

## **EXHIBITS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 1991  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Leclaire/Hearst neighborhood is located on the far Southwest side, near Midway Airport in the predominantly White ethnic Garfield Ridge Community of Chicago. Leclaire/Hearst is a small, isolated, predominantly Black neighborhood which consists of residents of Leclaire Courts CHA Public Housing and black homeowners referred to as the Hearst neighborhood.

In 1988, a petition by area youths of the Clarence Darrow Family Resource Center, Leclaire/Hearst Youth Steering Committee, was generated to request additional park recreation and social activities to the Chicago Park District. After many meetings and discussion by CPD and area leaders, it was determined that our park was too small to accommodate the programs and activities discussed and listed on the petition. This petition which generated 1,000 area resident signatures prompted interest by community leaders to answer questions on how our park (Leclaire/Hearst Park Community Center) could address the increased demand for family and youth activities in our community.

A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Year XVI, proposal was submitted in 1989. This proposal requested funding to conduct a feasibility study to expand our park. The expansion activities would include the park building itself and additional land to expand our park in-door and out-door recreational activities. The proposal was approved and funding began in January, 1990.

The project goals were to:

1. Acquire additional park property of unused area land.
2. Survey the community to determine desired park programs and added uses of an expanded building.
3. Facilitate community meetings with city, park and area leaders to provide input on the project for design plans.
4. Develop design plans.
5. Locate initial funding sources for leverage in fund raising activities to implement design plans and construction.

The project officially ended in May, 1991 with all goals and objectives met. The feasibility study project proved to be implementable and the proposal set the groundwork for park expansion activities.

Phase II of our expansion plans will require additional funding for implementation and construction. As of May, 1991, the activities of the Leclaire/Hearst Park Local Advisory Council will continue in this fund raising and oversight project effort.

**SAMPLE OF KEY CORRESPONDENCE**

**(FILE COPIES)**

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November 18, 1993

Chicago Park District  
Ms. Gwen Lacroche,  
Director, External Affairs  
423 E. McFetridge  
Chicago, IL 60605

In Re: Leclaire/Hearst Park Expansion/Rehabilitation  
Project

Dear Ms. Lacroche:

I have written several letters to park officials seeking information on the status of our expansion plans. (See Attached.)

This project has been long awaited and is truly a community based project. It is our hope that after the expansion, we will be able to have an additional facility constructed in which WE are responsible for fund raising to build.

Our park is very small. We have many community problems with gangs, drugs, teen pregnancy, school drop outs etc. The completion of this project is critical if we desire to offer alternatives to our youth, families and community.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of our letters and information on our project.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Williams,  
Project Director

Enc. 2 Letters

cc: Congressman William O. Lipinski  
Alderman Munoz



**FILE**

# LeClaire/Hearst Park Local Advisory Council

## LeClaire/Hearst Park Facilities Expansion Project

For Families & Youths

5120 W. 44th Street • Chicago, IL 60638  
(312) 752-6600 (312) 581-3084

Thomas Jackson  
President - LeClaire/Hearst Park L.A.C.

Joann Williams  
Project Director

October 11, 1993

Chicago Park District  
Mr. Forrest Claypool,  
General Superintendent  
425 E. McFetridge Drive  
Chicago, IL 60605

In Re: LeClaire/Hearst Park Expansion (Rehabilitation) Project

Dear Mr. Claypool:

I write this letter out of extreme concern for the planned expansion of our park. This project was the result of a "Grass Roots" community effort to provide additional park land space for our very small park on the southwest side (McKinley Cluster) near Midway Airport.

Over five years ago, youngsters in our community petitioned area leaders to expand the park through adding an additional 1.73 acres to our park. This increased our park acreage from 9.58 acres to 11.1 acres.

Through a City of Chicago, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) written in 1989, (submitted by residents) we received funding in 1990, to provide a feasibility study to acquire the land involved in our expansion activities. (See Executive Summary Attached - Full Feasibility study should be available at Ed Uhler's office, or the City Department of Planning.) The feasibility study proved to be implementable and was completed in 1991. The CPD allocated \$544,000 from its 1990-91 Capital Improvement Bond Program for expansion activities. Ms. Rita McLennon, Former CPD Development Coordinator submitted a grant, based on our feasibility study, to the Illinois Department of Conservation under the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program. Ms. McLennon and I spoke on behalf of this project before the State of Illinois Department of Conservation Committee. As a result, an additional \$200,000 was awarded in state funding.

Needless to say, this project has been a monumental effort by community residents to provide increased use of our park by families and youths in our community. Through many community meetings, park participant surveys over the phone and in print, we have accumulated a keen sense of the desires of our residents to increase activities within our park. Phase II of our expansion activities is to raise funds to build a facility which includes a swimming pool, exercise room, library, community room and computer room. There are two funders who have expressed interest in providing funds for the construction of a new building IF the current expansion plans are, in fact, completed.

In light of recent news events regarding your review and "Freeze" on construction projects, we do hope that you would consider the impact a negative decision would have on the hard work and dedication of our volunteer community residents/families to see our Phase I expansion plans through completion.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Williams,  
Project Director-LeClaire/Hearst Park LAC

**PETITION**

We, the undersigned residents of the Leclaire/Hearst Community, hereby petition the Chicago Park District, Board of Commissioners, Mr. John Rogers, Jr., Board President and Mr. Forrest Claypool, General Superintendent to begin construction activities on the Leclaire/Hearst Park Rehabilitation/Expansion Project. This project began as a result of "Grass Roots" community and family effort/input to improve our park over eight years ago. We therefore feel that construction activities should begin as planned in October, 1993.

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September 13, 1993

Ms. Darlene LoCascio  
Chicago Park District  
425 East McFetridge Drive  
Chicago, IL 60605

In Re: LeClaire/Hearst Expansion (Rehabilitation) Project

Dear Ms. LoCascio:

Beginning August 18, 1993, the Chicago Park District solicited bids for the above-mentioned project. On September 7, I and Ms. Rosie Garrett of the LeClaire/Hearst Park Local Advisory Council attended the bid openings and reviewed all bids submitted.

Upon review of the bids, I noticed that North South Contractors, Inc. (the lowest bidder) altered the completion time provisions on page two of the Chicago Park District proposal from 60 days to 120 consecutive days. Per my conversations with Mr. Tom Creech, Ed Uhler and Mike Marro, I would like clarification on the equity of altering the time for completion.

