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List of the "Committee of 50" after the S.F. Earthquake and Fire 1906.

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[List of the "Committee of Fifty" after the S.F. Earthquake and Fire 1906.]

James D. Phelan

Herbert Law

Thomas Magee

Charles Fee

W.F. Herrin

Thornwall Mullaly

Garret W. McEnerney

W.H. Leahy

Downy Harvey

Jeremiah Deneen

C. E. Loss

John J. Mahoney

Henry T. Scott

I.W. Hellman

Geo. A Knight

Ig. Steinhart

L.G. Murphy
Homer King
Frank Anderson
W.J. Barnett
John Martin
Allen Pollock
Mark Gerstle
H.V. Ramsdell
W.G. Harrison
Frank Lane
Wm. Magee
Rufus Jennings
Willis Polk

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Ra. Crothers
Paul Cowles
M.H. De Young
Claus Sprekcells
Rudolph Sprekcells
John McNaughton
Dent H. Robert
Thomas Garrett
Frank Shea
Jas. Reid
Albert Pissis
Thos P. Woodward and Cely Esqueer
Howard Holmes
Ge. Dillmon
J.B. Rogers
David Rich
H.T. Creswell
J.R. Howell
F. Maestretti

J. S. Tobin
George Towney
E.B. Pond
Geo. A. Newhall
Wm. Matson

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MEETING OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, APRIL 30, 1906.

Franklin Hall.

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9:30 A.M. Apr. 30, 1906.

Mr. Dillman reported on the water situation, stating that it was improving; the thirteen million gallons a day being pumped in to the city; that the College Hill Reservoir was full and that the water was being worked down Market Street. He announced that the cutting off of the house connections had had a very beneficial effect and that the water was now obtainable all over the Richmond District except in the higher parts.

The Mayor stated that Dr. Ward had gladly consented to work in harmony with the Water Committee and abide by any decision they had to make. The Mayor read a letter from an expert of the Fire Department and asked Mr. Dillman several questions. It appeared that in many cases care had to be taken that the force of the water sent through the mains was not great enough to burst the pipes. Mr. Friedlander pointed out that Sansome Street should be cleared of debris as one of the city mains ran under it. Mr. Deneen stated that his committee was spending a great deal of money in cleaning the streets and did not wish to incur too many expenses, suggesting that some other means be provided.

Mr. Mullally reported that cars had been run on Saturday afternoon down to the ferries from Fifth and Market Streets and pointed out that in a few days it was expected that the Valencia, Eddy and Ellis Streets systems would be in operation. Mr. Mullally had in evidence a bag containing the gross receipts of the day before \$1867 which he presented to the Mayor for the use of the Committee. Mr. Metson pointed out that sight-seers were overcrowding the car system and Mr. Barnett suggested that the Mayor issue a proclamation which he said he would do, asking sightseers to refrain from using the cars. Mr. Ruef suggested that fares be collected from everyone, including women and children. This met with general approval and Mr. Mullally stated that he would immediately issue orders to that effect.

Mr. Ruef again brought up the matter of the length of time the receipts of the United Railroads were to go toward the Relief Fund and Mr. Mullally again assured the Committee that they were

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entirely in their hands and would give over the receipts to the Relief Fund until advised to the contrary.

The Mayor introduced President Calhoun, of the United Railroads, who spoke in praise of the bravery and courage displayed by San Francisco's citizens during the calamity. He said in part:

"In the face of such great calamity no State it lines exist. It is proper to say that amidst the appalling feeling of grief that swept over this country, one ray of light shone forth in the universal expression of courage and confidence that San Francisco would be grander, bigger and more beautiful than it had been before.

"For the United Railroads, I can only say that it is their intention to labor earnestly as you know to do all that they can for the relief of the sufferings for the rebuilding of the city. The policy of the Company is to go right ahead, looking forward to the time when this city shall be rebuilt.

"I only remained in the East long enough to get an authentic report of what was needed. I received from many of the railroad companies ready overtures to turn over a portion of their cars to aid in rebuilding San Francisco. It must be a pleasure to recognize that the energy and courage of your own people stand out as prominently as the calamity which they have endured. There is only to one sentiment, that we will all do everything in our power to make this city greater than it was before."

Mr. Deneen read a letter which he had received from the Board of Underwriters who desired to get permission to lodge the insurance companies and adjusters in Union Square. Mr. Metson stated that they were welcome to all the vacant space in the park not taken up by shrubbery and suggested that they take the matter up with Mr. McLaren, stating that they were limited only by the size of the park.

The Mayor asked that the press give particular prominence to the fact that all chimneys must be repaired at the expense of the property-owners. He stated that he had received innumerable letters the writers of which took it for granted that chimneys were to be repaired by the city.

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Mr. Ruef reported that there were very few Chinese in the city and that these had all been removed to the temporary quarters at the Presidio.

Mr. Spreckels reported that he had not seen Mr. Hunt in regard to the lighting question, that Mr. Friedlander stated that Mr. Hunt had said that they would have some lights immediately. Judge Hunt reported that some of the hospitals were not well supplied with drugs, mentioning particularly St. Luke's. He moved that a committee of five be appointed to be called a committee on hospitals. The Mayor recommended that that committee work in conjunction with the Committee on Drugs, consisting of Doctors Harris, McGill and Garceau and he appointed Judge Hunt on the committee, he to select his other associates. Judge Hunt appointed Supervisor Mamlock, Father O'Ryan, J. J. Lerman and William H. Metson.

