



OLMSTED BROTHERS
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Seattle, June 23, 1911.

Dear Blossom:-

I have just received your telegram as follows: " Have been kept ignorant of affairs regarding choice of site, so had interview with Martson to discover the matter is almost settled against us. However, think we still have chance; Marston still supports us and delays decision to hear from Olmsted. Wish both you and Olmsted could come. Have wired Olmsted."

I am sending you copies of telegrams herewith which I am sending to Clark Braley, ~~Colonel Gallier~~, Russell Allen, Miss Kate Sessions, George W. Marston and Frank Allen. If you see fit, you can show these to Mr. Marston as he is probably our best supporter for this site. I telegraphed Mr. Olmsted day before yesterday that the exposition matters had been cleared up and that you wanted me to come there on my way East. I fear that my telegram did not reach him as I have had no reply. I will, however, wire him again today and try to catch him at Louisville.

I have also just received a telegram from Allen stating that he wanted me to come there as soon as I finished in the Northwest and that Goodhue was expected on the 15th. I will go down there just as soon as I finish my work around here. I doubt if I will be able to get away from here before the 25th or 26th when I will go to the Pennington Hotel, Spokane, for four or five days, and then to Portland for two or three days. If we lose out on this

site proposition, I am going to urge the Olmsted's to pull out of the entire matter as I fear that their reputation would be injured for preparing plans providing for public buildings in a park. If this ^{does not} receives the sanction of the Olmsted's, in my mind it is going to be very difficult for them to have weight in objecting to public buildings in parks. in the future. Of course, this is not official because I do not know their attitude in the matter but my feeling is quite strong in that direction.

I started to send a wire to Mr. O'Hallaran, asking him to give his support to our site, but I was afraid that it might become known to some members of the Park Board and they would feel that Mr. O'Hallaran was no longer a member and therefore should not be consulted in such matters. I think, however, that I will write to him as I think that he will back us if there is any chance for him to do so.

If you think it would do any good, I think you had better show Miss Sessions, as well as Mr. Marston any parts of my letter to you that you think would help. I will write a letter to Allen and also to Mr. Marsten, but I fear that although Allen started the fire, that it has gotten beyond his control now.

Please keep me informed by telegraph as to the developments in this matter and if you think I can influence things by correspondence to any individual in particular.

By the time you receive this letter, I will be in Spokane.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Dawson