It would appear that the bid of North South might be considered invalid and non-responsive since other contractors based their bid price according to your specification with a 60 day completion requirement. It is our desire to commence with this project without delay and not provide other contractors with legal cause of action that would seriously delay the completion of the project.

I would like to share with your office that on September 2, 1993, we forwarded a letter, (See Attached) to all contractors on your bid list. Our letter requested community participation and consideration with regard to hiring Afro-American contractors and community residents (as many as possible) on this project. The only contractor considerate enough to respond was Certified Midwest Construction, Inc. (the second lowest bidder).

Under the circumstances, Certified Midwest Construction appears to be the valid low bidder. I would like to meet with you and discuss this matter to ensure that this project is both fair to the contractors as well as to the community.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Williams,  
LeClaire/Hearst Park LAC

Enc. Letter

cc: North South Contractors

Mr. Forrest Claypool, General Superintendent, CPD

Mr. Richard A. Devine, President, Board of Commissioners, CPD

Friends of the Parks





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Joann Williams  
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September 2, 1993

Dear Potential Bidder:

The LeClaire/Hearst Rehabilitation Project was a project initiated by the LeClaire/Hearst Park Local Advisory Council in 1987. It initially began by area youths of the LeClaire/Hearst Youth Steering Committee. These youths, ranged in ages between 16 and 21. A petition drive initiated by these youths generated over 1,000 resident signatures which prompted community leaders to seek funding for a feasibility study funded by federal Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) to expand (rehabilitate) LeClaire/Hearst Park. (See Executive Summary Attached)

Our LAC has been active participants in this project through its inception to include generating interest by the Chicago Park District (CPD) and State funds to be used to pay for this construction project.

As a result of six years of LAC volunteer hard work and working with the CPD, the contractor's bid for this project has been offered for your response.

Residents were keenly responsible for the end results of this project and feel that there must be an obligation to hire at least 50% African American minority sub-contractors and/or residents.

We wish to avoid recent problems experienced by other park LACs. The issues of community residents involved parks located in Afro-American minority communities felt that non-minority contractors were irresponsible by not hiring Afro-American residents and/or subcontractors for park projects located in their communities. As an end result, community residents leaders, and organizations began to picket park projects and voice strong community resentment over the lack of minority hiring on the part of the contractors.

These are tough economic times in the Afro-American community. The economic "depression" experienced in our community has prompted area leaders to monitor this pending contract very closely. We do hope that you, as a potential successful bidder, will strongly consider our concerns. Good Luck.

Very truly yours,

Joann Williams  
Project Director

Certified Midwest Construction Corp.  
6412 W. 27th St.  
Berwyn, IL 60402

776,000                      6,000  
782,000

Perris Contracting  
8150 W. 11th St.  
Palos Hills, IL 60465  
(708) 974-3363

849,000                      Perf. Bond 8,000  
857,000

North South General Construction Corp  
21644 Lincoln Highway  
Lynwood, IL 60411

693,804.88                  17,345.12  
711,150.00

R. Rudnick & Co.  
1040 S. Milwaukee,  
Wheeling, IL  
(708) 537-5900

789,800                      9,000  
798,800

(Minority - El Amin)

G.F. Construction Corp  
4655 W. Arthington  
Chicago, IL 60644

839,757                      7,625  
847,382

Minorities: Sanders Landscaping 8200 S. Merrill 374-8773  
Mincor  
Carter

Brook Haven Construction Inc.  
1333 N. Kingsbury  
Chicago, IL 60622 Phone: 642-8915

797,000                      15,000  
812,000                      45,000

Minorities: April Corp (Black Male)



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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LECLAIRE/HEARST PARK**

**EXPANSION PLAN WILL BE HELD ON:**

**DATE :**

**TIME :**

**PLACE: LECLAIRE/HEARST PARK FIELD HOUSE**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**MR. HAROLD GERMAN OR JOANN WILLIAMS AT THE  
PHONE NUMBER(S) IN THE LETTERHEAD.**



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April 20, 1993

Thomas Jackson

President - LeClaire/Hearst Park L.A.C.

Chicago Park District

Mr. Robert C. Penn, General Superintendent

425 East McFetridge Drive

Chicago, IL 60605

In Re: LeClaire/Hearst Park Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Penn:

In a meeting held January 1993 (See Attached Memo), a discussion developed on community participation in our expansion activities tentatively scheduled for July, 1993.

My concern is that the community participate and receive jobs which will be generated by this project. We merely ask that unemployed unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled residents in the LeClaire/Hearst Community be given an opportunity to obtain employment.

We are asking for fair female and minority (Afro-American) participation in the awarding of contracts and employment.

During our meeting in the summer of last year, you indicated that any contractor would see the absolute merit of hiring community residents where possible. I can only echo and encourage your sentiments on the resident employment issue. The economy has hit hard for everyone. This project has been a grassroots community effort from the very beginning. It is only fair that the community reap a part of the benefit of their efforts over the past five years.

I would like to be kept informed on the progress of the bidding procedure and selection process as indicated by you in our meeting last year. I am currently involved in an on-site rehab effort in CHA and will not be available at my office. However, I can be reached by beeper: 558-0070.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Williams,  
Project Director

Enc. Memo



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President - LeClaire/Hearst Park L.A.C.

Joann Williams  
Project Director  
Name  
Title  
Foundation/Corporation  
Address  
City, State, Zip

### Sample Form Letter

In Re: Funds to construct an Expanded Park Building Facility at  
LeClaire/Hearst Park

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The LeClaire/Hearst Community is located on the far Southwest side of Chicago, near Midway Airport. There are approximately 7,500 residents in this low to moderate income community.

The youths in our community generated a petition to expand our park programs to provide an alternative to drugs, gangs, teen pregnancies and other negative youth activities. These young people, ranging in age between 16 and 21, provided adult leaders with their vision of how to improve the lives of adolescent youths. They acquired over 1,000 resident signatures to highlight the need to increase park recreation and community programs for youths. A feasibility study was completed and unfortunately, it was determined that our park was too small to accommodate the demand in park activities and programs needed. (See attached Executive Summary)

We are writing to you to request possible funding to help us expand our current park building. The new building expansion would include an indoor swimming pool, a small library, a computer room, classroom space for GED and job training, a weight room and a multi-purpose Gym. The new multi-purpose Gym would be used as a theatre, skating rink, and collapsable boxing ring.