Mr. Wittman reported that the retailers were having some difficulty in getting supplies from the wholesalers but that otherwise business was assuming normal conditions.

Mr. Phelan reporting for the Finance Committee stated that he had sent a telegram to the Secretary of War, politely inquiring if the Finance Committee might expect any part of the government appropriation for its own use. Mr. Phelan stated that the \$300,000 which Mr. Taft had sent was not a part of the government appropriation but was sent by Mr. Taft in his capacity as President of the National Red Cross Society.

He reported that subscriptions for April 28th amounted to \$69,362 bringing the total of signed subscriptions, including the government appropriation (which however might not be cash as intimated by Secretary Metcalf), to \$5,621,949. To this might be added \$530,000 in unsigned subscriptions.

Mr. Phelan reported he had had a letter from General Funston who had decided to turn over \$25,000 of the Guggenheim appropriation, which had been given him for the relief of the destitutes, to the Finance Committee. He stated that this was done with the permission of the donors.

Congressman Kahn informed the Committee that \$10,000 had been collected by the Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment

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for the relief fund, "out of appreciation for the hospitality and goodwill of the citizens of San Francisco," this regiment having been entertained both on leaving for and returning from the Philippines. The money was sent

to Mrs. Henry Meyers.

The Mayor announced that in all seven hundred carloads of supplies had been distributed; that he had learned that only one hundred and eight carloads were on the way from all sources. The Mayor laid stress on the importance of this fact and urged the Associated Press to announce that supplies were still needed.

Mr. Sbarboro announced that the Italians of New York were sending a trainload of provision by Wells Fargo's Express. He stated that he had been requested by the Italian Consul to announce that the government of Italy had offered expressions of sympathy and condolence to San Francisco. Mr. Sbarboro further announced that the Italian Consul at Portland was forwarding two carloads of supplies.

Mr. Friedlander read a letter from Secretary Frank Wiggins, of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, stating that Los Angeles was ready to do everything in its power to relieve the suffering in San Francisco; that the Chamber of Commerce and the Native Sons had sent ninety cars of material in the last five days; finally that the Chamber of Commerce was ready and glad to do what it could, urging that they be called on.

Mr. Phelan stated that \$7,000, according to a letter from Mr. Wiggins, had been sent by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in currency about a week before, but had not yet been received, he having learned that the express company had refused to accept it and that the money had been stopped in Oakland.

Mr. Ruef announced that the first formal meeting of the Board of Supervisors since the disaster would be held in the afternoon at Mowry's Hall, Laguna & Grove Streets. He read resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors (No. 6, New Series), commending the good work of the Mayor and the committee of fifty, and urging that all funds be placed under their control. The resolutions further stated that the Board would adopt a comprehensive plan for

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for building of the City Beautiful. A copy of the resolutions is attached hereto.

Mr. Lerman announced that the Woodmen of the World had established headquarters at Market Street near Noe and had men ready to engage in labor of cleaning up the city and desired to be called on.

In reply to a question of Mr. Dillman's, Mr. Deneen announced that the Board of Public Works, he had been advised, were working on the broken sewers.

Mr. Tobin asked on whose authority the vaults in the burned district were being opened and the Mayor replied that permits were issued signed by Major-General Greely and himself. Mr. Friedlander announced that Major Stafford, whose headquarters were in the Kohl Building was issuing permits for the opening of safes and that he presumed that authority had been delegated to him by Major-General Greely. Mr. Friedlander stated that this had been a great convenience and that due care was taken to identify the parties requesting permits. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Friedlander represent him in issuing permits and the latter announced his willingness to assist in this matter, stating that he had already identified a large number of safe owners. Mr. Ruef supplemented these remarks, stating that a great deal of complaint had come to the notice of the Chief of Police because people were compelled to go to Black Point to get a permit to open their safes. Mr. McNab suggested that the matter for the time being be left as previously, in the hands of the Mayor and General Greely. It was adjusted in this way.

Mr. Reinstein offered the following resolution for adoption:

RESOLVED: That a committee of the Citizens' Committee to be known as the Committee on Reconstruction of the City — be appointed by the Mayor, which shall be composed of three Engineers, three Architects, three Builders, three Attorneys, and five members at large; the Mayor being ex-officio Chairman of the Committee, and the

five members at large to be the President of the Finance Committee of the Citizens' Committee, the President of the San Francisco Clearing House, the President of the University of California, and the Superintendent of Golden Gate park and one other representative citizen.

"This committee to organize as soon as possible and report as early as practicable. Their report shall include a careful revision of the Street plan, the widening and grades of certain streets, the creation of parks, park-ways and reservoir sights, the creation of new streets and more convenient access between the lowlands and the hill districts, and such other matters as may come before them. All members of the committee shall serve without compensation. Their report, when completed, shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

"The sessions of this committee shall be in conference with the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors and the President of the Board of Public Works and the City Engineer and such committees as the Board of Supervisors may appoint in this behalf. This committee is expected to act merely in an advisory capacity to the municipal authorities."

