

RELIEF HEADQUARTERS,

Halifax, August 6th, 1918

A meeting of the Relief Commission and the City Advisory Committee was held at the Relief Headquarters this morning at 12 o'clock, present:

T. S. Rogers- Chairman
F. Fowlke
His Worship the Mayor
Alderman Godwin
Controller Finlay
L. Fred Monaghan-City Clerk.
Ralph P. Bell
City Engineer Doane
H. W. Johnston, Asst. City Engineer.

Mayor Hawkins We will take up with Mr. Doane the matter of the planning of the Hennessey Field.

Engineer Doane - Mr. Ross has sent the plans to the office in compliance with the request of the City and in my opinion there are some very objectionable features in it.

(Mr. Ross at the request of T. S. Rogers is called to the meeting).

T. S. Rogers Will you have to have legislation before this scheme can be placed on the Official City Plan ?

Engineer Doane Our town Planning scheme will.

T. S. Rogers. We have the right to do our own Town Planning when we desire to do so .

Engineer Doane. I will have to study the Act as I am not familiar with it.

Engineer Doane. The first objectionable feature of the plan is that on your plan Agricola Street is reduced to 60 ft. in width. Agricloa Street is located on the ~~Six~~ Official City Plan as 100 feet-- ated wide and you have relocated it at 60 feet wide.

Mr. Ross. The change has been made through error and placed on our plan, but it was felt that it did not affect the planning scheme in any way.

Engineer Doane. But it does affect out town planning .

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Mr. Ross. If we establish a building line on Agricola Street the houses now built will be behind the other buildings.

T. S. Rogers. - I understand Mr. Ross conferred with the City about this matter.

Mr. Ross I did Sir.

Engineer Doane - I think this is a mighty objectionable feature.

Mr. Ross I think the answer to this is that we pick up the line of your buildings and put same on this plan.

City Engineer Doane. I feel sure that this street will be boulevarded in time and we will not allow buildings to be placed here as in the business district.

Mr. Ross and the Assistant City Engineer go over the plan of the Relief Commission re the Hennessey Field Property.

Engineer Doane I think it bad policy to have a jog in the middle of the block.

Mayor Hawkins. I understand you are buying this property from the present owner?

T. S. Rogers The same is under consideration.

T. S. Rogers. I understand Mr. Johnston that the idea is to run a through street to Agricola Street.

Mayor Hawkins. My idea would be to boulevard this Street and the City pay for 100 feet and eliminate the jog.

T. S. Rogers Do you ever expect to have a boulevard through there?

Mayor Hawkins. The City has considered the purchase of the property with that idea.

Mayor Hawkins. I consider it best to leave the Street as it was originally.

T. S. Rogers. This is a matter in my estimation that will be best left to the City Authorities to deal with.

Mayor Hawkins. In cases of this kind I consider the matter should be brought before the Board of Control before coming before the Advisory Committee.

T. S. Rogers. We have every intention of keeping you informed of our actions but it will be a long time before we take such steps. And you have my assurance Mr. Mayor that we wish to carry out our plans agreeably to every body

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concerned.

Engineer Doane. You are putting a very desirable class of buildings up.

T. S. Rogers. The people who will occupy this district are people ~~from~~ who have left the locality between Gottingen and North Creighton Streets.

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Engineer Doane. If you put up such a desirable class of buildings how will you protect yourselves from other buildings of a less desirable character being put up after ?

T. S. Rogers. That is a matter that will have to be dealt with in time by the City's Town Planning Board.

The Plan is again gone over.

T. S. Rogers. Block 32, it is not our idea to use this lot for buildings at all.

Engineer Doane. I understand you have the right to make any street in this district any width you see fit ?

Mr. Ross. Mes, we have all the powers of Town Planning in this area.

Mayor Hawkins. What ^{width} do we ^{as} require for the pipe line? _{at}

Mr. Johnston. 16 feet.

Engineer Doane. I see by your plan that you call ~~North Creighton Street~~, Islesville Street? *Islesville Street*

T. S. Rogers. In the description given us it was called North Creighton Street.

Mr. Johnston. Eventually it will be called North and South Creighton. *North*

Engineer Doane. I consider this a very poor plan as it is most confusing to visitors to the City wishing to locate any one.

T. S. Rogers. What part of this plan would *islesville* you call ~~North Creighton Street~~?

Mr. Johnston. The block between Bloomfield and Macara Streets, that ~~jog of land~~ is called North Creighton Street.

Engineer Doane. I think it is awful for strangers to trace streets like that.

T. S. Rogers. I suggest that you put Islesville Street on your plan instead of North Creighton St.

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T. S. Rogers We consider keeping the houses back from the Street 15 feet.

Mr. Johnston. I do not see any advantage in keeping a fifteen feet building line, I think 10 feet would be sufficient so that in case we wish to buy it the cost would be less. *we would not have to buy it*

T. S. Rogers We would never expect that it would be kept in other than residential streets. *had*

T. S. Rogers. I suggest that we fix a 10 feet line to one side.

Engineer Doane. This provision is made by your town planning board, say you make provisions against the putting up of fences, what will happen when the Commission is dispensed with?

T. S. Rogers It will then be in the hands of the Town Planning Board, protected by the Town Planning Act. At the present time we have all the powers of a Town Planning Board ourselves.