These young people saw a critical need to expand positive alternative activities to offer youths as a solution to current community problems.

We would like to meet and talk with you about our park building expansion plans for families and youths in our community.

Oftentimes, adults will tell young people to "JUST SAY NO TO DRUGS". However, many low income communities do not have alternatives to offer youths in which they can "SAY YES". We feel the park building facilities expansion to offer alternatives would provide a powerful weapon against negative youth activities.

Please give us a call.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Williams,  
Project Director

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ON FINANCIAL  
PROBLEMS OF THE CPD**

# Park District superintendent to lay off 200 to 300 workers

(UPI) — About one-third of the Chicago Park District staff faces possible layoffs because of widespread financial abuse and mismanagement, it was reported Tuesday.

Parks Superintendent Forrest Claypool says he plans to lay off 200 to 300 of the district's 900 employees and put a stop on new construction projects in the wake of reports indicating the district will have a \$44.7 million deficit next year.

Claypool made his comments to the editorial boards of the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Chicago Tribune* Monday.

Claypool, who was appointed just 10 weeks ago, recently fired 13 top executives and brought in nine outsiders to fill the top posts.

Claypool said he is determined to take the district out of the construction business. Plans to halt construction projects until further notice were scheduled to be announced Tuesday.

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Claypool

reckless spending without proper oversight."

The Park District has long been criticized for providing inadequate recreational and other programs

for children in poor neighborhoods.

"Millions and millions have been sunk into Garfield Park (on the West Side) and the place looks like someone dropped a bomb on it," Claypool said. "Not only have millions of dollars been spent, but they have been mismanaged and the park users do not get anything out of it."

Officials blame the growth of the Capital Improvement Division for much of the problem. The division grew from a \$2.8 million operation to a \$20 million operation over a four-year period and became one of the largest construction contractors in the city without the expertise that would be found in a private company that size. The division built soft surface playlots in the city.

Also cited were the District's Engineering-Landscaping, Capital Construction and Central Services-Maintenance departments, whose 1993 budgets totaled more than \$70 million.

## Claypool gets honor

Erma Tranter, executive director of the Friends of the Parks, is praising Chicago Parks District Gen. Supt. Forrest Claypool for his recent "house cleaning" at the district.

Tranter gave Claypool high marks for canceling contracts with 12 retired park employees who allegedly were rehired by contract or voucher and wiped out another 22 contracts held by former CPD employees.

I hope the Board of Education follows Claypool's lead and cancels similar allegedly exorbitant consulting contracts currently held by former employees who reportedly made 10 times less while a board employee. And they can't find money to open the schools on time? Hey, guys! Get the carving knife out, grab that bone and slice away more fat. Do it for the kids, will ya?

Tranter also wants you to also know about a little known "gem" tucked away in the park system. it's call the Refectory Building in Columbus Park, 5700 W. Jackson, which is available for parties, receptions ... you name it.

But, the sad news, according to Tranter, is Chicago property owners will fork over more to the District next year because of a tax levy hike needed to fund nine museums located in the park. This tax is reportedly limited to Chicago unlike other similar county museums which are taxed by Chicagoans and suburbanites alike. Hmmm! Something's just not right here.

# Parks District 'to diversity'

by Lucille W. Younger

General Superintendent Forrest Claypool Wednesday said his vision of the Chicago Park District will be marshalled in by an administrative staff that "reflects the ethnic diversity" of the city.

He also said it will be unencumbered by a central administration that has hurled the district into a projected \$44 million bond fund deficit and a corporate account shortfall of between \$3 and \$10 million.

Claypool's thrust toward diversity was exhibited in recent staff replacements.

Appointed just 10 weeks ago, he recently fired 13 top executives and brought in nine outsiders to fill the posts. Of those new appointments, seven were African

Americans.

The bottom line, Claypool said during a meeting with the *Chicago Defender Editorial Board*, is that the park district is "getting out of the construction business" and will turn its focus to repair and maintenance and concentrating on programs that will bring people back to the parks.

Claypool characterized the latest in a series of administrative cutbacks that saw Tuesday's firing of 248 construction employees as "a painful period for the park district."

He appeared poised, however, to accept many (if not all) recom-

mendations of two independent audits that depicted the network of 550 parks -- arguably the largest in the country -- as a "vast and unwieldy bureaucracy within a bureaucracy."

His mission, he said, is to control a culture of routine overspending that has plagued the park district for years and now comes back to haunt it.

"Cutting is painful," Claypool said, "but spending against the future is not an option I will consider. We are spending today's dollars again and again for yesterday's projects. I will not raise taxes to cover up runaway

spending."

The park district is staffed by 3,750 full-time and 3,177 seasonal employees. Earlier this month, Claypool imposed a freeze on hiring and capital spending. He also canceled all contracts and vouchers with former and current employees.

The first department to be targeted is the Capital Improvement Division (CID), a sprawling unit which has grown in four years from \$2.8 million in construction projects to nearly \$20 million.

By 1993, CID had become one of the largest construction contractors in Chicago but, according to auditor J.E. Manzi and Associates, "with none of the expertise or management and financial con-

(See PARKS, page 30)

## Parks District ready to diversify

(PARKS, from page 1)

trols that a private firm of the same size possesses."

Officials blame the growth of the CID for much of the park district's problems.

The division initially set out to build soft surface playlots in the city, but expanded into more ambitious projects, including construction of a new field house, building rehabilitation, roofing and electrical rehabilitation.

Also on the chopping block are Engineering-Landscaping, Capital Construction and Central Services-Maintenance departments, whose 1993 budgets totaled more than \$70 million.

Claypool's move effectively puts a stop on new construction projects. Claypool said he is determined to take the district out of the

construction business.

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"The problems go back many, many years because of this reckless spending without proper oversight."

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The second audit report was submitted by Pandolfi, Toposki, Weiss and Co.

It reviewed the operating effectiveness of 19 key operating departments, citing that "project cost and management controls for capital improvements are virtually nonexistent" and that "there are more than 10,000 budget transfers per year and more than 10,000 voucher authorizations due to lack of systems and procedures necessary to service (the) park system."



# Parks to Lay Off 200 In Bid to Slash Costs

By Adrienne Drell  
Staff Writer

More than 200 building trades workers will be laid off soon by the Chicago Park District as part of an effort to stem financial hemorrhaging and curb a "runaway system out of control."

