore the need for greater availability and safety of off-street parking for residences particularly along Queen City and Westwood Avenues.
2. Recognize the current trend toward a decreasing population and strive to initially stabilize population levels and in the long run encourage a gradual overall increase in community population.
 - a. Encourage the development of a zoning plan which encourages stability within the residential areas of the community.
 - b. Encourage the replacement of deteriorated housing with new development, rather than encouraging further residential development of open space or hillsides.
 - c. Promote a feasibility study directed toward new low income housing and elderly housing, to follow similar patterns for development as the existing housing stock.
3. Maintain the character of housing as it presently exists in South Fairmount.
 - a. In conjunction with concurrent improvement of conditions within other components of the neighborhood, encourage the City Planning Commission to study and develop zoning districts which encourage residential development compatible with existing housing.

- b. The City Planning Commission is encouraged to maintain the existing density of housing in the community, maintaining the predominantly one and two family housing character.
 - c. The Community Planning Committee should further encourage rehabilitation and redevelopment to follow the character established by existing housing.
 4. Encourage recognition and appreciation of structures of historical significance and interest which contribute to the community's unique character and attractive atmosphere.
 - a. The Community Planning Committee through a housing subcommittee should work with existing agencies to have appropriate buildings and objects listed on the National Register.
 - b. The city agencies and departments should be encouraged to assist in the maintenance of such buildings as deemed appropriate to restore and maintain due to the unique benefits presented to South Fairmount and to the City.
 5. Promote the development of a standard process of review and action by which housing questions and concerns can be transmitted from and individual through the community organization and ultimately to the appropriate city or area-wide agency or department.



Promote the development of both individual and community habits and skills leading toward more beneficial and satisfying social roles through encouraging greater effectiveness in the development and improvement of educational opportunities at all age levels.



