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Dear Mr Blossom 9 39 AM -11

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as I wrote you a few days ago -
Allen Goodhue and my self started
on a revised plan that all would agree
to - subject to your approval - this
was about completed Thursday night the
27th of July - Allen had expressed him-
self - as believing ~~the~~ everything could
be done - for the money available -

Then Goodhue in looking over the plan
conceived the idea - of pushing the
bldgs further north for two reasons -
1st to get the ~~off~~ permanent
bldgs over the banks - and -
2^d to get the permanent group up
higher - He went on with this
sketch and then asked Blossom
to perfect it - Allen did not say
much about ~~it~~ but I said it

I had to send plans July 31st express so they may be delayed 4051

would increase the cost of paving and arcade — pipes etc etc etc by spreading it out and it adds a ~~the~~ little over an acre of highly developed area —

Allen realized this too and agreed — but didn't object and help me out — as ~~it~~ pleased

Goodhue — and we were anxious to come to some agreement — I questioned as to the appearance of having the bldgs over hang the slope of the Spanish Canyon — but Goodhue is very strong for it — and says he must have it to get a striking effect — I tried to think ~~of~~ what you would think about it and couldn't bring my self to a decision — so decided to send both plans to you —

Saturday morning I showed Allen
 your telegram as to insisting that
 the circles and straight El Camino
 Real - should be retained - Allen
 became nasty again - and has been
 so - ~~at~~ ever since and especially
 so at yesterday's meeting - when
 he would not support - plan 53-B.
 or even the south site - as he had
 agreed to several days before
 I told Blossom to show the
 circles and the straight stretch of
 El Camino Real on both plans - He
 told him to omit the one ~~on~~ on the
 east side and we would work that
 in later - I also showed the long
 flat-curve of drive from jet of a. & 12th
 to the circle - with the hopes that
 we might be able to find the
 material to fill this out or that

you could cut it out when it ⁽⁴⁾
came to you -

Allen insists in having the Admin-
istration Bldg in the main court
and to meet your objection he
suggested also did Good here that
the Administration Bldg be placed ~~in~~
about half way up central court
on East Side - so that ~~men~~
~~the~~ people who had business
in the bldg and not on the ground
could come up the service drive -
and enter - Allen wants to
cut the approach road from
Jct. of a. & 12th - down from 40 to
32 - If you don't agree ~~do~~
change it back to 40
I wrote you that Good here in
his period of reports must wanted

to continue the ^{long} axis of Ploz farga ⁽⁵⁾
north over a long combination
bridge and dam - to the central
mesa - He agreed to change the
location of bridge and dam to
a $45^\circ \angle$ as now shown on plan
53 - B - C - with the idea
that the City will pay for this
But Goodhue still wants a
large statue of Balboa on ~~the~~ the
central mesa - ~~in~~ as far north
and as high up as possible - this
would bring it ~~some~~ near
our proposed park drive

You will notice Goodhue's revision -
of the plan places the edges of the bldgs.
over the bank - 40 to 45' - he will
not object, he told me late last night,
if ~~he can~~ this height is lessened - he
did not say how much - but Domingo

20 to 30 ft would be agreeable if
 desired by you or ^{if it} would be agreeable
 If we call the elevation at the entrance
 175 and if we keep the grade of the
 main Court drive at 3.3% or there
 abouts - ~~and have it~~ and if
 we call South end of Plaza Musica
 205 - and North end 207 ~~then~~
 amount of grading will be greatly
 reduced as the grade through the
 long Court will be about on natural
 grade - This ~~in one~~ will reduce
 the amount of grading on each side
 of the main Court after the bldgs
 come down - when the ground
 will have to be developed for the
~~Park~~ Park - gardens? etc -

Allen insisted upon having the service
 yard & Bldg in connection with the
 service yard - so I have moved

it ~~was~~ north of where it was shown on the last plan sent you - I ~~st~~ said this would not be in a good place for the Park - in the future - and if put here might to be paid for by the Exposition - Mr Marston said that could be done - but he did not say so to Allen -