Parks Supt. Forrest Claypool called the layoffs "painful steps" necessary to rein in unchecked deficit spending by the nation's second largest parks system.

At the top of Claypool's hit list is what a team of consultants described as an unnecessary \$70 million "in-house construction firm," the district's four-year-old Capital Improvement Division.

The audits by the consultants say the division has wasted millions of taxpayer dollars in faulty, over-budget, behind-schedule projects.

Defective work by outside design firms also has created additional costs. One example is \$100,000 the district may have to spend because a new waterslide pool at Washington Park was placed too close to the diving pool.

"We are going to have to take painful steps to bring spending in line with available resources," said Claypool, who has begun negotiating with labor unions over which jobs and employees the district will cut, based on seniority.

"Unlike previous superintendents who got to be Santa Claus," Claypool said, "I'm going to be Darth Vader closing and shutting down projects."

Claypool made his predictions Monday at a meeting with the Chicago Sun-Times editorial board, in which he vowed to trim bloat and bring in new revenue without raising property taxes.

Claypool pledged to get the

## PARKS PLATFORM

**Among the auditor's recommendations for changing the Chicago Park District:**

- Privatizing repair and maintenance services now done by the park district.
- Retaining a law firm to review contracts for obtaining design and construction services.
- Monitoring energy uses, such as facility lights left on all night.
- Instituting fees at the Museum of Science and Industry parking lot.
- Raising fees at the harbors, now among the lowest in the area, and charging boaters for the full amount of utilities used. (Last year the park district collected \$90,000 from boat owners for utilities but spent \$400,000 for electricity.)
- Monitoring profits generated by the Chicago Bears and using a professional marketing firm to schedule more events at Soldier Field.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the Grant Park Concert Society, which raises money through donations for the annual Music Festival. But of the \$600,000 operating budget, auditors note only \$130,000 goes to the festival.

parks "out of the construction business and into recreation and leisure time activities where they belong."

Since taking the helm 10 weeks ago, Claypool has fired more than 100 non-union employees and ordered a spending freeze. He also retained the accounting firm of Pandolfi, Topolski, Weiss & Co. Ltd. and construction consultants Joseph E. Manzi Associates Inc., for a total of \$60,000 to review of park management and budgetary practices.

The firms' two-part, 138-page report, to be released today, recommends immediate controls and cuts to prevent a \$3 million to \$10 million annual deficit by next year.

One glaring example of what the auditors say "is simply no

attention given to how much money is in the bank" is the expenditure of more than \$38 million out of \$60 million borrowed earlier this year.

The money was to pay for two years of construction projects, but most of the money went to pay salaries of 275 district building-trades employees.

Other findings by the auditors:

- Weak or nonexistent cash collection controls at harbors, concessions and at parking lots, where there often is no system for counting incoming or outgoing cars.

- Fees for popular sports such as softball, volleyball and basketball leagues held at \$35 per team for years while operating costs have risen dramatically.

In addition, facilities such as



SUN-TIMES/Rich Chapman

**This waterslide at Washington Park, which an auditor says was built too close to a pool and will cost \$100,000 to correct, is one example of waste cited by Park District consultants.**

swimming pools do not charge any fees at all while incurring substantial operating costs, and some activities at parks such as aerobics and gymnastics may have insufficient participation to justify continuing at current fee levels.

- The city's failure to reimburse the parks for the use of Grant Park for Taste of Chicago and other events even though they cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage each year. This is particularly frustrating because the city has charged the Park District for water used in the parks.

- Payment vouchers to send flowers to secretaries, mass cards for deceased relatives, rugs for park offices and dinners up to \$150 "to entertain elected officials" are approved routinely.

- Inadequate insurance to cover any substantial losses. And the status of insurance for buildings on park district property, including the Goodman Theater, Meigs Field, LaRabida Children's Hospital and the Chicago Yachting Association, is unknown.

- Numerous building projects behind schedule

## **NEWSPAPER BID SOLICITATION**

ADVERTISEMENT

LECLAIRE/HEARST PARK  
REHABILITATION

DOCUMENT NO. 93121

The CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, will receive separate sealed bids at the bid depository in the lobby of the Administration Building, 425 E. McFetridge Drive, Chicago, IL 60605, until SEPTEMBER 7, 1993 for furnishing materials, equipment, labor and services necessary for Rehabilitation work at LeClaire/Hearst Park in Chicago, IL, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room of the Board Room of the Administration Building.

The work includes: demolition, earthwork, concrete, precast concrete, asphalt, landscaping, painting, ornamental iron, plumbing and electrical.

Contract Documents may be examined and copies obtained at the office of the undersigned. No initial deposit is required.

Only bids from those complying with the provisions of the Requirements for Bidding and Instructions to Bidders will be considered. The Chicago Park District reserves the right to waive any bid informalities, to reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid or parts thereof, which in its judgment will be in the best interest of the public.

Bidder must deposit with the bid, a security (bid) deposit in amount and form, subject to the conditions provided in the Requirements for Bidding and Instructions to Bidders.

Not less than the general prevailing wage rates, as required by or adjusted pursuant to the applicable statutes, shall be paid to all laborers, workmen and mechanics performing work under this contract.

Bids may be held by the Chicago Park District for a period of not to exceed 75 days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of review and investigation.

DATE OF ADVERTISEMENT  
August 18, 1993

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

BY: DARLENE LOCASCIO  
Director of Purchases

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
425 East McFetridge Drive  
Burnham Park  
Chicago, IL 60605

(312) 294-7424

**Chicago Sun-Times**

**CURRENT DESIGN OF THE PARK  
ENGINEERING DESIGN**

#### **THE CURRENT DESIGN:**

There are several vacant lots along 44th street. These vacant lots are now incorporated into the park. The 1.73 acres discussed earlier in this report, was the key focus for PHASE I.

