

ENCAMPMENT
IN
THOMAS PARK

Resolved, - - - That Mr. Baldwin is appointed a committee of one with power to act so consider the advisability of allowing a military encampment in Thomas Park.

DIGGING
IN
SQUARES

On suggestion of Mr. Baldwin, it was,
Resolved, - - - That the chairman is authorized to permit digging in any square or park, for the purpose of repairing sewers, water pipes, and similar repair work, where in his judgment the same is necessary.

TREES

Mr. Daffin offered for consideration a list of trees recommended by the eminent botanist and authority upon such matters Mr. A. W. Chapman of Palachicola, Fla., as most suitable to the soil and climate of Savannah.
This valuable list was ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

List of trees suitable to the climate of Savannah

Large Trees.

<i>Quercus</i>	<i>virens</i>	Live Oak.
	<i>Alba</i>	White "
	<i>Ferruginea</i>	Chestnut "
	<i>Phellos</i>	Willow "
	<i>Falcate</i>	Spanish "
	<i>Eccinea</i>	Scarlet "
<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>Grandiflora</i>	Magnolia
<i>Liriodendron</i>	<i>Tulipifera</i>	Tulip tree, White Poplar.
<i>Platanus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	Sycamore.
<i>Fagus</i>	<i>Ferruginea</i>	Beech.
<i>Gyner</i>	<i>Multiflora</i>	Sour Gum.
	<i>Aquatica</i>	" "
<i>Juglans</i>	<i>Nigra</i>	Black Walnut.
<i>Carya</i>	<i>Glabra</i>	Pig Nut Hickory.
	<i>Tormentosa</i>	Hickory.
<i>Fraxinus</i>	<i>Americana</i>	White Ash.
<i>Liquidambar</i>	<i>styraciflua</i>	Sweet Gum.
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>Serpotula</i>	Log Cherry.
<i>Tilia</i>	<i>pubescens</i>	Ash.
<i>Populus</i>	<i>angulata</i>	Poplar.

Smaller Trees.

<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>Alatus</i>	Wahoo Cork Elm.
<i>Cassaia</i>	<i>Carolinensis</i>	Red Bay.
<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>Bignonioides</i>	Catalpa.
<i>Azalea</i>	<i>ligustrina</i>	Tit.
<i>Asp.</i>	<i>Graca</i>	Keok.

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<i>Quercus</i>	<i>Augustifolia</i>	Crab	Apple.
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>Caroliniana</i>	Mocker	Orange.
<i>Eleocharis</i>	<i>Triacanthos</i>	Honey	Locust.
<i>Cercis</i>	<i>Canadensis</i>	Red	Bud.
<i>Robinia</i>	<i>Pseudacacia</i>	Locust	
<i>Acer</i>	<i>rubrum</i>	Red	Maple
<i>Blum</i>	<i>Aspalmeo</i>	Ammae	
<i>Gordonia</i>	<i>Lasiacanthos</i>	Lo Holly.	
<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>Glaucos</i>	Sweet Bay.	
<i>Urtica</i>	<i>Tree</i>	Red	Budda.

On motion the meeting adjourned
 Wm W Gordon
 Secretary.

Savannah Ga., June 15, 1896.

A meeting of this commission took place today.
Present, Messrs Stone, Ellis and Gordon.

The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 1896, were read and confirmed. The Chairman announced that he had notified the Commissioner of Public Works to retain on the commissions force only eight men and one driver, which had been done.

The Secretary announced that he had received an additional bid of \$102 from Messrs John Rourke and Son's covering the rails &c. in Court House Square and that the same had been transmitted to Council.

The Secretary reported that he had received from Messrs Marly and Apple agents of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company a copy of the Springfield Massachusetts Park Report and had acknowledged the same. Dr. Stone reported an interview with Col. Garrard relative to the pavement on the west side of Colonial Park and that it was their hope that Council would appropriate the money for the sidewalk so as to relieve the Park and Tree Budget of that expense.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Wm W Gordon Jr.
Secretary.

Savannah Ga., June 22, 1896

No Quorum.

FENCE
FORSYTHE
PARK

MASSACHUSETTS
PARK-REPORT

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PAVEMENT,
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Savannah Ga., June 29, 1896.

A meeting of this Commission took place to-day.
Present Messrs Stone, Daffin & Gordon. The minutes of the meeting of June 15, 1896 were read and there being no objections they stood confirmed.

BENCHES
FOR
PARK

On motion of Mr. Daffin, it was,
Resolved: That, as soon as the budget be increased by the Park Fence Money that \$300 be devoted to the purchase of benches for the park.

