

CITY COMMISSION POLICY

Policy 3
October 30, 1979

Subject: Archaeological Review of City Projects

Federal, state and local laws mandate that the archaeological heritage of the community be preserved to the extent possible. To assist in meeting that mandate, this policy outlines ways and means whereby areas of archaeological significance can be identified and their preservation or mitigation for adverse effects can be included in the project planning process.

Wichita State University archaeologists have identified the following archaeological priorities:

- Priority 1 – On-site preservation of archaeological resources.
- Priority 2 – Salvage of information from archaeological resources to be damaged.
- Priority 3 – Surrender of archaeological resources without salvage.

To maximize the time available to archaeological groups to plan for the preservation of salvage of archeologically significant sites or artifacts, it is the policy of the City of Wichita to provide notice of upcoming City projects as early as possible to the City Archaeologist at Wichita State University. Included in the notice will be the following:

1. The Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) will notify the City Archaeologist of projects submitted to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) for Federal A-95 review.
2. The Department of Administration will provide the City Archaeologist with copies of or any amendments/supplement to the annual Capital Improvement Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for review and comment.
3. The Metropolitan Area Planning Department will provide the agenda for the MAPC and the Subdivision Committee to the City Archaeologist.
4. If any capital project is initiated that would not be included in (1), (2), or (3) above, the initiating department is responsible for consulting with the City Archaeologist to ascertain whether the project will impact sites with archaeological significance.
5. The City Archaeologist is responsible for keeping the City administrative staff apprised of all known sites and areas which may have archaeological significance.

The City Archaeologist is available for consultation on known archaeological sites predictability of other sites. Limited surveying to determine preliminary significance of a site may also be undertaken by the City Archaeologist from existing funds.

Funds to finance detailed surveys, salvage operations or site preservation where indicated should be provided for in the earliest possible stages. Archaeological activities cannot be financed from project bond funds. It will be necessary to identify other than bond funds (operating budget, grants, WSU Endowment Funds, etc.) to finance archaeological activities or delay a project until such funds are available.

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