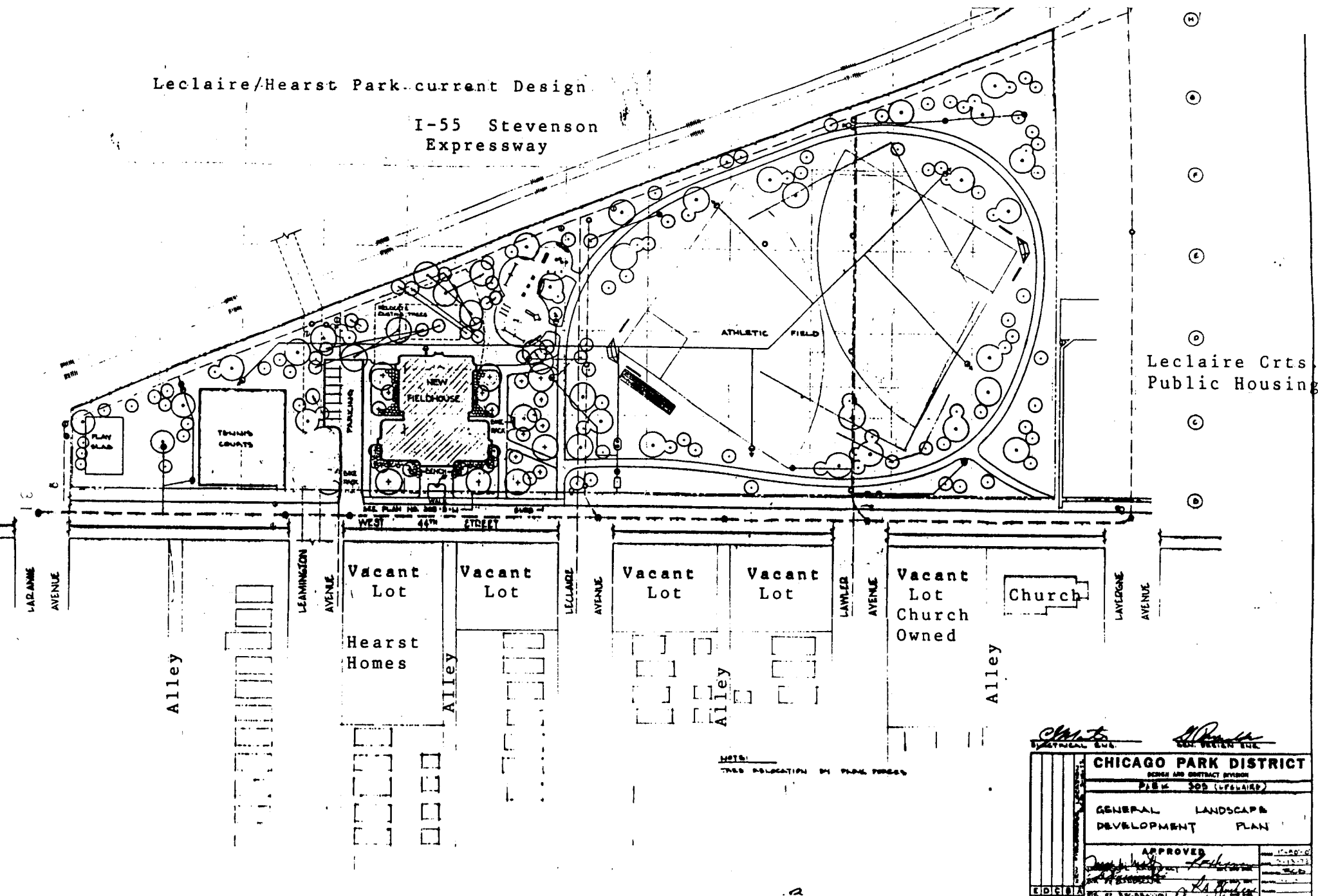
The street (44th Street) will be eliminated and the new area will include a Center Staging area for concerts, art exhibits, etc.

Not pictured on the diagram (to the right) is the Leclaire Courts Public Housing Development. This is a low-rise, townhome styled public housing development. There are approximately 612 resident units.

At the bottom of the diagram, are the private homes of the Hearst Community. Extending South, (Not Pictured) approximately 700 private homes in the Hearst Community. There are currently no homes in the areas marked "Vacant Lots".

# Leclaire/Hearst Park current Design

I-55 Stevenson  
Expressway



Leclaire Crt's  
Public Housing

NOTES:  
THIS DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED

<p><i>Chart</i> SYMBOLICAL KEY</p> <p><i>Dr. J. H. H. H.</i> SYMBOLICAL KEY</p>	
<p><b>CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT</b> SCENE AND CONTRACT DIVISION PARK 302 (UPGRADE)</p>	
<p>GENERAL LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p>	
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**CONCEPT DRAWING  
EXPANSION/REHABILITATION PLANS  
LANDSCAPE-EXTERIOR**

## CONCEPT DRAWING - NEW LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLANS PHASE I

As stated previously, 44th street will be eliminated and a staging area will be constructed.

The area surrounding the staging area will have beautiful trees, flowers and shrubbery. There will also be sitting shade tree areas.

The circular running track (surrounding baseball Field) will be resurfaced. Currently its hard cement. A softer running surface will be added to lessen damage to the feet and impact upon the body during running. This is a 1/4 mile track. Three times around will equal one mile.

At the top of the diagram, there is an area for a new outdoor volleyball court. To the right of the diagram, a 300 yard DASH track will be added.

The park parking lot will also be extended to the rear of the building.

