



FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1940

To Contact Trustor For Park Approval

Next step in the transfer of approximately 831 acres of Palos Verdes park lands from the Homes Association to the City of Palos Verdes Estates will be the asking of approval of Mr. Oscar L. Willett, Trustor of Palos Verdes Trust, to quitclaim the Trust's rights in the park properties. The Bank of America is trustee of the Palos Verdes Trust.

Steps to gain this approval were decided upon with the appointment of a committee to contact Mr. Willett at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palos Verdes Homes Association Wednesday evening, March 6. Col. Val E. Miltenberger of Miraleste, Dr. Dennis V. Smith and Mr. F. H. B. Roessler was the committee appointed. They will report their conference with Mr. Willett at the next board meeting, Wednesday, March 20.

CITY ASKS FOR PARKS

Vice President A. P. Allen, presiding in the absence of President Ulric B. Bray, read a letter from the city formally asking the Homes Association to quitclaim to the city the park properties within the city limits. These park properties include the Shoreline and Swimming Club and the golf course. A letter was also read from Mr. Wright, trust officer of the Bank of America, that the bank would execute such a quitclaim if Mr. Willett approves.

BULLETIN

As the NEWS goes to press word has been received that Mr. Willett has given his approval to the committee for transfer of the park lands asked by the city, EXCEPT the properties of the Shoreline. Mr. Willett believes that the Shoreline, which is under the ten-year tax amortization plan should be retained by the Homes Association.

In asking for the park lands from the Homes Association the city gave their written assurance that all members of the Homes Association, including property owners in Miraleste, would retain rights in these parks and playgrounds upon the same basis as all residents of the city, and promising that the existing restrictions would be preserved and enforced.

OTHER BUSINESS

An objection from Paul W. Hiller of Miraleste was read concerning the board's handling of the matter of a vacated portion of Via Canada in Miraleste. At present this property is being used by an individual in that territory as a public street. Board members adopted a resolution to consult the Association attorney as to the legal aspects of the use of the vacated portion. If the attorney's report states that Via Canada cannot be used as a public street, the board will obtain an injunction on restraining the individual.

Mr. Pierre Lamure appeared

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before the board asking to be allowed to buy Lots 7140-E and F which form a 50-foot strip of lands lying between lots held by him. He suggested that the Homes Association would find use for the money coming from such a sale. It was explained to him that the Homes Association, under the terms of its tenure of park properties, could not convey them to a private individual. Even if it could, the proceeds of a permitted sale would go to the Palos Verdes Trust. No action was taken on Mr. Lamure's request. It was referred to G. Brooks Snelgrove, Association manager.

Subject to the approval of the Art Jury, Ben Haggott, Inc., was granted approval to post six guide signs at the entrance from Redondo Beach and WALTERIA on weekends and holidays.

A letter from Mr. Oscar L. Willett was read advocating that the present bus line from Torrance to Los Angeles, which now runs as far south as WALTERIA, be extended to the Malaga Cove Plaza.

A request was read from Mr. Charles H. Chene, asking the Homes Association to lend its name to the furtherance of the "Friends of the Palos Verdes Library." The directors expressed themselves as glad to cooperate.

Manager Brooks Snelgrove reported on current collections of maintenance charges since the official plea was sent February 8, 1940. He also submitted a list of delinquents. He was further asked to bring recommendations to the board for legal action in collections at the next meeting.

Total funds collected since February from assessments will be found in other parts of The NEWS.