

Issue: Day Care

Child care for working parents is a vital component in the economic health and social stability of the community. Without it, low income parents in particular cannot hold jobs or finish their education. Working parents of all income levels depend upon this social service. Our demographic pattern also shows that the care during the work day of elderly parents living with their children is a parallel need. Day care is a citywide issue.

GOAL: PROVIDE QUALITY CHILD AND ADULT CARE AS NEEDED IN RESIDENTIAL AND EMPLOYMENT AREAS.

Policy: Encourage the provision of child and adult care near schools and parks.

Policy: Facilitate the provision of child and adult care in single-family neighborhoods at a scale compatible with surrounding uses. Consider the impacts of traffic and noise when designating sites for day care.

Issue: Recreation and Open Space

The Town Lake parkland, numerous creek greenbelts and wilderness, and attractive neighborhood parks make Sector Twelve enjoyable for residents and the community at large. Comprehensive planning for parkland is essential and the Sector Twelve Council agrees with the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan in concept. Generous private donations within the Sector of parkland and maintenance should complement the City's efforts to acquire additional parkland and increase the level of such parkland maintenance. Environmental treasures should be protected.

GOAL: IMPLEMENT THE TOWN LAKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Policy: Insofar as the Town Lake Comprehensive Plan encompasses Sector Twelve, it is part of this Sector Plan. Its implementation is the highest priority for recreation and open space in the Sector.

Policy: Develop Town Lake Corridor parkland-related facilities that take advantage of the natural setting without dominating it.

Policy: Protect neighborhoods from negative impacts (noise, excess parking, unsocial behavior) associated with large events held in the Town Lake Corridor.

Policy: Provide safe pedestrian access on both sides of Drake Bridge.

GOAL: ENHANCE THE NATURAL FEATURES OF TOWN LAKE.

Policy: Utilize water from Town Lake for irrigation of parkland in the Town Lake Corridor.

Policy: Protect and improve the water quality of Town Lake and the creeks by avoiding City use of herbicides and fertilizers in the Town Lake Corridor and greenbelts.