Mr. Barnett stated that in his opinion the resolution did not cover the matter fully, arguing that it was a tremendous piece of work. He called attention to the committee of nine appointed at the meeting of the bankers to confer with the committee to be appointed by the general committee as to how to finance the construction of the Greater San Francisco; also to the committee of nine appointed at the meeting of the merchants and the real estate men to confer with the two first named committees as to how the city should be reconstructed.

Mr. Barnett expressed the opinion that the organization of the work should be on broad lines and suggested that the number and composition of the committee be left to the judgment of the Mayor. He therefore amended the motion to that effect.

Mr. McNab stated that he was in sympathy with the purpose of the proposition but not with its method of obtaining the desired end. He suggested that it be left over until the following day in

order to give the members of the Committee a chance to consider it and in order to wait until after the meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Reinstein stated his concurrence in the suggestion and also his willingness to let the Mayor decide as to the number and personnel of the committee.

Mr. Van Gelden, President of the Technical Society of Engineers offered the assistance of the members of his organization, mentioning Capt. W. W. Harts of the United States Army, as Past President, and also the services of the members of the San Francisco Association, members of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of which Edwin Duryea is President. He said that his associates wanted to be of service in every way possible and were ready to be called on.

City Engineer, Thomas P. Woodward stated that five surveying parties were hard at work taking the grades and levels of the streets.

MEETING CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, MAY 1, 1906.

Franklin Hall

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9:30 A.M. May 1, '06.

Mr. Spreckels filed the following report which was read by the Secretary. He stated that his committee desired to turn over their duties to the proper municipal authorities expressing his confidence in Mr. Hewitt's ability. He therefore urged that his committee be discharged. Mr. McNab moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the committee for the good work they had done. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Ruef moved that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged as they desired, Mr. Lerman amending the motion to provide that the recommendations set forth therein be adopted. It was so ordered.

The report which was dated May First and addressed to the Mayor and the committee of Fifty, reads as follows:

Your committee, after being appointed, took charge of the matter of inspecting all wires carrying light and power service, including those for operation of street cars, and at an early date it developed that it would be desirable to cooperate its action with that of the Committee on Telephones, which was done. The first action was to arrange with the City Department of Electricity for con-current action, no permits being issued except bearing the signature of the City Department and the Committee. Following this result, the City Department of Electricity is now in possession of a record of all permits which have been issued to turn current on lines, as well as all permits given to start plants.

At a conference of the Committee and the representatives of the United Railroads, the San Francisco Gas and Electric Co and the Telephone Company, it was decided to disconnect all service wires, both those for electric lighting and telephones from the houses to prevent any possibility of fires being started by a stray current entering any of the premises. As rapidly as sections could be

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cleared permits were issued for operation of street cars along these lines.

The emergency condition is practically now at an end, and there was issued to the San Francisco Gas & Electric Company and the Mutual Electric Company, bearing date of April 30th, permission to turn current on any lines which they deemed safe. This, however, does not apply to installations within houses which must be inspected in all instances before current is turned on.

This committee recommends that they special ordinance be passed providing for this emergency inspection of all house wires by the City Department of Electricity, authorizing an amount to be charged therefore to defray expenses. A similar ordinance should be passed providing for the inspection of gas pipes in houses under the proper City authorities.

Inspection work of the Committee has been largely carried on by volunteers who have given their services free.

The committee desires to acknowledge the cheerful cooperation with it, of the City Department of Electricity and the entire absence of any friction whatever with it.

The total expense incurred by this committee amounts to \$65.00.

Feeling that we have accomplished the purpose for which the Committee was appointed and that the situation at the present time is one with which the proper constituted authorities can cope, we would request our discharge.

Mr. Leahy recommended for the consideration of the Committee the establishment of a greater number of restaurants and casks for drinking water in the burned districts where the men were cleaning up the debris, he said that they had no means of getting anything to eat and drink in the vicinity. He also recommended that the Press give publicity to the fact that property owners should immediately have their chimneys rebuilt in order that only one inspection would be necessary. He stated that there were two hundred inspectors working

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without compensation and that they could not be expected to offer their services for any great length of time. Mr. Leahy further brought before the committee the fact that on Clarendon Heights, water was turned off part of the day. He recommended that the fire department have their men stationed there in order that in case of a fire water could be immediately turned on. Acting Chief Shaughnessy later came in to the meeting and was instructed to station a man there, by the Mayor.

Congressman Kahn read the following telegram from Washington, dated April thirtieth, addressed to him, from Jesse Overstreet, Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads;

"Committee on public buildings and ground will consider "repair of all public buildings at San Francisco, and will make "favorable report to House in Omnibus Building Bill if data is secured in time; otherwise by separate bills.;

The Congressman stated that he would consult within Secretary Metcalf and endeavor to get data immediately.

Mr. Kahn stated that it had been reported that Congress had passed a bill removing duty from building material. In this connection he read the following telegram from Congressman E. A. Hayes, in reply to one from him sent at the instance of Secretary of the Committee and others;

"No Bill passed or reported. House inclined to remove duty on all building material; Senate at present inclined to oppose; a bill will be reported soon, making appropriations to repair all federal buildings."

