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Dear Mr. Blossom;

The typers have gone so I will write you my notes about plan for revision of West Drive, Balboa Park.

Date St. The roadway is now presumably 52' wide between curbs. I see no use in such a great width. I propose to reduce it to 36 ft. thereby gaining 8 ft. strips on each side for shade trees that will not grow high enough to obstruct the view from Overlook, or ornamental plants can be put there that will afford no shade. Same remarks apply to the West Drive from Date St. north to the junction - 36' width will do.

West Drive. From the junction northward, I consider that 32 ft. will be a sufficient width for a great many years and that it is not right to go to expense of building and maintaining a greater width merely for grandiose effect on this informal curving drive. As far as the curb extends I put in a planting strip uniformly 8 ft. wide between the curb and the drive. I do not consider that any curb is needed on West Drive north of Dale St. but I should prefer a low curb on Dale St. The bend at N. end of curb, if the map is right, is unfortunately abrupt in comparison with curves each way from that point but will do. From line 27, I show the drive 32 ft wide to the west side of present 50 ft drive in order to gain room for a planting strip & walk with as little grading as may be.

Juniper St. Entrance. This I treat

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row to 32 ft keeping the center in that of  
Juniper St. I also ease off the corners  
for the convenience of automobilists.

Maple St. Entrance. This I pro-  
pose to obliterate. It is so near the  
Juniper St. Entrance as to be un-  
necessary (as a driving entrance). It  
is decidedly ugly and out of keep-  
ing with the informal surround-  
ings in the park and it cuts in two  
one of the few nice flat meadows  
with scattering trees that there are  
in the park. This meadow could  
very properly be used for lawn  
games such as croquet, basket  
ball, and possibly tennis, if the  
nets are temporary & moved fre-  
quently to avoid wearing the turf in  
spots.

If you will send me top o. of  
Maple St. I will plan the rest.  
Yours very truly,  
John C. Olmsted