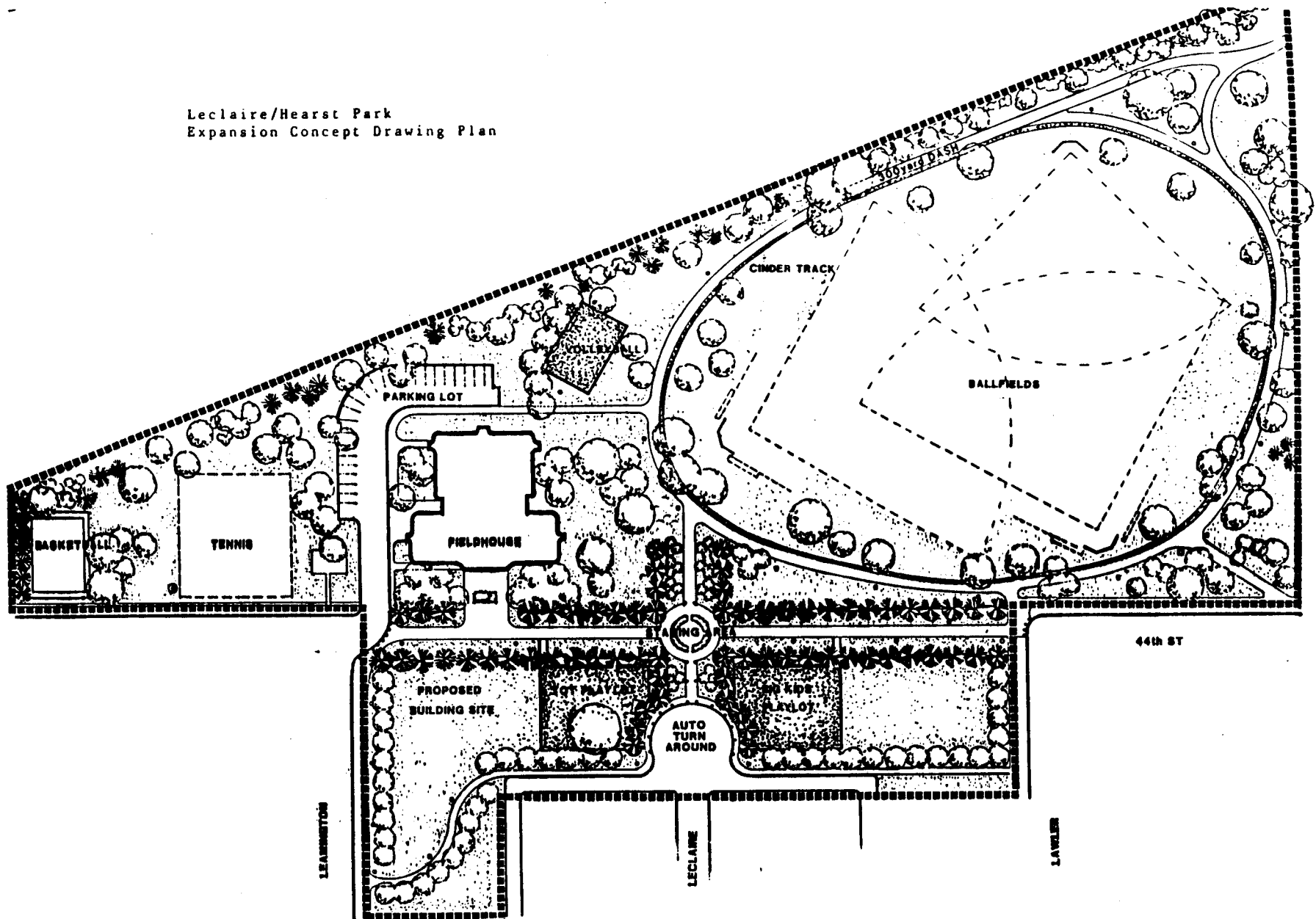
At the bottom of the diagram, two playlots will be constructed on the vacant lots. Our current "Tot Lot" will be relocated to this area, along with a playground for older children.

At the lower left of the diagram, you will see the area selected for the new "Proposed Building Site". This is Phase II of our expansion project.