MEETINGS
DESCONTINUED

On motion of Mr. Daffin, it was,
Resolved: That, the meetings of this Commission be discontinued this summer, subject to the call of the Chair, until further resolution of this Commission.

On motion the meeting adjourned.
Wm. Gordon Jr.
Secretary.

July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Aug 3rd, 10th, 17th, (24th) 31st Sept 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th no quorum

Savannah Ga., Oct. 5, 1896.

A meeting of this Commission was held at the City Exchange at 4.30 P.M. to-day. Present Messrs Stone, Daffin, Ellis and Baldwin. Mr. Ellis acted as Secretary.

The following resolution was offered and carried:
Resolved; That, the regular weekly meetings of the Commission be resumed.

TREES -
UPROOTED
CENSUS

Dr. Stone reported that there were 319 trees uprooted in Forsyth Park and that he had ordered a census of all the trees in the City which were uprooted.

LABOR
STORM WOOD

Some discussion ensued in regard to the jurisdiction of the Commission over its labor, &c., and over the disposition of the storm wood, &c.

On motion, it was carried:
That, the Chairman be instructed to turn over the storm wood to the various charitable institutions of the City at his discretion.

On motion the meeting adjourned.
Wm. Gordon Jr.
Secretary.

COMM. WELLINK
COLONIAL
PARK

asking when the ~~plan~~ on the West side of
Colonial Park would be laid down.

CONVECT
LABOR

Mr. Baldwin also moved it was carried That
the Chairman be appointed a Committee to
confer with the Chairman of the County Board
with a view of securing ^{County} order labor from the
County ^{Commission} as they could not utilize for light work
on our Parks and Squares.

TO INTEREST
SCHOOL
CHILDREN
IN PLANTS
ETC

On motion of Comd. Baldwin, a Comd. of one
was appointed to interview Mr. Ashmore, the
Supr. of Public Schools, in regard to adopting
some plan by which the Children of the Public
Schools might be influenced to take interests
in the trees and plants of the City. Mr. Baldwin
suggesting that perhaps a system of prizes to be given
awarded for most correct information as to trees
might be advisable - Mr. Baldwin was
appointed on said Comd.

PHOTOS
FROM
J.C. OLMSTED

Dr. Stone laid before the Commission, a letter
from John C. Olmsted, who visited us last Spring,
asking the Comd. to accept some Photographs
of scenery in our Parks &c. taken by Mr. Olmsted
while here, and requesting the Commission to
preserve the same for their successors. On
motion of the Commission Daffin, the Photos.
were recd. and the thanks of the Comd.
extended to the donor.

APPEAL-
TO
COUNCIL
FOR
HELP-TO
REPLACE
STORM
TREES

It being thought absolutely necessary that we
should have some immediate appropriation
to repair the damages of the recent storm &
particularly in the matter of replanting
trees blown down and destroyed, a Conf.
was held with the Mayor of the City was sought
and Mayor Myers appeared and suggested
that an appeal be made to the City Council
for an appropriation, such as was absolutely
necessary which ^{plan} was on motion adopted
and Commission Daffin Baldwin and
Ellis were appointed to go before Council
and ask for an immediate appropriation
of \$1000. for said purpose.

On motion, ~~Dr. Stone~~ the Chairman was
requested to address a communication to

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GRADING
AND
MANURING
SO. BROAD ST.

The Mayor in regard to the paving and manuring of
the So. Broad St. from Plat. -
Commissioner Ellis was added to the Comd. to prepare
Rules and Regulations affecting the Parks and
Squares.

on motion adj.
C. S. Ellis
Acting Secretary.

Savannah Nov. 16. 1896

The Commission met at 4.30 P.M. at the City
Exchange. Present Chairman Stone and Com.
Commissioners Baldwin, Daffin & Ellis. - Commissioner
Ellis acting Secretary.

REPORT. COMM.
RULES

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.
Com. Daffin, from Comd. to formulate Rules &
Regulations reported progress.

BULL ST
SQUARES

Com. Ellis from Comd. in decorating Bull St.
Squares reported that the planting of bulbs has
been commenced and would be finished this
week.

SUPT. ASHMORE

Com. Baldwin reported that he had had a very
satisfactory interview with the Superintendent
Ashmore of the Public Schools, and that Mr.
Ashmore would heartily cooperate with the
Commission in interesting the children of the
Public Schools in caring for the public improvement
of the Parks and Squares.

