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My dear Mr. Olmsted,

I have received telegram from you this morning as follows

"Advocate railway across path should be negotiated with railway Co. who would if favorable petition commission for route to be determined by latter who would ask us to report if they were unfavorable or to submit plan and estimates if favorable and write."

Of course "path" should read park. I think something has become a little twisted in this; but the purport is clear enough.

I looked over the Serra Canyon route yesterday and find it would be best to enter at 20th St. through the City stable yard and go out Florida follow the east side of canyon going out at Florida street on the north boundary and cutting across a good many lots diagonally to reach Alabama St

where it joins University Ave. It would be expensive for the R.R. to buy <sup>all</sup> these lots so they would fight it. The line might crawl up onto the mesa so as to reach Alabama St. at the north boundary of the Park and go out on that to Univ. Ave. To run north from Univ. Ave. Mississippi would be good. The Alabama St. route from the north boundary of the Park means several bridges (2 or 3).

I can see that the R.R. will want to run up the Park Boulevard. That would be easy, inexpensive and profitable to them - worst for the park.

I consulted with Mr. Marston this morning now that Col. Collier has been here a day, and he says the vote ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> be 6 to 4 against the Southern site. Mr. Wilde is back again in the City Mr. Russell Allen has been won by the Central Site advocates; that makes the six voters. Mr. Waughenbin may not vote at all as he holds that the park board should not vote on this question. The other two members of the Park Board may not feel the same about voting and they are for the Exposition first - They have said so in the meeting; plainly.

The meeting of the B. of G. committee will be to-morrow to settle the question. Mr. Beecher is going out with me into the park at 3.30 P.M. and

Mr. Russell Allen with me this morning, in a few minutes. From what Mr. Marston says the question is all settled already. All but 2 or 3 of the directors are for the central site; and so Park Board stands 2 to 1 with them the controversy practically over. However I ~~visit~~ will do I can to-day.

Mr. Marston feels that the only <sup>good result</sup> ~~will result from~~ ~~to be gained by~~ the central site will be to prevent the possibility of selling off the central part of the park. This he says could easily be carried out by popular vote; because the offer of small parcels for the southern part of the city, for Old Town, La Jolla Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, would win nearly all the votes in each locality. Mr. Marston is ~~to be~~ disappointed; but as a director of the Exps. and a Chairman of Bd. of Gov. he feels that he would hurt Exps too much if he resigned now. However he wants to get out of it now that the chief reason for his accepting the arduous task is over. He plans to resign by Jan 1st. (as far as his plans are laid at present) and he must give up this Expo work in order to attend to his own business which needs all his strength just at this time. He hopes you will still stay with this work to help them out.

Telegram to Mr. Dawson as follows is received this morning.

"Your firm suggest that you might visit Victoria shortly to confer regarding suggested alterations to Olmsted's plan of Uplands property. Do you purpose visiting Seattle in near future if so could you arrange spending day here on plan. important alterations appear to be essential and are now ready for consideration."

D.M. Rogers. Victoria B.C.

I am repeating it to Brookline with changes as indicated in blue.

Very truly yours,

Harold Stebbins Blossom