Leclaire/Hearst Park  
Expansion Concept Drawing Plan

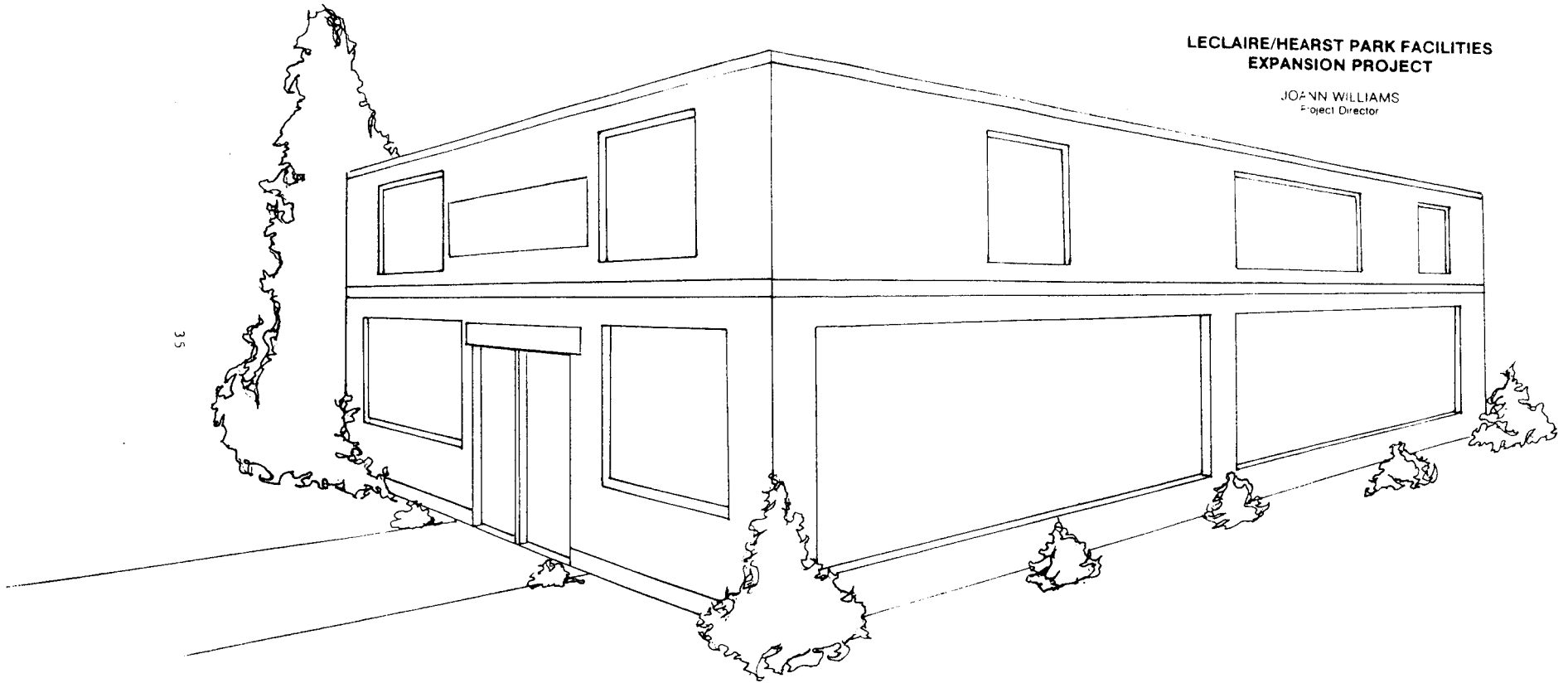
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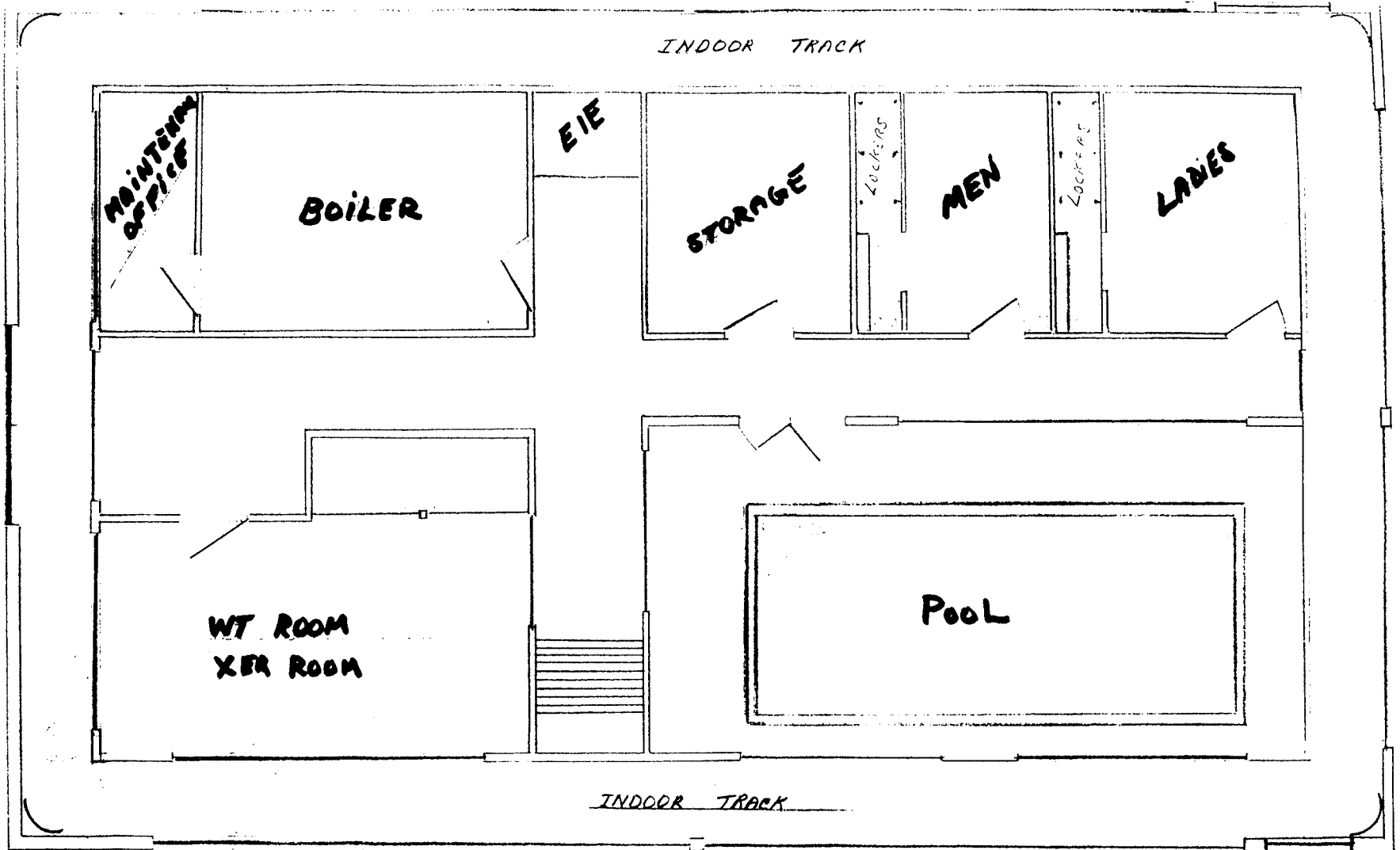


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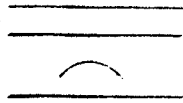
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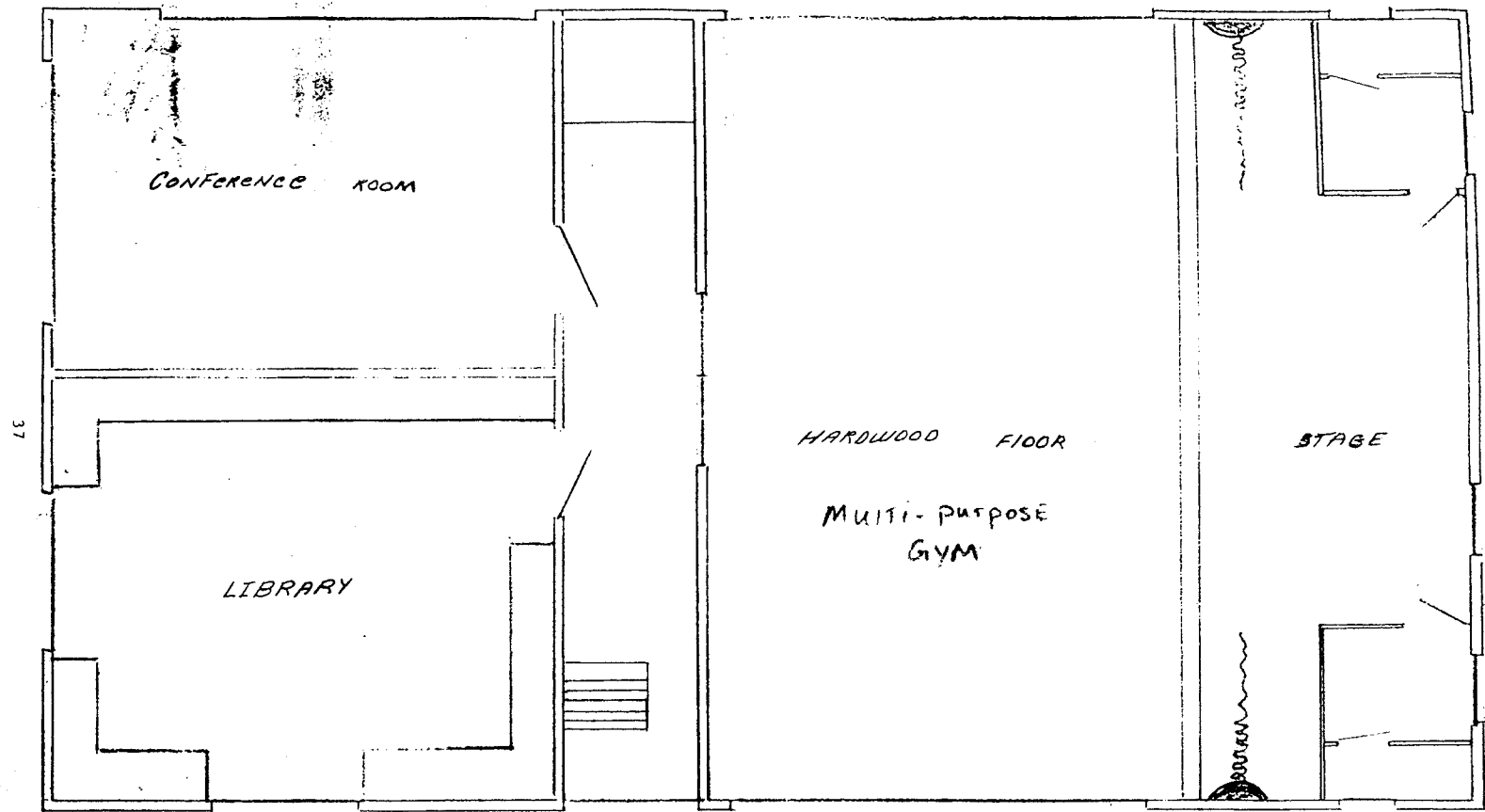




