

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
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NRHP Status Code

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Review Code

Reviewer

Date

Page 1 of 11 *Resource Name or #: Winn Park

P1. Other Identifier: Albert M. Winn Park

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

*a. County: Sacramento and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: 38-34N, 121-28W Date: T ; R ; $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec ; M.D. B.M.

c. Address: 1616 28th Street City: Sacramento Zip: 95814

d. UTM: Zone: 10; mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Elevation:

Assessor Parcel Number: ~~006-0291-001-0000~~ 007-0341-001-0000

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

Albert Winn Park is one of ten original city blocks designated for public squares by John A. Sutter, Jr. in 1849. The design and look of the park went through small developments since 1849, especially after 1900. The park retains its purpose as a public square, and functions as a neighborhood park in Sacramento's Central City sector. Winn Park is located in the designated Winn Park Historic District, and is recognized for its contribution to the district's historic integrity. Records identify the development processes in the twentieth century which characterize the park today, and contribute to visitors' and residents' interest in a neighborhood park. The Fire Alarm System Substation is one contributing feature of the park. (Please see Continuation Sheet)

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

HP9: Public Utility Building; HP29: Landscape architecture; HP31: Urban Open Space; A3: Landscaping

*P4. Resources Present: ☐ Building ☒ Structure ☐ Object ☒ Site ☐ District ☒ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) View looking southeast from northwest entrance; Date taken: September 2011

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources: ☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both

The public square was identified by John Sutter, Jr. in 1849, and named Winn Park in the nineteenth century. Construction projects occurred at various times, including the 1960s, and 2001.

*P7. Owner and Address:

City of Sacramento, CA
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
915 I Street, Fifth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

Michael Kremer
Graduate Student
CSU Sacramento
6002 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

*P9. Date Recorded: April 30, 2012

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

An Intensive Survey was conducted for a Master of Arts thesis/project, and information from the thesis was used here.

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")

Please see Continuation Sheet, pages 3-4.

*Attachments: ☐ NONE ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☒ Other (List): Aerial Photograph

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) Winn Park

B1. Historic Name: Albert M. Winn Park B2. Common Name: Winn Park

B3. Original Use: Park/Public grounds B4. Present Use: Park/public grounds

*B5. Architectural Style: Community Park; Art Deco/Moderne structure (Fire Alarm Substation)

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Winn Park is one of nine squares which remain of the original city blocks set aside by John A. Sutter, Jr. in 1849 for the use of public grounds. The city blocks comprise of a larger grid system used to design the physical (street) layout of Sacramento. Winn Park is square in shape, and roughly two and a half acres. The design and appearance of the park evolved since 1849, most notably in the twentieth century. Various features and characteristics exist in the park, which contribute to its use as a neighborhood park. Although the park went through a few improvements throughout its history, it has not lost its purpose as a park for public use.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features:

Related features in Winn Park include straight-aligned, paved pathways running parallel with the bordering streets, a cross-axial pathway spanning from each of the park's corners into the center, and small paved pathways in various locations. A sand, square pathway borders the Fire Alarm Substation at the center of the park. A small, enclosed playground facility is located on the northern lawn, connected to a paved pathway. (Please see Continuation Sheet, pg. 6)

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Community development; city planning Area: Sacramento, CA

Period of Significance: 1849-2000s Property Type: Community park; public grounds Applicable Criteria: B, C

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The current design and condition of Winn Park was approved and developed in 2007. Although the park's design is under the fifty-year old initial criteria, the site/location of the park dates back to its nineteenth century creation. The function of the park has also been unchanged since the park's creation. The park is significant in Sacramento history because of the connection to John Sutter, Jr. and the planning of the city, and the site or block has remained a park since 1849. It serves the public, as Sutter, Jr. intended of all of his public squares. Since 1849, Winn Park remains a public park in the Central City, providing residents in the neighborhood with easy access to a park in an urban environment. The addition of the Fire alarm Substation in 1937 elevated the purpose of the park as a site for public interests. The park is located in the Winn Park Historic District, and is listed as a contributing feature in the district. Winn Park is a site as old as the planned Central City, retains its significance as one of Sacramento's earliest parks, and remains an important feature to its respective neighborhood. (Please see Continuation Sheet, page 6)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes)

