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O.R. Bean

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE
ON
WATER FRONT AND ARTERIAL IMPROVEMENTS

February 7, 1936

A meeting of the Sub-committee on Water Front and Arterial Improvements was held in the office of Commissioner O. R. Bean, City Hall, 4:30 P. M., February 7, 1936.

Present were Messrs. Sherrill, Robert Strong, Vincent and Wilcox, together with Commissioner O.R.Bean, City Engineer Apperson and Secretary Upson.

Commissioner Bean in opening the meeting stated that he has had a visit from a representative of people west of Broadway who favor the building of a Diagonal from Front and Arthur to Tenth Avenue as a separate project and that this raises a question as to how the two projects can be laid out as far as the assessment district is concerned.

Commissioner Bean then outlined the first plan prepared by his office which provides for a widened thoroughfare from Barbur Boulevard north on Front Avenue to Caruthers, then cutting across the intervening blocks to Water Avenue and continuing north on Water Avenue under the Hawthorne Bridge between the Market and the River, under the Morrison Bridge and thence swinging west to Front Avenue and continuing north to Glisan Street. He stated that the Highway Commission favors this plan but was of the opinion that they will not object to using Front Avenue its entire distance if that is the desire of the property owners.

Mr. Vincent at this time stated his opinion was that this should be a City Council project and not in any way the project of any group of property owners; that he felt sure that the Committee would be glad to assist in any way possible, but that they should be more in the nature of an auxiliary than a sponsor.

Some discussion was held as to the inclusion of any part of the Foot-hills Boulevard and Mr. Strong stated that in his opinion that project should be eliminated entirely from any consideration at this time.

Mr. Apperson stated that right-of-way of the project as outlined by Mr. Bean will cost \$1,500,000, including the purchase of property between Front Avenue and the River from Morrison to Burnside Streets, and that it would cost an additional \$200,000. if Front Avenue is widened for its entire length.

Discussion as to the law under which the project should be undertaken developed the fact that it was the consensus of opinion that it would be better to operate under the Bancroft Act, and Commissioner Bean agreed to ascertain from City Attorney Grant whether or not it would be possible to assess the costs on the basis of the assessed values of the land only, eliminating the values of any improvements. It was brought out that if the project is carried forward under the Bancroft Act it will have to be initiated by a petition.

While no definite conclusion was arrived at in regard to the district it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the assessment district should extend to approximately Tenth Avenue.

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