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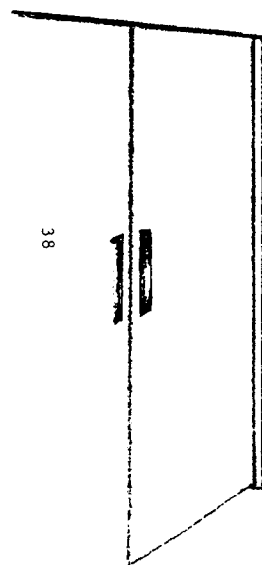
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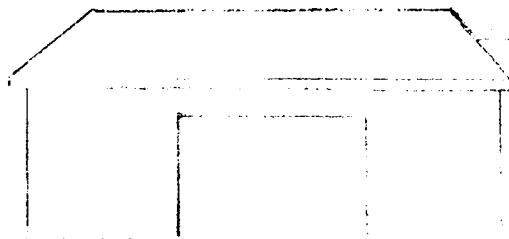
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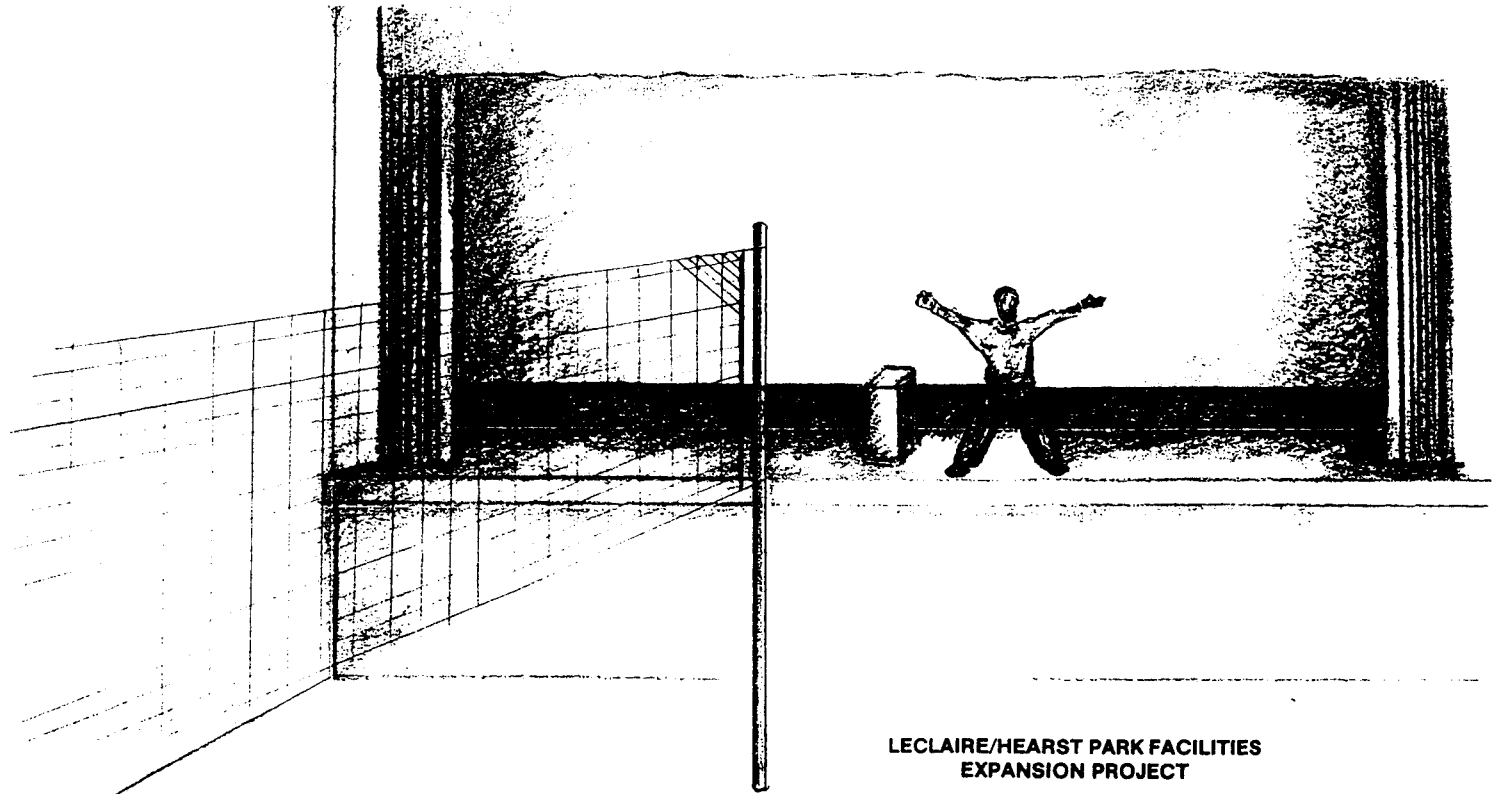
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