Mr. McNab reported that the Board of Directors of the Hibernia Bank had decided to permit the use of insurance money of the depositors for the purpose of building. Mr. McNab stated that this was an important move and one that would do a great deal of good. Mr. Sbarboro announced that the Italian American Bank will follow in the same line and that the expected that the other banks would do likewise.

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Mr. Freidlander asked Congressman Kahn about the recently proposed building to house the Federal Officials. Mr. Kahn stated that the President had recommended the passage of a bill which had in view the construction of a building at the foot of Van Ness Ave. adjoining Fort Mason for housing the Army and Navy Officials, and for the construction of warehouses and wharves. Mr. Freidlander suggested that resolutions be drawn up and presented to Congress for the appropriation of a sum to cover this measure, it was so decided and it was arranged that Secretary and Congressman Kahn draw up such a resolution and also endeavor to obtain the cooperation of the commercial bodies of the City. Congressman Kahn stated that he would further enlist the support of the California delegation.

Dr. Filben stated that there was some uneasiness in regard to the Chinese, that Secretary of legation had visited Chinatown and of the treatment that had received a rather bad impression that was being accorded the Chinese. In reply to a question he said that the removal of the Chinese from Van Ness Avenue to the Presidio Golf Links and finally to Fort Point had resulted in some dissatisfaction among them. He said that there were not five hundred Chinese at Fort Point. Many having gone to Oakland. He urged that careful consideration be given to the matter of the permanent location of Chinatown, stating that a meeting of the committee for that purpose with the Secretary of legation, was to be held.

Mr. Wheeler expressed the opinion that unless wise handling was instituted and a location selected satisfactory to the Chinese as well as the Americans, there was great danger of the loss of the oriental trade; he said that Seattle was desirous of receiving the Chinese, and Dr. Filben stated that Portland had also sent delegates to invite the Chinese to go there in a body. No decisive action was taken in the matter, the discussion of which however, served to impress the members of the committee with its importance.

Mr. Wittman reported that retailers were in great need of currency and otherwise that business was resuming normal conditions.

He called the attention of the committee to a seeming conflict of authority, stating that after a permit had been issued by the Committee on the Resumption of Fires and Dwellings, the Fire Department had closed down restaurant which seemed perfectly free from danger of fire. Mr. Leahy of the Committee on the Resumption of Fires in Dwellings, explained that their permit was provisional, and the Fire Department, if, in cases where water was not obtainable, sometimes revoked permits. The Mayor instructed Chief Wittman to act in conjunction with the Fire Department and the Committee on Restoration of Fires in Dwellings. Restaurants, it was urged by the Mayor should be opened as so on as possible.

With the approval of the Chairman, the Auxiliary Fire Committee was discharged, Mr. A. W. Wilson stating that its duties had been completed.

Chief Shaughnessy asked that an armed soldier be detailed to accompany the expert of the Fire Department, Alexander George, to examine the Spring Valley Water Companies properties in San Mateo County. He expressed the opinion that Mr. Schussler had not given a fair report of the existing conditions and asked that permission be granted by the committee for the examination. Mr. McCarthy supplemented these remarks in a rather forcible manner, stating that access should be forced in order that the committee might know of the real situation of the water supply. Mr. Freidlander stated that he was in a position to say that with a simple request, the Water Company would be glad to have the authorities to examine their property. Mr. Dillman who later came in to the room arranged to accompany Mr. George on the tour of instruction.

A letter from James W. Ward, President of the Health Commission, dated April twenty-ninth, addressed to the Secretary, was read and referred to the Water Committee. It stated that orders had been given out curtailing the use of water, but it was stated that such action was "very serious embarrassment to good sanitation". He urged

that every effort be made to replenish the water supply, explaining that danger of an epidemic would be imminent if water was not quickly proficient enough for all household purposes. He further recommended that analyses be made of the water and suggested that this could be done at the analytical laboratory at Berkeley by the City Physician.

Mr. Mullally presented a rather full report on the street car situation, he said that were 280 miles of street railways in San Francisco, of which 258 were owned by the United Railroads; of the 93 miles burned in the recent fire, 80 belonged to the United Railroads, of which 55 were electric. He said that he believed that the work of putting the system into operation again had been so tremendous, that it had never been equaled in the history of street railways.

He traced progress of the resumption of traffic and said that in addition to the lines now running, the cars would soon be in operation on Market Street from the Ferry to Valencia on the entire systems, also, on Ellis, Turk and Eddy Streets.

Mr. Mullally said that only seven electric cars had been burned and that in all 150 new cars had been ordered - of the finest make that money could buy. He referred to the damage caused to the various systems and Power Houses, placing the loss of the Company at \$1,250,000, well covered by insurance.

He again had in evidence the receipts from fares of the day before, \$2436.30. Mr. Reinsten stated that he wished to bring up the matter of the length of time the gross receipts of the railroad Co. were to go towards the Relief Fund, and he moved that thereafter the receipts from fares, be burned over to the Railroad Company. Mr. Wheeler recommending the motion to read, "with sincere thanks of the Committees for the passed valuable services rendered by the United Railroads," Mr. Reinsten announcing that it had been his intention to convey a vote of thanks in a separate motion, that he therefore accepted the amendment. The motion was carried

unanimously.