H29: Landscape architecture; A3: Landscaping

*B12. References:

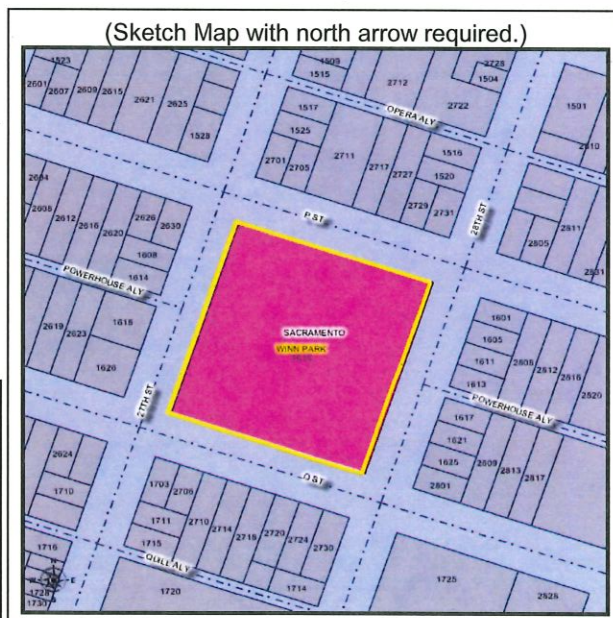
Please see Primary Record and pages 3-4 for similar information.

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: _____

*Date of Evaluation: _____

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***P3a. Description, continued:**

Around the turn of the twenty-first century new master plans were created for several of Sacramento's parks. The City's Parks and Recreation Department focused on planning and redevelopment efforts for most of the parks in the Central City, in order to update the use and appearance of some of Sacramento's parks. In Winn Park, new landscape conditions and park amenities were added to the park's master plan, while keeping the Fire Alarm Substation and the Albert Winn memorial plaque/marker. The master plan included the following details which are evident in the park today: "flowering accent trees" around the Substation, along with other various tree species located throughout the park along the pathways; the continuance of the cross-axial pathways; open lawn or ground space; shrubs at the entry of each cross-axial pathway; a sand/dirt pathway surrounding the Substation, in a square shape; a small "tot lot" or playground on the north lawn, with paved pathways connecting the lot to the cross-axial pathways; picnic tables in numerous locations; and paved pathways, making a square shape, on the park's outer edge, with green space between the pathways and the street curbs.

Refurbishment and rehabilitation efforts were made to Winn Park in 2001. Redevelopment improvements to the park followed the plans made for Winn Park from the recently approved Winn Park master plan. The improvements included a fenced-in tot lot play area on the north lawn, additional pathways from the tot lot to the cross-axial pathways, park benches, and historic-style lighting poles/fixtures. The Fire Alarm Substation was restored at the same time by neighborhood associations and preservation organizations. The rehabilitation included repainting the building's exterior in a mixture of gray, light blue, and cream colors, and cleaning and restoring the blue tile on the front stairs and the copper band accents. Winn Park remains a significant and functioning public park in Sacramento to this day. The improvements made to the park and the rehabilitation of the Fire Alarm Substation preserved the integrity of Winn Park as a site for public use and neighborhood appreciation. The park remains a well-shaded retreat, lawn, and playground facility easily accessible to the community surrounding it.

***P10. Survey Type, continued:**

This is a reconnaissance survey of Winn Park in Sacramento, California. The purpose of this survey/resource is to provide an updated historical and environmental account of the park. This survey was taken in order to assess previous information and historical interpretation of the park for the City of Sacramento's Park and Recreation Department. This survey covers the section of land designated Winn Park, an area of one city block. The plaza is located between 27th, 28th, I, and J Streets, and is located in a commercial and residential neighborhood on the edge of Sacramento's Central City sector. The site is also located within an adopted historic district, called Winn Park Historic District. The park is a supportive feature/structure within the district, and promotes the need for a park setting present in downtown.

The research design effort for this survey was accomplished in different methods. The research for this survey was aided by a combination of city council resolutions, community and regional newspaper publications, city ordinances, and other information assessed at local research centers. Sites included California State University, Sacramento, library and archives, the Sacramento Room at the Sacramento Public Library's Central Library, the city Parks and Recreation Department, and the Center for Sacramento History. The materials provided an examination of Fremont, discussing the history, development, and significance of the park in the community.