BICYCLE
TAX

On motion of Mr. Baldwin it was Resolved
that the Secretary address a communication
to His Honor the Mayor to the effect that
while the Commission does not desire to express
any opinion as to the expediency of levying a
tax on bicycles, as has been suggested in the
city newspaper, it does wish to ask the City
Council if it should lay the tax that the money
thus accruing should be devoted to the use
and benefit of the bicycle riders of the City
under the supervision of this Commission.
I bid for buying an artesian well at
Estell Park near airport road and

BIDS. FOR
WELL

on motion of Com^r Daffin was referred to Chairman Stone with power to act.

The following bills were passed for payment.

Morgan & Decker -	\$ 3.25
R. D. W. Latimer	3.03

After some informal discussion as to matters in Estill Park, the Com^r adj.

C. S. Ellis
Acting Secy

Savannah Ga., Nov. 23, 1896.

A meeting of the Commission took place this afternoon. Present: Messrs Stone, Baldwin, Daffin and Gordon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Stone reported as to the artesian well at Estill Park, if we could supply the wood and Capt. Johnston the transportation, that Price, representing Mr. B. S. Wells, would agree to put the pipe down, together with casing, etc., for \$1.10 per foot.

After some discussion as to tree planting, Mr. Baldwin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That this Commission will plant all trees needed in the City this year.

That only the following trees will be planted, viz: Magnolia, Live Oak, Sycamore, Palmetto, Elm, Sugar berry, Dog wood, Lagerstronia, Sweet Gum.

WELL

TREES
TO BE
PLANTED
BY
COMMISSION

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from which list selections must be made.

That all trees planted in any location except the parks and squares must be supported and guarded.

That no tree will be planted for any private owner, except after application upon a printed form specifying the variety of tree, the location and the cost of same and accompanied by the money and pay for the work.

That the chairman be requested to formulate and submit to this board a regular form to carry out this idea somewhat after the plan adopted by the Tree Planting and Fountain Society of Brooklyn for similar work.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Wm W Gordon Jr
Secretary.

Savannah Ga., Nov. 30, 1896.

A meeting of this Commission took place today.

Present Messrs Stone, Baldwin, Daffin, Ellis and Gordon. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORT Mr. Daffin reported that he and Mr. Ellis had been formulating rules and ordinances to be presented to the Board of Aldermen and that their Committee reported progress.

ESTIMATE FOR 1897 Mr. Baldwin presented the estimate he had prepared of money needed for the Parks and Squares for the ensuing year, to be sent in to Council.

PARK EXT. Mr. Ellis noted some objections to any reference being made in the budget to the Park Extension so long as the relative rights and jurisdiction of the military and the City in the Park Extension were unsettled, and offered the following amendment to paragraph 8 which was adopted and also the following resolution, which was duly adopted:
"To exclude all reference to the Park Extension and to place the item for Forsyth Park in first class."

The following is the budget:-

HERMAN MYERS, MAYOR.

COMMISSION: { DR. GEORGE H. STONE, CHAIRMAN. GEORGE J. BALDWIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
P. D. DAFFIN. C. S. ELLIS. W. W. GORDON, JR. SECRETARY.

City of Savannah,

Office Park and Tree Commission.

December 1st., 1896. 189

To The Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah:

Sirs:

In accordance with the law creating this Commission, we submit for your consideration our estimate of the necessary appropriations which should be made for expenditures by this Commission during the year 1897:

1. The necessary care of Parks, Squares, Grass plats and Trees, \$8,000.00

This care is obligatory. We shall have an increased acreage to care for, but with the experience of the past year as a guide we expect to keep this property in a better and more attractive condition than ever before.

2. Extra work in trimming, caring for, and replacing trees, made necessary by the storm of Sept. 29, 1896. \$2,500.00

During this cyclone over one thousand trees were blown down and utterly destroyed, while more than another thousand were so seriously injured as to necessitate their replacement at the earliest date practicable. In addition, at least one half the trees in the City were so injured that if their life and beauty are to be preserved they must be

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2. most carefully trimmed. This work must be done this Winter.

3. Estill Park for 1897, as required by deed of gift \$ 500.00

4. Clerk hire, \$ 300.00

This was found necessary, and is now being paid for this purpose, to an employee in the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, in accordance with the recommendation of the proper authorities.

5. Office furniture, publications on park work, stationery, postage, etc., travelling expense of expert advisers, \$ 500.00

The Commission needs letter files, books and map cases for the preservation of its rapidly accumulating records, stationery and postage for the prosecution of its business, publications giving special information concerning its work, funds for the travelling expense of experts to advise us in different matters under our charge.

6. Water mains in 24 City squares, as per estimate of H.M. Lofton, Superintendent of Water Works, \$ 805.40

The watering of the grass is a necessity which must be provided for in our climate. These mains should be laid

Sept. 6 1897

The Commission met in regular monthly meeting. Present Chairman Stone and Commissioners Daffin and Ellis.