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Mr. Phelan stated that he had heard that a portion of the \$75,000 donated by the United States Railroads had been spent and asked Mr. Mullally what part of it the Committee could expect to receive in cash. Mr. Mullally stated that \$14,000 had been expended at the time of the earthquake for supplies and that he believed that these were the first supplies received. This statement was confirmed by Mr. Castle

A letter was stated that \$14,000 was read from a man who was in Sacramento during the fire authorizing the relief Committee to draw on the Bank of California for \$10,000, to the account of Brown Bros. & Co of New York.

Mr. Dillman reported that water had gotten down to 3 *rd* street on Market, and that he expected that by four days water would have reached the pumps, and that a few hours after such time a supply of water would be in the high districts. Mr. Ruef introduced a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Barnett, that a substitute for the resolution introduced the day before by Mr. Reinstein, it was unanimously adopted, and reads as follows:

"RESOLVED: that an advisory committee of forty, to be known as the Committee of the reconstruction of the City, be appointed by the Mayor to confer with and advise the official committee of seven appointed by and from the Board of Supervisors, such a committee shall have power to act, by sub-committee." "It shall be within the province of said committee to consider and recommend the revision of building laws, revision of street plants, widening, extending and grading of streets, creation of parks, park ways, reservoir sights, new streets and more convenient access between the lower and higher districts, and such other matters as may come before them relative (t)o the re-habilitation or beautification of the city.

"All members of the committee shall serve without compensation. The Mayor shall be a member and ex officio chairman of said committee. The report of the committee when completed, shall

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be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Functions of the Committee shall be merely adviso(r)y and to the Municipal Authorities."

The Mayor announced that he would appoint the Committee on the following afternoon and stated his intention of appointing as advisory, Messrs. D.H. Burnham, John Galen Howard and Benjamin Ide Wheeler. Mr. Phelan reported for the Finance Committee, stating that he had had a conference with the Governor, who had turned over to the Finance Committee checks for \$450,000. He announced the out of town subscription for the day before as \$188,470, and the local subscriptions as \$2(0)500.00 bringing the total of signed subscriptions \$5,813,896, and including the verbal subscriptions \$6,353,000.

He stated that he had had no advice as yet from Washington regarding the disposition of the Government appropriation, but that it appeared likely that it had been expended, he stated that in future the \$2,500,00 appropriation would not be included in the total. Mr. Polk stated that it appeared that the chimneys were being repaired only from the roof up, but Mr. Leahy explained that a systematic inspection was made from the baseme(n)t through the entire building.

Mr. McNab precipitated a discussion of the proposed extra session of Congress and the possible necessity of amending the City Charter. He urged that a careful reading of the Charter be made to find out whether any prohibitory clauses appeared which might hinder special legislation, if an extra session was called. Mr. Davis further spoke on this subject. Mr. Barnett recommended that a sub-committee from the committee of forty be appointed to consider the matter first. The Mayor stated that this was his idea.

Mr. Phelan recommended that leases be extended from fifty to ninety-nine years with a re-valuation of property every ten years. He said that this would be one of the surest means of re-building the city and that it had been carried out in Chicago, with

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great success. Mr. Howell of the Real Estate Board stated that his Association had favored such a move, having appointed as a Committee William A. Magee, W.B. Pringle, and William S. Baldwin. The gentleman stated that Judge Slack, in making preparations for the resumption of judicial business had appointed Attorney van Fleet, U.S. Webb, Reuben H. Lloyd, Charles S. Wheeler and Garret McHenry to report on the advisability of an extra session.

Mr. Reuff recommended that a general constitutional amendment providing that the Charter could (be) amended without a vote should be passed, which could be enforced at least until such time thereon as applicable to new conditions. As a vote could be taken on it, when it might be either rejected or accepted.

Mr. Reuff moved that a committee of five be appointed from the Citizens committee to receive any suggestions along those lines. Mr. McCarthy suggested that the committee from the Board of Supervisors confer with the committee of forty and report to the general committee. The Mayor stated that suggestions would be received in writing by the Secretary (from) all commercial bodies and o(t)her parties and he urged that the press give publicity to the fact.

Mayor Lyon of Fresno was introduced and extended the sympathy of his people to San Francisco(.) (H)e stated that \$45,000 had been raised in cash, but that they had been advised to send provisions rather than money, and had accordingly forwarded beef, lemon, and other supplies and still had some money left, he stated that in addition, Fresno had contributed some twenty odd cars of provisions. He referred to the matter of an extra session of Congress and stated that he considered that it was an absolute necessity, citing as an instance the pressing demands that were being made by creditors for payment. He expressed the opinion that an extra session was as necessary to the State of California as to the City of San Francisco.

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MEETING OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, MAY 2, 1906

Franklin Hall.

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9:30 A.M. May 2, 1906.

