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Meeting of the Building and Grounds committee held in the secretary's office Monday July 31, 1911, at 3:30 P.M. Those present were: G. W. Marston, R. C. Allen, Thomas O'Hallaran, J.W. Sefton, jr., - Judge M.A. Luce, Julius Wangenheim and F. J. Belcher, jr. of the committee, Bertrum G. Goodhue, consulting architect, James F. Dawson, landscape architect, F. P. Allen, jr., director of works, C. A. Richardson, auditor and Winfield Hogaboom, director of publicity.

Meeting was called to order by chairman Marston and the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mr. Dawson submitted two revised ground plans - numbered and known as plan 53-B and plan 53-C, of the exposition site known as the southern site; each plan showing the grouping and location of the permanent buildings. Mr. Dawson pointed out the location of the entrances to the grounds, the drives, bridges and dams and the location of the buildings on the plans in each case and explained the merits of the respective plans as to ~~the~~ room for expansion, etc.

It being the opinion of several members of the committee, including Director of Works Allen, that the size of the exposition finally will of necessity call for a great deal of expansion from the proposed southern site, and as it is proposed under the present arrangement, in order to take care of this expansion, to spread over onto the central mesa, it was argued by those who had formerly expressed their preference for the use of the central mesa as the exposition site, that it would be advisable and of greater advantage to select the central mesa for the site in the first place, which location in addition to having the advantage of properly taking care of any needed expansion at a reduced cost, offers better advantages along architectural lines.

A lengthy and general discussion ensued.

Mr. Sefton suggested that owing to the amount of time consumed by the committee in passing on such important questions before the committee at this meeting, it was apparent that if an executive committee of three be appointed out of this committee to meet at more frequent intervals to take up ~~xxxxxx~~ and pass on matters of minor importance, it would expedite the handling of the great volume of business that will necessarily come before the Buildings and Grounds committee, and therefore moved, seconded by Mr. Wangenheim that a committee of three, consisting of Mr. Marston as chairman, Mr. Wangenheim of the Park Board, and Mr. R. C. Allen of the exposition be appointed out of this committee with power to act on all matters of minor importance with a view of facilitating the handling of the business as it grows in ~~xxxx~~ volume - carried.

The discussion of the plans was again taken up. Mr. Dawson stated that plans submitted would have to be referred to Mr. John C. Olmsted in Brookline, Mass. for approval and revision. Chairman Marston inquired as to the time this would consume and was assured ^{I said I thought about 15 days - D-} that not to exceed fifteen days would be required.

Mr. Goodhue then raised the question whether or not he would have authority to review the plans as finally submitted by Mr. Olmsted and make such changes as in his judgment architectural needs would require. This opened the question as to final authority and Chairman Marston suggested that a compromise policy ^a spirit of give and take should prevail in the deliberations of the experts employed; and stated, that while the final decision would rest with the committee, he hoped that a plan could be worked out to the satisfaction of the Olmsted Brothers, Mr. Goodhue and the Director of

Works before being presented to the committee, whereupon Mr. Goodhue asked that the committee go on record as expressing its preference as to the plans 53-B and 53-C. Consonant with Mr. Goodhue's request Mr. Sefton moved, seconded by Mr. O'Hallarn, that of the two plans submitted, i.e. plan 53-B and 53-C, this committee expresses its preference for plan 53-C - carried.

Mr. Wnagenheim called attention to the fact that heretofore there had been appropriated for maintenance of parks a sum equal to eight mill levy; that the city council had reduced the levy to five mills, to take care of the interest on park bonds; that this was a good sound business policy, ^{but} the burden of maintenance had been materially increased because of improvements in connection with the exposition; that the difference in this levy for the ensuing three years would amount to approximately \$50,000. He therefore served notice that this deficit would have to be taken care of from the park bond issue unless other means were provided. Mr. Sefton suggested that the city council be asked to appropriate for park purposes the annual revenue from the street railway franchise.

On motion of Mr. Sefton, seconded by Mr. O'Hallaran, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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