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*P11. Report Citation, continued:

Patterson, John A. *The Development of Public Recreation in the City of Sacramento*. M.A. Thesis, Sacramento State College, May 1957.

Students of C.K. McClatchy Senior High School. *Park Grants of John A. Sutter, Junior*. Sacramento, CA: The Nugget Press, 1948.

Sacramento Board of Park Directors. *Park Report for 1921*. Sacramento, CA: 1921.

"Acquisitions and Development Costs List." City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Land Files—Acquisitions and Development, located at the Center for Sacramento History.

"July 1981 Improvement Report." City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Land Files—Acquisitions and Development, located at the Center for Sacramento History.

"General Winn Honor Sunday." *Sacramento Bee*, April 24, 1975.

"Wreath-Laying Honors City's First Mayor." *Sacramento Bee*, August 27, 1972.

"Sutter Site Improvements Report," 1983-84 fiscal years, account no. 5-85-4581. City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Land Files—Acquisitions and Development, located at the Center for Sacramento History.

"Approving the Revised Master Plan for Marshall Park." Resolution No. 2007-212, April 10, 2007. City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Land Files—Acquisitions and Development, located at the Center for Sacramento History.

City of Sacramento. *Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources*. Sacramento, CA: Department of Community Development, December 2011.

"Sacramento City Fire Alarm Substation, 1616 27th Street, Sacramento, CA." DPR 523 form for cultural resource management records, City of Sacramento Planning Division, January 1982.

City Preservation Board to City Council in regards to "the designation of the Fire Alarm Substation at Winn Park for historic significance." City of Sacramento Department of Neighborhood Services, Land Files—Acquisitions and Development, located at the Center for Sacramento History.

"Winn Park Improvements, 2001," Sacramento Parks and Recreation website (http://www.cityofsacramento.org/parksandrecreation/parks/sites/winn_photo.htm).

Kim Mordecai. "Then and Now—Art Deco edifice at Winn Park has fresh look." *Sacramento Bee*, November 15, 2001.

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***B6. Construction History, continued:**

The history of the development of Winn Park in the nineteenth century is not known. Most records about Winn Park, similar to other Sutter Grant public squares, do not start until after the turn of the twentieth century. It is safe to say that Winn Park remained a public park throughout the nineteenth century because of a Parks Report in 1921, one of the earliest records. In 1921 the Sacramento Board of Park Directors compiled a brief report about the status of city-owned parks. Winn Park and other Central City public squares were referenced as city plazas in use as "very attractive" public spaces "in the midst of closely built parts of the city, having shaded walks and many trees and shrubs dotting the green turf." Winn Park also boasted pedestrian paths and was kept in excellent condition for a neighborhood park. Winn Park is located in a heavily residential neighborhood in the Central City, and the park offered residents an accessible public space for them to escape from urban stresses and relax for a short time. The existence of Winn Park, like other parks in the Central City, proved to be a "value in the community" for the surrounding residents.

During the 1930s, one of Winn Park's most distinctive features was constructed. In 1937 the Sacramento City Fire Department opened several Fire Alarm System Substations throughout the city, including one facility in Winn Park. The Substation functioned as a dispatch station for the Fire Department, where emergency calls were received and recorded. Located in the center of Winn Park, the Substation's architectural style is Art Deco/Moderne. It was a small structure and originally surrounded by a chain-link fence (in 1937). The structure features a "linear, hard edge composition of the geometric form,...a rectangle with diagonally cut corners,...patterned bands of angular indentations encircle the building at the roof line" with glass block windows and casement, and "slanted scored doors framed by vertically-lined molding." The Fire Alarm Substation remained in use by the City Fire Department for nearly forty years. Today the structure remains in Winn Park, though vacant, shadowed by the shade trees but still a historic feature of the park and neighborhood.