Mr. Wittman called attention to the exorbitant prices which were being charged by both wholesalers and retailers. The Mayor, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Reinstein, Mr. Speck and Mr. Spreckels spoke on the dangerous practice that property owners were making in charging exorbitant rents. Mr. Speck said that at any rate in spite of all disastrous effects that such a practice if general would bring about, there would be the one good result in that people would be driven back in to the burned district and erect new buildings.

Mr. Metson said that Union Square was ready for the Insurance Adjusters but that none of them had made an appearance as yet. The Secretary was instructed to take the matter up and inform the insurance people that the location could not be held any great length of time for them.

Mrs. W. H. Crooker, it was announced by the Mayor, desired to erect temporary building on Union Square where hot meals would be served at noonday. The Mayor stated that he had recommended that a charge of ten cents be made, the proceeds of which to go to the relief fund.

Mr. Smith, representing the Architects and Builders, who had been voluntarily inspecting the chimneys throughout the city, working as he stated, twelve hours a day, addressed the Committee and referred to an article in the Chronicle, which, he said, cast a slur upon the work which they had done. Mr. Metson moved that a vote of confidence, with thanks for past services, be passed in honor of these men. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullally said that although the Committee had kindly requested that the receipts from fares be no longer turned over to the relief fund, the proceeds had been larger than the previous day, amounting to \$3,976.40, which he said was at the disposal of the Committee, together with a personal contribution from himself to make the sum a round \$4,000.

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Dr. Voorsanger stated that the work of his committee had practically been completed, and that by arrangement with Dr. Devine the problem of the distribution of food had been turned over to the military authorities, who by order of General Greely had divided the city into seven distributing stations. He asked, therefore, that with the exception of himself, who would work in conjunction with the military, the committee on feeding the hungry be discharged with a vote of thanks for their services. On motion of Mr. Metson it was so ordered unanimously.

Mr. Lerman reported for the Committee on Drugs and Medical Supplies stating that they had obtained the necessary permission to supply the various hospitals with medical drugs, and that arrangements had been made to secure cots and rubber sheeting etc. He announced that the Merchants Ice and Cold Storage Company had offered to furnish and deliver to the Hospitals, free of charge, all the ice that they might require. On the suggestion of Mr. Lerman, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Ice Company for this assistance.

The Mayor stated that he had heard from Mr. Schussler that there was now being pumped into College Hill Reservoir 12,000,000 gallons of water a day. He said that Mr. Schussler complained that in tearing down houses, damage was often done to the water pipes, which in many cases were broken. Various remedies were suggested and upon the recommendation of Mr. Leahy the Mayor stated that he would issue a proclamation in this connection.

Mr. Reid opened a discussion of the work being done in the repairs of chimneys, stating that he had been informed that 75% of them were cracked from the roof down. Mr. McCarthy explained that the brick-masons could be held responsible if they repaired the exterior of the chimney and neglected to fix the cracks on the inside.

Mr. Ruef announced that a meeting of the Committee on the Permanent Location of Chinatown was to be held and invited the members of the Committee to be present.

Acting on a suggestion, the Mayor stated that he would

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issue a proclamation urging that the insurance companies immediately adjust their losses, even if they were not in a position to pay immediately.

Mr. Phelan stated that he received a long telegram from the Secretary of War, copies of which had appeared in the morning papers, explaining the distribution of the government appropriation. He said that the Finance Committee was heartily in accord with the steps which Secretary Taft had taken. He further announced that the Secretary had said that there were \$700,000 left and he would be glad to receive instructions as to how it should be distributed. The telegram reads as follows, being addressed to James D. Phelan:

"You and your committee evidently misconceived the nature and legal limitations of the Congressional aid, and do not understand the facts. Instantly on receipt of General Funston's telegram to the extent of the disaster and the pressing need of food and shelter for more than one hundred thousand people, although I was without lawful authority to do so, I ordered sent to San Francisco rations costing more than \$1,000,000, tentage,

blankets and bedding, costing more than \$1,000,000, and medical stores, costing \$150,000, to be used and distributed for the relief of the sufferers. The Transportation on the supplies cost more than \$150,000.

"I made this order anticipating that Congress would ratify my action. Congress did so by joint resolution, authorizing me to furnish for relief of the sufferers subsistence, quartermaster and medical stores for the relief of the sufferers, and appropriated \$1,000,000 for these purposes to be used at my discretion. The President then advised Congress that expenses had already been incurred for these purposes aggregating \$1,500,000, and recommending the appropriation of \$1,500,000, or \$2,500,000 in all. Congress thereupon increased the appropriation to \$2,500,000 in all and authorized me to use this amount, not only for subsistence, quartermaster's and medical stores, but also for the transportation of supplies."

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Mr. Phelan said that \$100,000 had been donated by the Japanese Government, and that this had been accepted after some discussion by the Finance Committee, it being urged that all races were receiving equal benefits from the relief fund. He stated that the "North American" of Philadelphia had already raised \$40,000.

Mr. Phelan said that Mr. William Magee had left for the East on business and would while there act as an agent for the Committee and disseminate a correct impression of the state of affairs in this city. Mr. Phelan announced the subscriptions of the day before as \$374,085, bringing the total to \$3,687,981, excluding the Government appropriation of \$2,500,000. He stated that the verbal subscriptions amounted to \$539,750. Mr. Phelan said that information had come to him that a large sum of money was being raised for the Relief Committee - a sum approximating \$13,000,000.

