

Attachment G:

**Records of Bennett's Civic Center Work Subsequent to
Building Design Competition**

PLAN CONFERENCE WITH CONSULTANT ON CIVIC CENTER

Edward H. Bennett of Chicago to Be Here For Meetings With Boards and Architects On Buildings During This Week

Conferences of the greatest importance with regard to the civic center project will be held during the present week when Edward H. Bennett of Chicago, head of the city planning consultants, arrives in Pasadena. Mr. Bennett, who is the senior member of the firm of Bennett, Parsons, Thomas & Hooper, is expected to arrive tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Bennett was scheduled to be in the city last week, but was prevented from starting when he originally planned because of the press of private business. Assistant City Manager George K. Hooper said today that Mr. Bennett was expected to arrive some time on Tuesday.

Architects to Be Here

All of the architects of the municipal group are to confer with Mr. Bennett during his visit in Pasadena. Arthur Brown, Jr., of San Francisco, a member of the firm of Bakewell & Brown, which is preparing the plans for the new city hall, is scheduled to be in Pasadena on Wednesday to confer with Mr. Bennett. It is expected that Myron Hunt, architect for the public library, and Edwin Bergstrom of Los Angeles and Cyril Bennett and Fitch H. Haskell of Pasadena, architects of the municipal auditorium, will also meet with the civic center consultant at some time during his coming visit to discuss the project of plans on which they are working.

Assistant City Manager Hooper said today that while it had been expected that the detailed plans and specifications for the library would be ready to submit for approval today, a slight delay had been encountered and they would not be ready for at least two weeks.

To Study Planting

One of the questions to be settled about the library will be the planting which is to be done in the patio and about the building. As the library is to be a building of the Spanish or Mediterranean type of architecture, Mr. Hunt feels that tall palms should be planted in the patio and scalloped vertical hedges should be set out between the building and the street, declares Mr. Hooper. It is proposed to have all three civic buildings harmonize as far as possible architecturally and also in the planting and beautification of the grounds, and for that reason considerable time and attention is being given to the planting details.

Mr. Hooper states it is also likely that Mr. Bennett while in Pasadena will consider with the City Planning Commission details concerning a proposed street plan for Pasadena. When Mr. Bennett's associate, William R. Parsons, was last in the city he discussed a street plan with the planning board and Board of City Directors.

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(other notes on the Chicago pages do not relate to Pasadena project)

Saturday, March 22, 1924

(In Chicago) Pasadena Auditorium [string?] of silhouette.

Sunday, March 27, 1924

(In Chicago) CPC Pasadena

Tues., July 29, 1924

(In Chicago) Present AM.

1. C.P.C. questionnaire
2. Pasadena flagpole site.

Thursday, August 7, 1924

In [D. F.] Pasadena City Hall site.

Monday, December 8, 1924

[In Chicago for all of week noted here --]

Pasadena -- Coliseum
Auditorium

Tues. Dec. 9, 1924

Pasadena

Wed. Dec. 10, 1924

Pasadena

Thurs. Dec. 11, 1924

Pasadena – Auditorium plaza

Friday, Dec. 12, 1924

Pasadena – [?] for voyage

Dec 13, 1924

Might go California on Pasadena business

Dec. 16, 1924

In Pasadena. See notes.

PAGE 1 of NOTES (written on Hotel Maryland stationery):

Thursday AM with Park [Sept?] [Shutt?] and Mr. Payne of L.A. Standards tree and hedge shrub discussed, Samples seen. See memo –

PM Carmelita – Conf. at Dr. Hale's – Dr. H Mr French & EHB. To use photos and revise same. Explored grounds French & EHB. Axis from bridge appeared – very fine possibilities. View to Mtns and Baldy [?]ting west favorable to axis.

Mr. Fleming

Hilt

Stuart

To be seen.

Friday AM Meeting of the Committee and Board of Directors. All work reviewed by EHB, Plans to be submitted soon – all buildings discussed – Planting color, etc. – scale of details. Auditorium – location discussed. 100' setback – 70' setback Roadways around building determined – no comfort stations. Dinner with the Haskells.

PAGE 2 of NOTES:

Friday. Auditorium. [?] present. Setback not discussed formally. [?] discussed. 3rd story front windows eliminated. Suggested [illeg.] and [illeg.] of windows on front and sides closer together. Stronger [illeg.] [illeg.] embellishment on walls of the main hall etc.

Saturday (Dec.) 20th Am, Carmelita. French, Wadsworth, Stuart, Dr. Hale, [?], Hilt came. Reviewed plan of Lambert, looked at axis. All in favor of same. Promised plans showing Holly and other streets in connection with Carmelita. Mr. Hilt asked [illeg.] authorized to make plan for C(armelita). Agreed to by others.

Color – warmer and brighter – Samples on first bldg.

Tuesday – French and Arthur Brown – later Hooper

Wed. Meeting –

City Hall Setback adopted, Dome adopted for further study. Models to be made (2)

Library – [illeg.]

Office

[illeg.]

Planting – [illeg.]

[illeg.] for hedges

Bl. Oaks for trees

Lighting – suggested.

7 windows in front

Hunt afr(?able

Doors [charged?]

Later – saw [Carmelita?] drawings with AB and French – AB agrees with axis to bridge.

Tues. Dec. 23, 1924

1925

Returned from Pasadena. (also discussed/worked on Pasadena in office)

NO ENTRIES FOR THIS YEAR

1926

Tues. March 9, 1926

(discussed) Pasadena

Wed. March 10, 1926

(discussed) Pasadena

March 15, 1926

Arr. Pasadena.

At meeting of Board of Directors. Urged the completion of the work S. of Colorado. Complimented [illeg.] [illeg.] on achievement so far and pointed out the outstanding quality.

Talked further with Mr. Wadsworth & Bodkin (also French on wire).

1926

Saw John Bakewell at the City Hall site – dined with him.

4/27/1927

In Pasadena

Met with various men of the [illeg.] & Plan Commission.

Re. lighting –grades of Holly St.