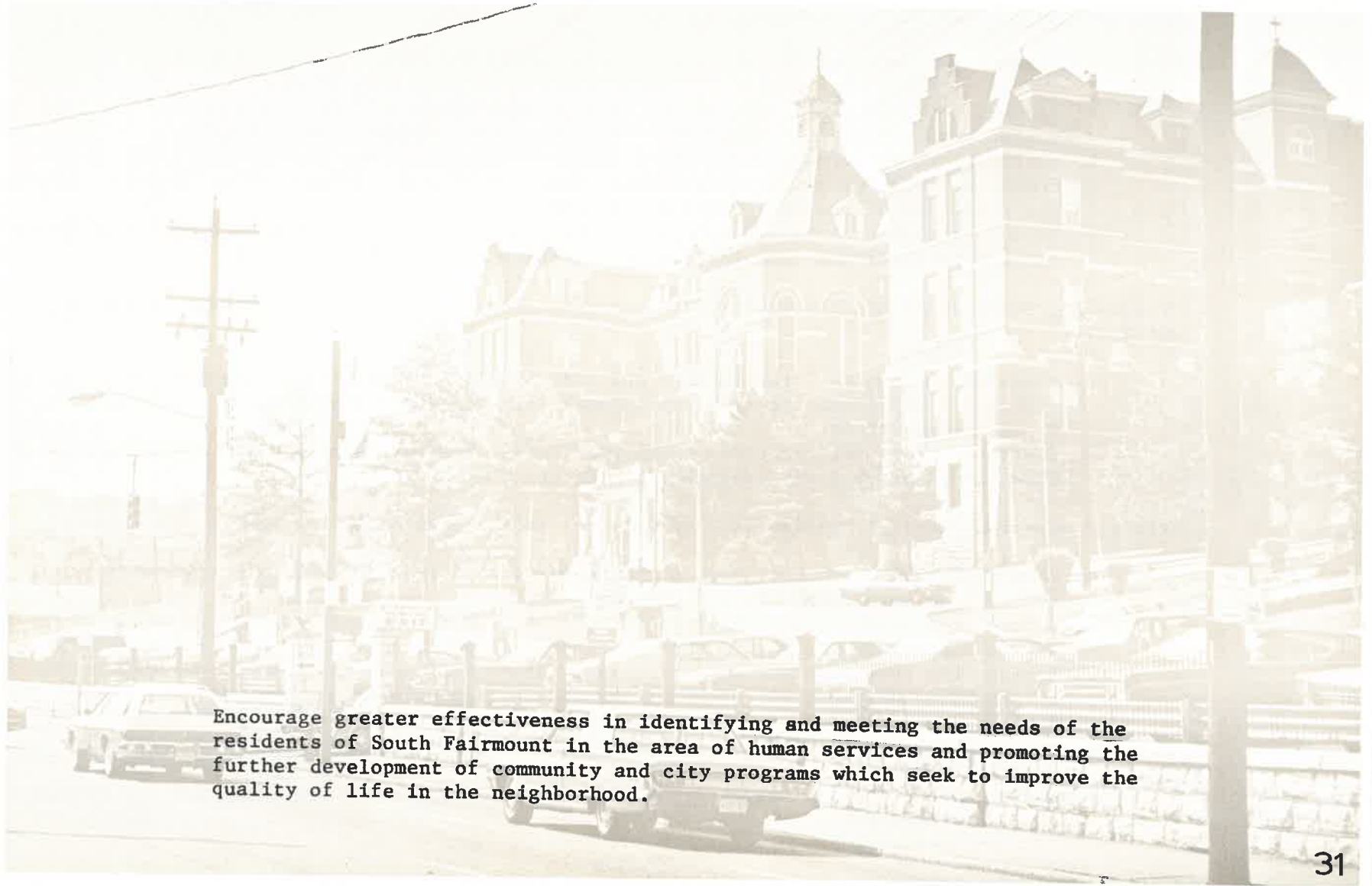
EDUCATION

1. Promote a broader range of opportunities and more competent administration and staff within the schools serving the neighborhood, and encouraging a stabilizing influence in the currently declining school population.
 - a. Re-establish and support the non-academic, cultural and athletic programs within the area elementary schools, seeking out supportive funding from city agencies, the Board of Education, and local businessmen and residents.
 - b. Organize special remedial programs within the elementary schools which are directed toward the basic reading, writing, and spelling deficiencies which are significant in these schools. Request both local and city financial support for the attainment of a specialist in this area to assist in the development of such a remedial program.
 - c. Develop a policy and program for dealing with the growing problems of discipline and truancy throughout the neighborhood educational system.
 - d. Through the above policies and a comprehensive neighborhood plan for South Fairmount, encourage the Community Planning Committee and the Board of Education to focus attention on the currently declining enrollment in the schools serving the community.
 - e. Request the Board of Education to increase the availability of the city's alternative schools to the residents of South Fairmount.

2. Encourage a more intensive involvement and cooperation between the parents, staff, administrators, and youth within the community schools and to encourage the broader involvement of community and city-wide agencies and organizations in bringing additional opportunities and resources into the reach of the South Fairmount community.
 - a. Through greater recognition of the knowledge and skills of those involved, and through specific educational programs directed at organization and community activism, encourage a more active and informed parent-teacher organization within each of the neighborhood schools.
 - b. By an improved and expanded overall educational program and a stronger parent-teacher organization, emphasize the necessity of a community-wide cooperation and financial support for educational programs.

3. Increase the effectiveness and capabilities of the adult population in their roles in personal, family and community leadership and organization.
 - a. Promote the establishment and maintenance of a community-wide adult education program.
 - b. Demand the attention of the Board of Education, the city's institutions of higher education, and community health agencies in both organizing and partially funding such an adult education program.
4. Encourage further development and greater maintenance of the educational experiences available to pre-school children.
 - a. Request the Welfare Department, local businessmen, the United Appeal, and other similar agencies and organizations to explore the possibility of additional day care facilities and the support of both existing and requested facilities.
 - b. Encourage the Board of Education to further explore the potential addition of staff and facilities for the development of both nursery school and day care facilities.
 - c. Encourage the neighborhood churches in further developing their programs directed toward the pre-school age children.
5. Promote greater safety and accessibility to the schools serving South Fairmount, encouraging safer and more efficient circulation paths and methods between the educational facility and the home.
 - a. Request a study by the Department of Traffic Engineering to determine:
 - 1) the feasibility of additional safety or warning devices at existing crosswalks.
 - 2) the possibility of alternative means for crossing the major automobile paths.
 - 3) possible changes to the existing sidewalks (particularly along Queen City and Westwood Avenues) which would allow greater safety both for children and residents in general.
 - b. Request the Board of Education to extend bus service for those very young children who, by necessity, must cross both Queen City and Westwood Avenues in order to attend school.
 - c. Encourage greater enforcement by city police of existing traffic regulations, particularly at times when school children are present.

6. Encourage racial mixture and cultural diversity of the students and staff in all schools and educational programs serving the South Fairmount community.
 - a. Support balance between black/white attendance in community schools.
 - b. Support, in conjunction with Goal 1, a wider range of cultural experiences focusing upon racial and cultural themes.
7. Strongly encourage a re-evaluation of the existing school district boundaries, with particular focus upon the newer residences in the area and the impact of the heavily travelled Lick Run Valley traffic corridor.
 - a. Request the Board of Education to carry out this study, with local support and assistance, with particular concern for the temporary closing of the Western Hills viaduct, the dramatic safety hazards presented by the major traffic routes, the inconvenience to residents presented by the current busing routes and policies and the inconvenience to residents near the district boundary lines particularly in the Quebec Road/Provincial Court area.
8. Promote the development of a standard process of review and action by which educational questions and concerns can be transmitted from an individual through the community organization and ultimately to the appropriate city or area-wide agency or department.