Meeting. I enclose notes taken by Munroe - which are not much in detail - and are not worth ~~writing~~ spending much time on - Sefton and Allen tried hard to overturn the ~~st~~ previous site decision and lots of ~~st~~ unpleasant (but not too bad) things were said - Goodhue and Allen tried to ~~get~~ settle things then by having the committee accept plan # 53-C and

then go ahead with the work —
 I objected — and said that the plans
 must be sent to you for approval
 and revision before adopted by the
 Committee — Goodhue said that
 nothing would ^{be} left of the plans by
 the time they were returned and
 we could never get to work on them
 as they would have to start ~~to~~ all
 over again — I said no — we
 would give and take where it was
 reasonable — and if Allen and
 Goodhue would be the same. I thought
 the plan could be brought to a form
 where we would all agree and then
 we could present it and recommend
 it to the Committee — Goodhue
 then started a long argument as to why
 Chastels should arrange the location of
 flds — and ~~was~~ as that was his work

Allen joined in with - and I told⁹
them - that that was what we were
employed to do - Marston agreed etc

Then Goodhue said he only wanted
~~the~~ one plan and that the one showing
his latest suggestions of moving the
Plaza Musica north - sent to you
and tried to get the Committee to
pass a vote to that effect - I objected
and said that it was just as proper
to send both to you as it was for
me to show them to the Committee -
and in fact I had already written
you about them - so Mr Marston
refused Mr Goodhue's request - ~~then~~
they then passed a vote expressing
their preference to plan 53-C -
which shows the bldgs hanging over
the edge of Spanish Canyon -

I warned them that this 53-C plan would require more bldgs ~~than~~ than the expo had money to build and that it was hard to get an outside bldg (state bldg) to fit in well in the picture of the main group - unless it might be U.S. Gov. Good here shows a bldg just S.W. of his permanent group which could be the U.S. Government Bldg if ~~we~~ we get one -

Allen just came in and said that if we insisted on the circle 13th st we might keep to the present road from 12th st as on your #50 plan - but he thought it no good - I asked Mr. Murston to get Allen to make estimates on the two plans and send on to you and ~~him~~

Allen said he could not do it until ⁽¹¹⁾
the plan was revised and had grades
put on the drives etc - I said I
had grades on the main drives
and would put more on - but he
wouldn't say that he would ~~set~~ ^{make}
estimates - This afternoon however
he asked me to put some more
elevations on roads and bldgs
before I left - ~~I said o.k.~~

So he could make some estimates
I said o.k.

Sefton says that he must have
\$500,000 for Exploration and office
~~and~~ so that brings it down
to \$1,500,000 -

Wangenheim says he insists that
\$50,000 must be set aside from
the million-dollar Park money to

offset the 3 miles that they didn't get ⁽¹²⁾
and will not get because of the
million dollar bond issue —

Wangenheim says he wants the bridges
and wants \$150,000 for the Art Bldg
but Allan says 100,000 is enough
for that —

Wangenheim thinks he can keep the
\$250,000 water improvement money for
the park or at least a part of it.

I enclose a quick (one day)

Comparison of areas of the 3 plans

What the Committee want ^{now}

is your approval of ~~it~~ or a modification
of one of the two plans — and they
hope you will approve of Goodhue's
Suggestion of placing the permanent bldgs
over the edge of the slope of
Spanish Canyon

and they want you to send (13)
a sketch plan or regular plan
showing what you will
approve — ~~and to send a plan~~

They would like to get the plan
settled as soon as possible —

I told the Com. that I would leave on
Thursday as I had done all I
could ~~now~~ at present — and that
the plans had to be passed on by
you —

Allen is well provoked with me
~~and~~ for not giving into all his
wants — and I am well tired
of four weeks' scraping with him
and will be very glad to get away
from him —
yours faithfully, J. F. Dawson