Little information is known about improvements or developments to Winn Park during the mid-twentieth century. In 1948, students from McClatchy Senior High School created a group report about the history of the Sutter Grant public squares. In the report, they described Winn Park as having "endeared itself to the city's residents and is at present serving a real purpose" as one of many "beauty spots" in Sacramento. This statement alone provides a glimpse into what Winn Park looked like, showcasing the appreciation of the beauty and appeal the park provided to the neighborhood. Another feature was added to Winn Park in the mid-1940s, a memorial plaque honoring General Albert Winn. The plaque was attached to a large rock, and today is installed alongside the park's northwest cross-axial pathway.

During the 1980s, a few city reports featured improvements made to Winn Park, and an attempt to honor the history of Winn Park. In July 1981, a new Park Improvement Report was produced by the City Parks and Recreation Department. In the report, records showed Winn Park featured several amenities including the City Fire Alarm Substation, a large "passive area" or relaxing lawn space, a public restroom facility, security lighting, and an automated irrigation system. In 1982, the Sacramento Preservation Board reviewed a list of structures recorded to have possible historic significance in Sacramento. The list included the Fire Alarm Substation on the grounds of Winn Park. The Preservation Board recommended to the City Council list the Substation as a then-named Priority Structure on the then-named Official Register. Unfortunately, for unknown reasons, the City Council did not add the Fire Alarm Substation to the Official Register at that time.

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***B6. Construction History, continued:**

No improvements or developments are known to have happened to Winn Park in the latter years of the twentieth century. Around the turn of the twenty-first century new master plans were created for several of Sacramento's parks. The City's Parks and Recreation Department focused on planning and redevelopment efforts for most of the parks in the Central City, in order to update the use and appearance of some of Sacramento's parks. In Winn Park, new landscape conditions and park amenities were added to the park's master plan, while keeping the Fire Alarm Substation and the Albert Winn memorial plaque/marker.

Refurbishment and rehabilitation efforts were made to Winn Park in 2001. Improvements to the park followed the plans made for Winn Park from the recently approved Winn Park master plan by the Parks and Recreation Department. The improvements included a fenced-in tot lot play area on the north lawn, additional pathways from the tot lot to the cross-axial pathways, park benches, and historic-style lighting poles/fixtures. During the same year, the Fire Alarm Substation went through a rehabilitation phase, thanks to concerns from the neighborhood residents and associations. Community organizations, including the Sacramento Chapter of the Art Deco Society and the then-named Winn Park-Capitol Avenue Neighborhood Association, worked together to rehabilitate and preserve the historic building while the park was also being improved. The rehabilitation included repainting the building's exterior in a mixture of gray and "light aqua and cream," and cleaning and restoring the blue tile on the front stairs and the copper band accents. The rehabilitation effort and the improvements to the park in general reinvigorated the image and function of Winn Park.

On March 23, 2004, the City Council adopted an ordinance adding the Winn Park Historic District to the Sacramento Register of Historic & Cultural Resources. The historic district boundaries include Winn Park and much of the surrounding residential neighborhood, and Winn Park, itself, is specifically listed as a Contributing Resource to the district.

Winn Park remains a significant and functioning public park in Sacramento to this day. The improvements made to the park and the rehabilitation of the Fire Alarm Substation preserved the integrity of Winn Park as a site for public use and neighborhood appreciation. Today, little change has been made to the park since the master plan was used or the improvements were made in 2001.

***B8. Related Features, continued:**

A small, square Art Deco structure is situated in the center of the park. The Fire Alarm System Substation (constructed in 1937) remains in ownership of the Sacramento City Fire Department, and is a significant feature to the park's appearance and history. Park benches and picnic tables are scattered throughout the park, located close to walkways. Drinking fountains, lighting, and trash receptacles are located along various parts of the walkways. Various species of trees, large and small, are planted throughout the park, mostly planted on the grass lawns. Palm trees (from previous years) are planted mostly along the Q Street side and at the corner entrances and walkways. Other identified species of trees include magnolia, pine, and oak. The remaining space in the park is open and green space. A memorial marker is located along the northwest cross-axial pathway, commemorating Albert Winn, whom the park is named after.