It was announced that two stove companies in Quincy Illinois were shipping 675 cooking stoves to San Francisco.

Congressman Kahn spoke briefly on the Congressional appropriation, saying in part: "In regard to the Congressional appropriation, a bill passed by joint resolution of Congress provided that the money should be expended by the Secretary of War in conjunction with and with the advice of the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

"When the news came to Washington that the city was burning it was not long before the wires conveyed the message that there were 200,000 people homeless. So far as the expenditure of that money is concerned, it is provided that the money must be expended by the Government officials. A complete report will be presented to Congress, showing the disposition of every penny of the amount.

"I am satisfied that the Secretary of War will cheerfully accept any suggestion as to what is required here, and what money remains in his possession he will be glad to give for the supplies you may require."

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The Mayor named the Reconstruction Committee, as provided in the resolution adopted the day before, as per attached, and also the committee from the Board of Supervisors and from the merchants to revise the building laws. The personnel of these committees follows:

RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE OF 40.

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, Ex-officio Chairman

Thomas P. Woodward, City Engineer

Major McKinstry, U. S. Army

Edwin Duryea

Marsden Manson
William R. Hagerty
P. H. McCarthy
Fred P. Nicholas
William Curlett
James Reid
Frank Shea
Willis Polk
Jeremiah Mahoney
Jeremiah Deneen
C. E. Loss
Garrett McEnerney
J. B. Reinstein
A. Ruef
W. H. Metson
Thornwall Mullally
Tirey L. Ford
E. H. Harriman
W. F. Herrin
W. J. Bartnett
Virgil Bogue
J. Downey Harvey
F. W. McDonald
W. H. Leahy
John McLaren
I. W. Hellman
James D. Phelan
William Murdook
J. Dalzell Brown
J. R. Howell
G. H. Umbesen
Thomas Magee
Rufus P. Jennings
Gavin McNab

H. E. Law
F. H. Hilbert
Rudolph Spreckels
William J. Dingee
William Babcock
R. B. Hale
Judge F. W. Henshaw
Judge Thomas Graham
Judge F. J. Murasky
Advisory Members

D. H. Burnham
John Galen Howard
Benjamin Ide Wheeler

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MEETING OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE, MAY 4, 1906.

Franklin Hall
#19

10 A.M. May 4, 1906.

The Secretary read the final report of the Water Committee, which is attached hereto. Mr. Lerman moved that the report be accepted and the committee discharged with a vote of thanks.

Mr. Wittman announced that the California Car Works had not been injured by the fire and were ready to do business, but presumed that they had not been opened on account of the lack of water in the district. The Mayor urged that this committee act in strict cooperation with the Fire Department.

Mr. Mullally reported that 90 cars would be run and asked that this be considered as his final report, requesting that the committee be discharged. He said that Mr. Hale and Mr. McNab and Mr. Raphael had done splendid work with the automobiles and wagons, etc. Mr. McCarthy moved that the committee be discharged with a vote of thanks. It was so ordered.

Mr. Cowles, Chairman of the Press Committee reported that the Associated Press and the San Francisco Papers had observed the request of the Mayor of the day before that they refrain from publishing any report of the discussion in regard to financing the reconstruction of the city, but that the Oakland Herald had published an almost verbatim report of the proceedings. He announced that city papers had seen the report and considered that the injunction against publishing it had been removed and they therefore copied it.

The Mayor asked the representative of the Oakland Herald who was present at the meeting, why he had not informed the committee that the report would be published, when he had asked the press to refrain from writing it up. The Oakland reporter stated that he had turned his copy over to the City Editor informing him of the request of the Mayor, and that his superior had replied that they would use their own discretion with regards to

publishing the proceedings. Mr. Metson made a motion, which was seconded by Supervisor Wilson that the Reporter in question be excluded from the room and all other representatives of the Oakland Herald treated likewise. In seconding the motion Supervisor Wilson made an amendment which was accepted by Mr. Metson, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Associated Press and a vote of confidence to the San Francisco papers for complying with the request of the Mayor. Mr. Dwyer was opposed to such a step, arguing that it would do more harm to the committee than the paper in question. Mr. Cowles also spoke against the passage of the motion, saying that the paper was not a member of the Associated Press and that he did not wish to injure it in that way. The Mayor explained that the representatives of the Press had always been admitted to the meetings through the courtesy of the committee, with the understanding that all requests made would be complied with. Mr. Cowles further spoke against the motion arguing, that it was impossible to prevent the paper from getting the news. Mr. Tobin also spoke against such a move and stated that in his opinion too much was being made of the matter. Mr. McNab while terming the action of the Oakland Herald as reprehensible in the extreme thought that the best attitude of the committee would be one of silent contempt. Mr. Wilson then withdrew his second to the motion and Mr. Metson withdrew his motion. The Mayor said that if any similar action should occur again in the future he would take it upon himself to request that the paper be excluded from the session. Mr. Dwyer suggested that the committee did not want the impression to go out that anything was being done in secret which they did not desire to be made public, and said he thought the stand of the committee was that the press were not excluded when the committee was in executive session merely for the sake of convenience.