Mayor Hawkins Would it not be well for the Commission to furnish the City Council and the Board of Control with blue prints of the proposed changes before the matter is decided definitely

T. S. Rogers. This was our idea all along.

Mayor Hawkins. I think before you go ahead with any developments you should furnish us with blue prints as it is the business of the City generally and we should be kept in touch with all such matters.

T. S. Rogers. We have made no secret of our actions, and are always willing to act in the best interests of the City and wish ~~the best~~ to coincide with your wishes at all times, and would be sorry to do anything not agreeable to the City in any way.

Engineer Doane. How do you propose to make the property owners on this side of Creighton Street build the same class of buildings as you are furnishing?

T. S. Rogers. We have not felt that this was under our control, but we have made it felt that we desire as far as possible a good class of buildings, we control the area from Creighton Street north to Duffus Street.

Mayor Hawkins. I see you have admired some vacant lots? do you intend to place restrictions on the building of same?

T. S. Rogers. We didnt propose to place any restrictions on the building up of such places but we have given instructions so that any new buildings that would be put up, the plans would first be submitted to us.

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Engineer Donae I think you are putting up a very desirable class of residence of a different style, some of brick and others of stucco?

Mayors Hawkins. Are these approved by the $\frac{3}{4}$ Town Planning Board, and do they back this?

T. S. Rogers. This is not in their district.

Mr. Jonston. The Commission have all the power of the Town Planning Board in the restricted district.

T. S. Rogers. We have not the authority to restrict certain styles of houses.

Mayor Hawkins. I think only certain styles of houses should be allowed to be erected.

T. S. Rogers. We can and will take control of any instructions the City wished.

Mayor Hawkins. The matter rests with the Town Planning Board and the City Council to do as they think best.

T. S. Rogers. There are a lot of new buildings going up on North Creighton Street, and at the present time the devastated district is not in the hands of the Town Planning Board, but we comply with their suggestions as far as possible.

Mayor Hawkins. We have evidently no voice in matters of the devastated area?

T. S. Rogers. We are sure to meet you except in any particular hardship.

T. S. Rogers, then read an extract from letter sent to the City Council by that Commission....

T. S. Rogers. If it is the wish of the City Council that there should be no more erection of buildings in the area we will fall in with the suggestion.

Mr. Johnston. The point is ^{has} the commission ^{has} within the devastated area the power of the Town Planning Board?

T. S. Rogers. Yes, and we are willing to work with the town planning Board or will take the responsibility of looking after the thing ourselves.

T. S. Rogers. Is there any other matter you would like to take up Mr. Mayor?

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Mayor Hawkins. The only other matter I would like to take up is the case of William Wells, fireman on the "Patricia". He was discharged from the Hospital over a month ago and was never paid anything from the Commission except the hospital fees, and his fireman's pay was stepped- was allowed him up to June 30th, since then he has had nothing and he got a letter from your Mr. Cutten telling him that the matter would be attended to. He is still a cripple and will never be able to go back to his position as fireman, I think his money from the Commission should start from the 1st of July. Mr. Cutten has only paid him since August.

T. S. Rogers. Why does the City not pay this?

Mayor Hawkins He was a victim of the Disaster.

T. S. Rogers. Was he entitled to this allowance by law?

Mayor Hawkins. No.

T. S. Rogers. We will enquire into this matter.

Mayor Hawkins. It is only a matter of one month.

T. S. Rogers. We will look into this.

T. S. Rogers. Mr. Bell do you know this man.

Mr. Bell Mes sir, he has been in here several times;

T. S. Rogers. Mr. Mayor there are lots of little matters that come up between the City and the Commission that are hardly necessary to bring up, dont you think it would be a good plan to keep in touch with the City Engineer on such matters ?/

Mayor Hawkins. Yes, I think such a plan an advisable one, and I think Major Doane will consent.

T. S. Rogers. I think if such plan is carried out the Commission and the City could work together.

Mayor Hawkins. In technical matters pertaining to the City, I think could be safely left in the hands of the City Engineer, dont you Controller Finlay, and Alderman Godwin.

Controller Finlay and Alderman Godwin both consent to such plans.

Controller Finlay. I think the Engineer should be advised right along and that he do what he feels in the best interests of the City.

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T. S. Rogers. In connection with the proposed extension of Duffus Street by the Commission from the end of Duffus Street to Fort Needham, we feel that this Commission is doing all it can in confining its efforts to the north of Duffus Street and we will have to expropriate this as it would require the closing up of Campbell Road and Lynch Street. I wish the City Engineer would give his opinion on this .. It is much better to pay for the house and the land afterwards. I don't think ~~if~~ we have the power to promulgate ~~the~~ the City line, it is a problem for the City Engineer and we would be pleased at any time to discuss it with him.

Mayor Hawkins. I think it would be a good move to do away with the ~~flat~~ ^{grade} crossings, as they are very dangerous and in the near future they must be discarded.

T. S. Rogers. Of course this plan should not be discussed at the present time in public as it might affect our plans.

Mayor Hawkins. I think it would be a splendid scheme

Mayor Hawkins. I think that the Government should be pay for this land, and can be acquired by the Commission much cheaper now than later on.

T. S. Rogers. Mr. Brown is coming here this week and I suggest that Mr. Johnston and Major Doane confer with him on the matter.

Mayor Hawkins. I think it desirable that the Commission all confer with him. Of course they may not say there way clear to give the money now for the land.

T. S. Rogers. About this Agricola Street, I suggest that Mr. Ross take the matter up again with Major Doane and Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Ross. Yes sir, but it does not affect the plan materially.

Notes taken by
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