***B10. Significance, continued:**

The research and evaluation compiled for this report and the supportive thesis-project survey indicate that there may be potential for listing Winn Park, along with other Sutter Grant public squares, as a multiple properties nomination. This consideration can be pursued in future work for the parks'/public squares' historic context. (Please see Continuation Sheet, pg. 7)

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***Photograph Records:**

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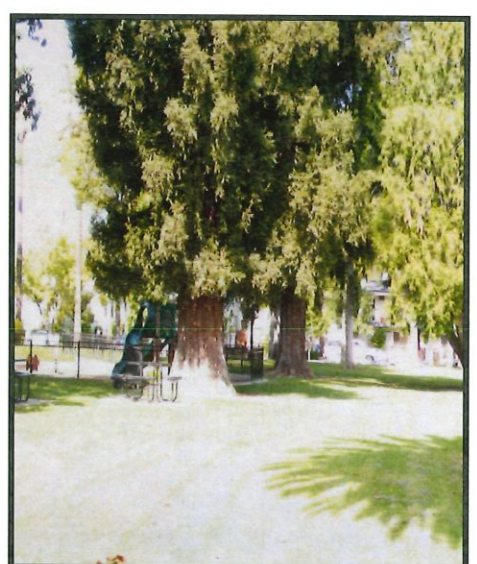
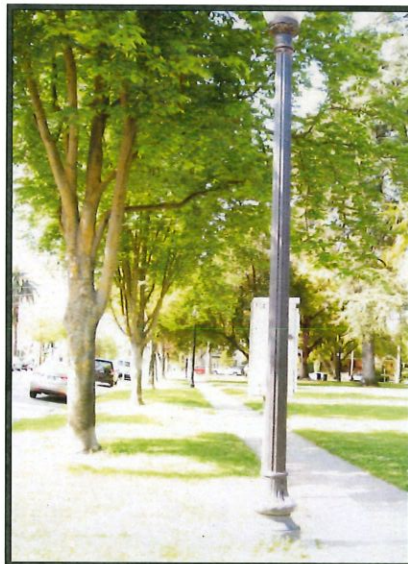
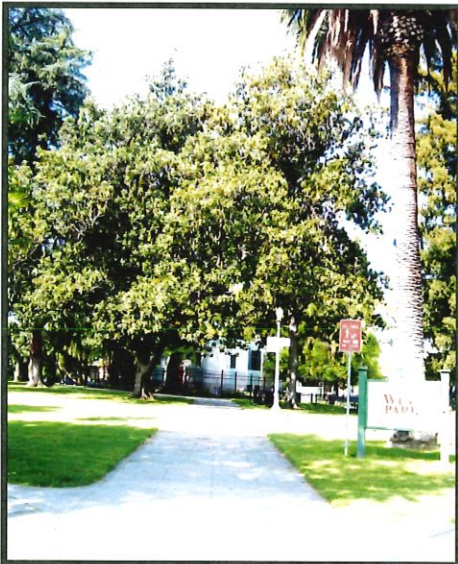
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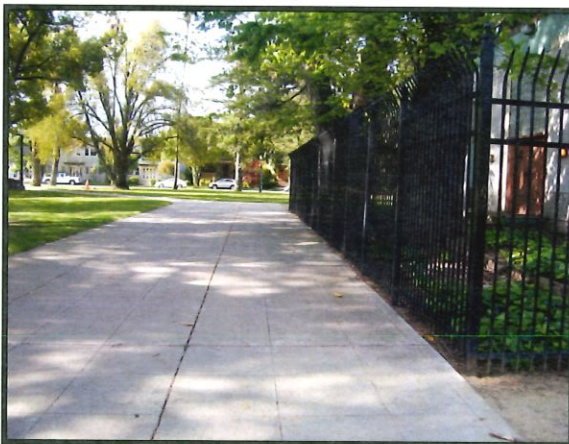