Encourage greater effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of the residents of South Fairmount in the area of human services and promoting the further development of community and city programs which seek to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.



COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES

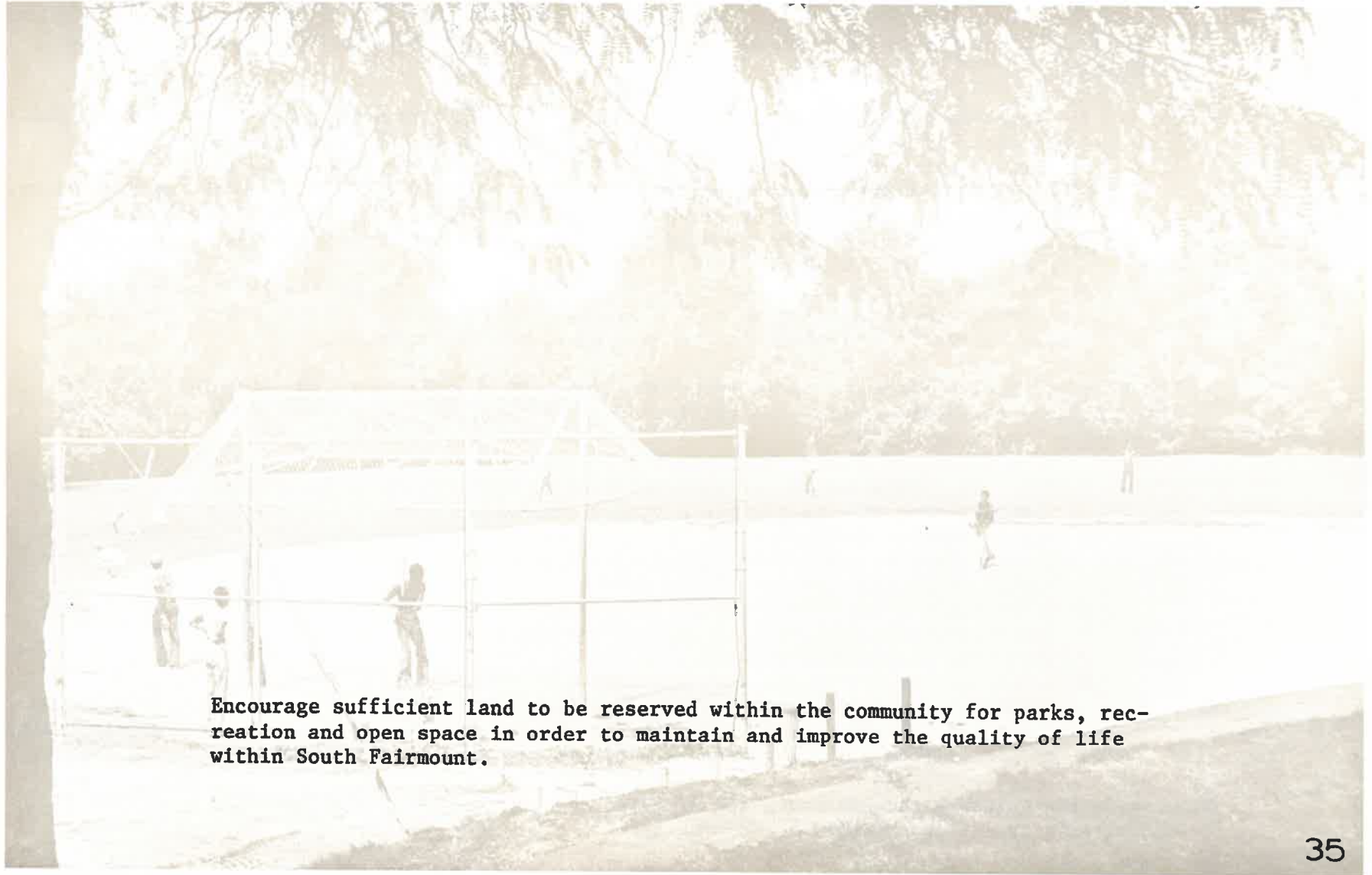
1. Promote a greater awareness of the variety of human needs throughout South Fairmount.
 - a. Encourage the Community Assistance Team to develop a comprehensive study of the health, social and governmental needs and concerns of the neighborhood residents.
 - b. Encourage cooperation between the Community Assistance Team and the community planning committee to develop a process whereby these needs and concerns can be addresses within the structure of the respective organizations.
 - c. To maintain an ongoing sensitivity to the changing problems, develop a method by which changes in needs and concerns can be incorporated into that process.
2. Promote a greater awareness throughout both the community and the city of existing community services.
 - a. Encourage community organizations and city agencies to develop a directory of available services within the area and to make this directory available to all residents of the neighborhood.
 - b. Encourage those organizations which provide services or facilities to further publicize and promote their available resources.
3. Strongly encourage greater availability of services in the area of public health and safety.
 - a. Encourage the maintenance and further expansion of existing medical services provided to the neighborhood by St. Francis Hospital.
 - b. Request the study of the availability of services to the neighborhood as would exist with the proposed removal of the St. Francis Hospital facilities from the neighborhood.
 - c. Promote the establishment and maintenance of professional medical offices within the neighborhood particularly studying the feasibility of a clinic facility and staff.
 - d. Encourage the development of programs by local public, private and city agencies and organizations to provide transportation assistance to residents of South Fairmount with particular attention directed to the needs of the elderly and handicapped.
 - e. To increase effective police protection particularly traffic related, for the safety of life and property.