C. S. Ellis acting Secretary.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Appropriation

The subject of appropriation for the coming year was introduced and deferred until a future meeting.

on motion, Commission adjourned.

C. S. Ellis
Acting Secy.

Sept. 14 1897

The Commission met at the call of the Chairman to consider the matter of appropriation for the coming year's work.

Present - Vice Chairman Baldwin and Commissioners Daffin and Ellis.

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The subject was discussed and the Vice Chairman was requested to draw up a plan & submit it at the regular monthly meeting in October.

C. S. Ellis
Acting Secretary

OCT 4th 1897

A meeting of the Commission took place this day.

No quorum

Present messrs Daffin & Ellis, the other members being absent from the city. There being no quorum, the meeting adjourned.

C. S. Ellis

Acting Secy.

Savannah Ga Oct 20 1897
 A meeting of the Commission took place this day.
 Present Messrs Stone, Baldwin Daffin Ellis & Gordon.
 The minutes of the meetings Sept 6-1897 & Sept 14-1897
 were read & confirmed.
 Mr Baldwin moved that the action of the Chairman
 in submitting the following budget be approved:
 Budget.

To the Mayor

And Aldermen of the City of Savannah,

Sirs:-

In accordance with the law creating this Commission we respectfully submit for your consideration our estimate of the necessary appropriations which should be made for expenditure by this Commission during the year 1898.

<u>First.</u>	Necessary and Usual Care of the Trees, Parks, Squares and Grass Plats of this City City.	\$8000
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The acreage under our charge has constantly increased while at the same time public sentiment demands an increased care per acre. This is the smallest sum upon which it is possible to give the ordinary care per acre.

<u>Second.</u>	Extra and Unusual Care of Trees and Planting of New Ones.	\$2500
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Many of our largest and best Trees have been so torn by cyclones and so injured by lack of careful treatment in the past, that a very large mortality is now apparent and may be expected to continue in the near future with increasing rapidity unless prevented by systematic work. At least 5000 Trees should also be planted at the earliest possible time and as much done at once as your appropriation will allow.

<u>Third.</u>	Improvement of Bay Street Green.	\$5000
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Frederic Law Olmstead the eminent landscape gardener, is of the opinion that Savannah has along the North side of Bay St. one of the finest opportunities known to him for a beautiful Parkway extending from Jefferson to East Broad Streets. The unused portion of the open area

Savannah Ga November 7, 1898.

The Commission met today at 5 PM at the City Exchange Present Acting Chairman Daffin, Commissioners Mercer, Pheas and Ellis.

The minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed On motion Commissioner ^{Daffin} was unanimously elected Permanent Chairman. Comm. Mercer Vice Chairman and Comm. Pheas Secretary for the balance of the term Resolution of Comm. Mercer. That when means permit the Ravine in Laurel Grove Cemetery be converted into a Lake. Passed.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned.

D. E. Pheas
Secy

Talk Laurel Grove Cem

Savannah, Ga, November 14, 1898.

The Commission met today at special call of the Chairman Present Chairman Daffin Vice Chairman Mercer, Commissioners Ellis, Maclean, and Pheas.

Chairman Daffin reported that he had received a letter from the Clerk of the City Council stating the Commission had failed to hand in an estimate of the budget for 1899. The matter of the budget was taken up and the following heads and items passed upon and ordered sent to Council:

BUDGET.

OK

First Necessary and usual care of the Trees, Parks, Squares and Grass plots of this City \$ 8000

OK

The acreage under our charge has constantly increased, while at the same time public sentiment demands an increased care per acre. This is the smallest sum upon which it is possible to give the ordinary care per acre.

Second Extra and unusual care of Trees, and planting New ones. \$2500

Many of our largest and best trees have been so torn by cyclones and injured by lack of careful treatment in the past, that a large mortality

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Third Improvement of Bay St. Queen . . . \$3000

We repeat our request in regard to this work, deeming it of much importance

Fourth Clerk hire, Stationery &c. . . \$500

This is required for keeping proper records and securing information

Fifth Necessary and usual care Of Laurel Grove Cemetery . . . \$6750

We find this sum is as small as it is possible to effectually do this work.

Sixth Necessary Grading and Roadways in Laurel Grove Cem. . . \$2000

The recent reclamation of much valuable territory for burial purposes in Laurel Grove Cemetery, renders an appropriation for grading the roadways that the subsoil drainage be freed from the ordinary flow of storm water: for opening avenues and putting ^{the} lots in condition for sale, thereby adding to the City's revenue from such sale.

Seventh Estill Park . . . \$500

This appropriation is required by the contract under which the City acquired ^{title}