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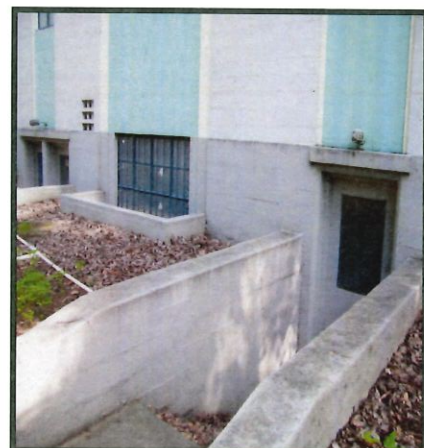
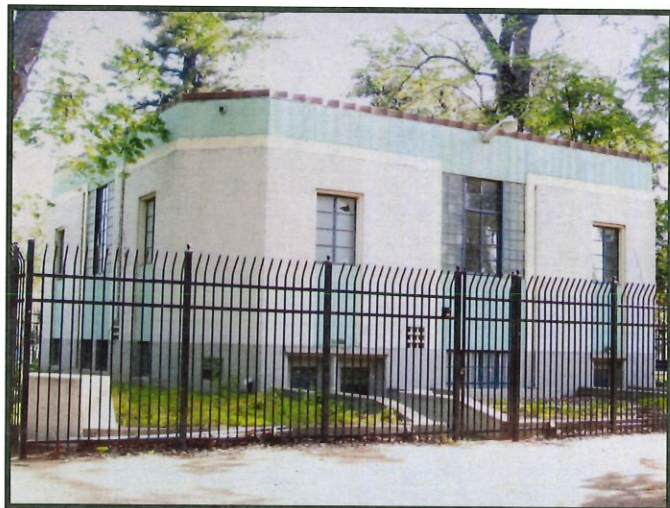
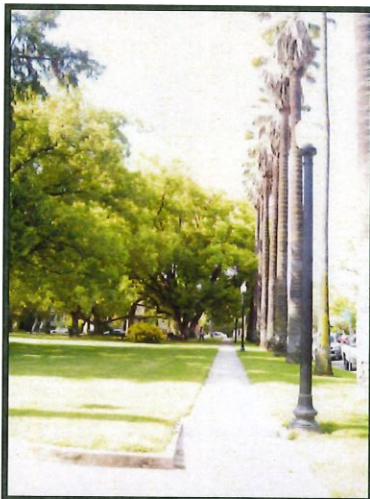
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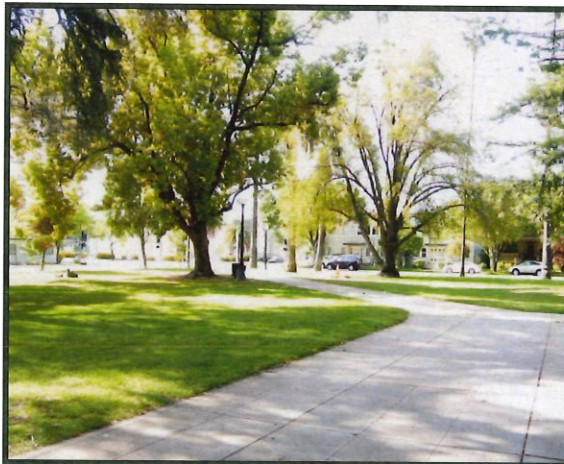
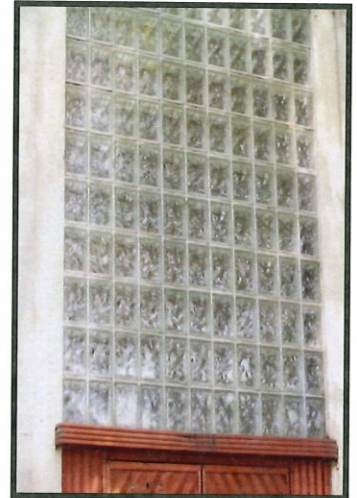
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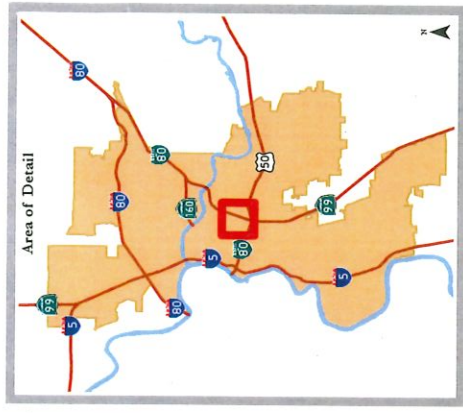
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Winn Park

Address: 1616 28th St
 Council District: 3
 Community Planning Area: 1
 Park Type: Neighborhood
 Total Park Acreage: 2.50

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Source: April 2009 Aerial Photograph

