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My dear Mr. Alvested, 17 Sept

Mr. Dawson's telegram came to-day explaining about the contents of the lost letter to Mr. Marston. It is strange that the letter should have been lost soon after Mr. Marston received a telephone call that it was waiting for him.

It was very fortunate that you had already sent me a copy of your letter to Mr. Goodhue, because I used that, with the telegram, and studied them Mr. Marston studied them in connection with your plan 53 D. a few minutes before the meeting of the B & G. Committee, which Mr. Marston asked me to attend.

The whole meeting was taken up with trying to overthrow the Southern site. Mr. Allen & Mr. Sifton working together. The others present were Mr. Marston, Mr. Waagenheim, Judge Luce, Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. Forward, Mr. Belcher. Mr. Allen worked his hardest and was fair although he used every argument he could think of. The result

was that they would wait until Colonel Collier returned  
to-morrow night to and then have a meeting with him  
Friday or Saturday:—

I met you to-night as follows:

Dawson's telegram received just in time. Attended  
Buildings and Grounds meeting today on Chairman's  
request. Site question again contended. Await  
Collier before final action, probably Friday or  
Saturday. Try to strengthen Belcher and Forward.  
Send complete west side drive. Practically no  
grading to be done. No tree cutting. no profile!

all the members of the B.O.G. committee were strong  
supporters of yours except Sefton, Forward, &  
Belcher. Forward's attitude is that the expo-  
sition must be made a success and that it won't  
really hurt the park in the middle. Belcher  
thinks the bond issue is really Expo money and  
therefore Exposition first. He is very reticent. I  
see that Allen has had them out in the Park recently.  
I will follow your suggestion in your last letter and  
try to get them out myself.

The meeting was earnest but not stormy. Mr. Marston  
asked me to bring your plan so that he could see it  
before the meeting opened. Mr. Allen was furious  
when he found that I was going over to the meeting  
and I refused to surrender, very politely, your plan  
to him as "I had promised Mr. Marston I would bring  
it over a few minutes before the meeting," and I was leaving



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at that moment. The issue is drawn pretty sharply now between Mr. Allen and myself. I have given him no grounds for taking offence at anything I have said or done; but now that I have the chance to represent you and present your recommendations at both before the Park Board and the B. & G. Committee, Mr. Allen is keenly put out as he had hoped and planned to keep me away from it all. He is blocking me now in my attempt to get out the plans for the park board. I anticipate trouble with him right along, from now on. I hope you will understand if I fail to get data to you promptly and do not get plans ready quickly. This matter just now is taking a good deal of my time and energy and we are also having a hard time with the nursery on account of the alkali in the soil and its general bad condition. We are remedying this as fast as possible.

I hope you have record of quantities and unit prices which Mr. Allen used in estimating your plan no 3. I cannot find it here. I have copy of Allen's summary under date of May 18. but no unit prices. The central site plan may be estimated for the Committee. If it is, I shall try to get the figures submitted to you before they are officially presented so that you can compare them. I really doubt if the central plan as shown with the huge bridge 780 ft long and 120 ft high. would be as cheap as your plan no 3. Mr. Allen constantly maintains that it is; that he can save enough on the central site to build the big bridge. I questioned that in the meeting when it seemed to be having great weight with the committee.

In regard to the Sixth St. extension. I am keeping my hands off. Mr. Allen has the draughtsman of the ~~the~~ Highway Commission (Mr. Fletcher) ~~in~~ in this office now and he is drawing up the plan ~~as I~~ along the lines I started it. The Park Board have asked Allen to give them an estimate of this but they wish to appear opposed to it. I think the way Allen is drawing it that it will run into big expense and I am saving your letter regarding it so that at the opportune time I can use it to get Allen's plan turned down, and yours accepted. Perhaps it would be well if I had a good but inexpensive plan of this from you and I will keep it out of sight

until the right time; then I can use it as I did go  
road plan which suited the conditions exactly. The  
cost will be the controlling factor here, and I have  
started Allen with walks on both sides also platy strips.

I have received your long letter of the 22nd, also of  
23rd. chiefly re. Fairmount; and check for which I  
thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

Harold Hill Blossom.

The telegram of 21st. should have read

Road plan also exposition received. Goodhue's  
also. Your long letter received. Please give  
your criticism on receipt of our road plan.  
Allen estimates \$23,000 for west drive. If  
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Sixth St. extended can sell dirt to them and save  
haul. Allen estimates them \$12,000 total. No  
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a letter following.

HMB

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H.H.B.