

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL,  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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There appears to be an overwhelming majority of the people of San Diego in favor of saving the EXPOSITION BUILDINGS from disintegration. All other plans apparently having failed, this eleventh hour method is suggested:

1. (a) The Council will allow the Park Board its full 12 Cents on every dollar of Assessed Valuation, 11 Cents of which is to be spent on regular park maintenance, thus leaving for buildings about \$ 8500.00  
(b) It costs the City at present about \$3000.00 to light our parks, this being now expended out of regular Park Funds. Under the Charter (See Page 20 - Sect. 13) the Council can make an appropriation for this lighting 3000.00  
(c) The Council will raise from other sources 13500.00 making a total of \$25000.00
2. The Citizens Committee appointed for the Consideration of the Restoration of Exposition Buildings will raise 25000.00
3. This will constitute a revolving fund of -----> \$50000.00 which will be advanced by the Park Board to Associations or Organizations who have been or will be allotted buildings for their use. This money will only be advanced after such organizations have raised equal amounts, the money then being used only for urgently needed repairs, particularly as to foundations.

Such associations must also be able to show to the satisfaction of the Park Board that they can carry on the work or restoration and return the money advanced to the Revolving Fund within a reasonable time - say five years.

BELOW IS GIVEN A LIST OF ALL EXPOSITION BUILDINGS, THE NUMBERS CORRESPONDING TO THOSE ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN:

4. Building No. 4 is now held but not used by the San Diego Museum Society. It must be vacated by them unless they can show that they are going to use it, and that they can finance its restoration under the plan outlined above.
5. Building No. 5 is occupied by the same Society and is to be restored by them under plan outlined above. If either No. 4 or No. 5, or both, are vacated by the Museum Society they are to be turned over to any responsible society or organization, which can show that it can raise one-half the cash for immediately necessary repairs, and can give assurance of their ability to carry on the work of restoration in future, under the same general plan as that which has been successfully used by the Civic Auditorium Association.
6. Building No. 6. This has been tentatively set aside for the Federated State Societies. If they are unable to finance it, it is to be devoted to Art, provided a representative Art Association can show they can handle it.
7. Building No. 7 is to be restored by San Diego Recreational and Athletic Association provided, they can show their ability to finance it.
8. Building No. 8. The Society of Natural History who are amply able to finance its maintenance, are using this building.

9. Building No. 9 is to be used as a skating rink. If objectable as a private institution, it can be used as a municipal rink and financed for that purpose by those who have a temporary lease on it.
10. Building No. 10. This is to be handled by the San Diego County Fair Association who already, by agreement with the Park Board, have plans for its maintenance for use for Fairs and Exhibitions.
11. Botanical Building - No. 10, is practically permanent, needing a very small sum for repairs.
12. Building No. 12, is the Civic Auditorium. The handling of this building has shown us the way toward practical restoration and maintenance at a minimum expense.
13. No. 13 is the street railway entrance.
14. No. 14 is service yard.
15. No. 15 is used by the Naval Hospital temporarily. No repairs necessary at present.
16. No. 16 and No. 17 These have been reserved for all Musical Societies and Musicians. They feel confident they can & finance their restoration if given a reasonable time. By aiding them on a \$50 - 50 basis as outlined above they 17. could probably hurry the restoration.
18. Building No. 18, a State building will probably be wrecked and some salvage obtained which can be used in repairs of other buildings.
19. Building No. 19. Ditto.
20. No. 20 is Spreckels Organ.
21. Same as 19.
22. This is the New Mexico Building which has been tentatively reserved for the Girl Scouts. The Park Board feels satisfied that they can finance it.
23. No. 23 will probably be wrecked.
24. No. 24 "
25. No. 25 "
26. No. 26 is the Fisheries Building when vacated by the Naval Hospital it is to be taken over by the Community Players who feel sure they can finance the restoration.
27. The Cristobal Building (NO. 27) has not been dedicated as yet. Doubtless some ~~xxxx~~ live organization will come forward and apply for it.
28. No. 28 is the Old Fire Station which can be disregarded for the present.
29. No. 29 is occupied by the Park Superintendent.
30. No building bears this number.
31. No. 31 the Old Harvester Building, has been turned over to the Zoological Society, who are now repairing it.
32. No. 32 has been wrecked.

33. No. 33 - should be wrecked.
34. No. 34 - should also be wrecked.
35. The Boy Scouts are occupying and maintaining the Indian Village without cost to the Park Board.
36. The money obtained from salvage can be added to the total given at the head of the paper, but is not counted in, as the amount cannot be estimated.
37. The above plan will result in a minimum expenditure of \$100,000.00 on the Exposition Buildings within a period estimated at two years, and an additional amount thereafter which should maintain the buildings in fairly presentable condition.
38. The money which is used under the above plan is to be returned to the revolving fund under agreements entered into to that effect.
39. The construction, being all under the supervision of the Park Board, can be handled at a minimum of expense by the employment of a superintendent. The materials can be bought at a great saving by the City Purchasing Dept.
40. The Architects Ass'n. will doubtless be glad to furnish rough plans and specifications for all improvements .
41. The proof of the ~~prax~~ practical possibility of the above plan is shown by the fact that in less than 8 months the ladies of San Diego have spent over \$15,000.00 on the Civic Auditorium. They have raised this money without asking for any subscriptions, have made out of an old building, one which is a great asset to the City and have shown that within a year they will be able to put this building in first class condition.

Respectfully and Hurriedly submitted

~~By members of the Board of Park Commissioners.~~

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