- f. Maintain the high quality of fire protection and their existing facilities within the neighborhood.
4. Encourage greater availability of postal services within the community.
 - a. Encourage the establishment by the postal service of a small branch post office or facility to provide mailing and delivery services as well as stamps and other similar services.
5. Develop a strong and effective community planning committee and improve its representativeness within the neighborhood.
 - a. Encourage further support by the various organizations within the neighborhood for the Community Planning Committee.
 - b. Develop a solid organizational structure within the South Fairmount Community Planning Committee.
 - c. Develop an effective subcommittee structure to provide the driving force within the Community Planning Committee for direction and improvement in the different component areas.
 - d. Develop and maintain close ties with neighborhood councils from the surrounding communities.
 - e. Encourage and promote close ties with the staff of various City agencies and departments, particularly encouraging an effective working relationship with the Community Assistance Team when the study and planning process intensifies in March, 1977.
6. Encourage the greater availability of library facilities within the community.
 - a. Request that the Hamilton County Library provide regular library services for the community either through permanent facilities or frequent availability of mobile facilities.
7. Promote the development of a standard process of review and action by which community service questions and concerns can be transmitted from an individual through the community organization and ultimately to the appropriate city or area-wide agency or department.



SOUTH FAIRMOUNT

PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE



Encourage sufficient land to be reserved within the community for parks, recreation and open space in order to maintain and improve the quality of life within South Fairmount.



PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

1. Steps should be taken to maintain and improve the existing recreation facilities within the community.
 - a. Encourage the police to patrol the existing facilities within the community, St. Clair Heights Park and the South Fairmount Athletic Field, more carefully to reduce the current rate of vandalism in these areas and to enforce closing hours.
 - b. Both the Recreation Commission and the Park Commission should be encouraged to improve the quality of their maintenance of their facilities within South Fairmount.
 - c. The Recreation Commission should be encouraged to provide additional lighting at the South Fairmount Athletic Field.
 - d. All City agencies which own property within South Fairmount should be encouraged to maintain their property in such a manner that it can be used as additional open space and recreation areas and is not an eyesore to the community.
2. The City and the residents of South Fairmount should be encouraged to work together to bring the available recreation facilities within South Fairmount into accordance with the National Recreation Standards and Norms.
 - a. The Park Commission or the Recreation Commission should be encouraged to explore the possibilities of establishing a park in the western end of the community.
 - b. The Recreation Commission and the residents should be encouraged to work together in the planning and establishment of an indoor recreation facility within the community which would serve all age groups.
 - c. Encourage the Recreation Commission to explore the possibility of establishing more tot lots in the community to service the residential areas particularly on the western side of the neighborhood.
 - d. Encourage the Recreation Commission to explore the possibility of enlarging the South Fairmount Athletic Field by the addition of the Klauritter's property which is currently for sale. This investigation should include the possibility of establishing an indoor recreation facility on this new property, possibly in the existing structure.
3. Provide the valuable companionship and experiences which can be gained through recreation to individuals of all ages within the community.

- a. The residents and the Recreation Commission should explore the possibility of improving the existing elderly center at Immanuel Church or establishing a new center to meet the needs of the senior citizens in the community.
 - b. The residents and the Recreation Commission should explore the possibilities of establishing some type of youth organization or organized recreation for the teenagers in the community which would provide them with the leadership and guidance which many currently lack in their lives.
4. Insure the preservation of sufficient land both public and private within the community to maintain the current ratio of open space to developed land.
- a. The South Fairmount Community Planning Committee supports the Glenway Woods project and hopes to see the preserve eventually extended into South Fairmount.
 - b. The South Fairmount Community Planning Committee supports the current Environmental Quality District Legislation for Bald Knob and hopes to see its protections extended to other critical slope areas within the community.
5. Promote a standard process of review and action by which recreation questions and concerns can be transmitted from an individual through the organization and ultimately to the appropriate city agency or department.