Chief Shaughnessey of the Fire Department stated that Mr. Dillman, Mr. George and himself had examined the plan of the Spring Valley Water Company in San Mateo County and that Mr. George had a written report to present to the Committee. The Mayor said that the Water Committee had been discharged, and asked the pleasure

of the Committee. Mr. Metson moved that the report be heard, and that it be submitted to Mr. Schussler to answer statements contained therein. The Mayor said that this would not be necessary as he was to make a tour of inspection on Sunday morning with Mr. Schussler. Mr. George read the report which was filed with the committee, as per copy attached.

Mr. Phelan made a report of the subscriptions, copy of which is attached hereto.

Mr. Metson of the Park Commission reported that half of Union Square was ready for the establishment of restaurants, as had been requested of the Mayor the day before. Mr. Metson further suggested that a restaurant might be established in the Park opposite the Hall of Justice.

Mr. Phelan announced that the Finance Committee would have a meeting with the Mayor, the Governor and some of the large contributors to the relief fund. He invited also Mr. Mullally and Mr. McLaren to attend the meeting.

Mr. Phelan stated that Mr. Polk had suggested some of the funds be used for the purpose of creating employment and Mr. McLaren said they could employ the men at the Park although at present the ordinary number of men was being employed at the same wages as before the earthquake. The question was asked Mr. McLaren whether he thought that extra men could be employed at reduced wages. Mr. McLaren replied that he did not know whether that would be feasible. Mr. McCarthy argued against the use of the funds, if wages were to be reduced, Mr. Polk expressing the opinion, however, that this would not interfere with the union scale of wages.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at 10'clock the following morning.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, Chairman

Rufus P. Jennings, Secretary

Frank B. Anderson

Huge K. Asher

W. J. Barnett

Maurice Block

Albert E. Castle

Arthur H. Castle

Paul Cowles

H. T. Creswell

Henry J. Crocker

R. A. Crothers

P. C. Currier

Jeremiah Deneen

E. J. De Pue

M. H. de Young

George L. Dillman

A. B. C. Dohrmann

Charles S. Fee

John W. Ferris

Thomas Garrett

Mark L. Gerstle

Wellington Gregg, Jr.

R. B. Hale

William Greer Harrison

J. Downey Harvey

I. W. Hellman, Jr.

William F. Herrin

Howard Holmes

J. R. Howell

Judge John Hunt

Homer S. King

George A. Knight

Franklin K. Lane

Herbert E. Law
W. H. Leahy
C. H. Maddox
Frank Maestretti
Thomas Magee
William Magee
John S. Mahoney
John Martin
Garret McEnerney
John McNaught
S. B. McNear
William M. Metson
Archbishop Montgomery
Irving F. Moulton
Thornwall Mullally
Bishop Nichols S.G.Murphy
Father O'Ryan
James D. Phelan
Albert Pissis
Willis Polk
Allan Pollok
E. P. Pond
H. B. Ramsdell
James Reid
David Rich
Dent H. Robert
J. B. Rogers
John W. Rogers
Andrea Sbarbore
Henry T. Scott
W. P. Scott
Frank Shea
Claus Spreckels
Rudolph Spreckels

I. Steinhart
W. W. Thurston
Clem Tobin
George Tourny
Fred Ward
Chas S. Wheeler
Thos. P. Woodward.
Hugh M. Burke
J. J. Dwyer
E. F. Moran
D. V. Kelly
J. B. Reinstein
Dr. Morris Hersstein
Gustav Sutro
S. M. Shortridge
Alex Heynemann

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

First - \$100,000.00 for construction of pavilion on Alms House tract to accommodate 1,000 destitute people.

Second - \$150,000.00 for the construction and repair of temporary buildings in the public parks to house the homeless during the coming winter.

Third - \$500,000.00 to be used as donations to owners of lots in the burned district to rebuild their homes; donations to be one-third of the cost of the building, provided that the donation shall not exceed \$500.00. Said money to be paid to contractor when building is completed. That not more than one donation be made to any one person. - This offer to remain open 3 months, unless this fund is sooner exhausted.

Fourth - \$500,000.00 to be used in loans to anyone whose place of residence was burned, whether owner or tenant. Such loan to be used in building new dwellings anywhere in San Francisco on lot owned by such person. Such loan to equal one-third of cost of building; - in no case to exceed \$1,000.00. Second mortgage security to be taken, 3% net interest. - This offer to remain open 90 days, unless this fund is sooner exhausted.

Fifth - \$3,000,000.00 to be used in the purchase of tract or tracts of land in suitable and convenient locations in this city and county, in the erection of small buildings for dwelling purposes. Such buildings to be either cottages, two-stories or flats, from 3 to 6 rooms and bath, costing from \$750.00 to \$2,000.00 a piece.

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Such buildings, apartments or flats to be sold or rented upon easy terms to bona-fide residents of San Francisco who are engaged in some business or employed. That a corporation shall be organized to carry on the work.

Sixth - That a corporation, for the purpose of purchasing land and building houses and carry out the foregoing recommendations either by itself or through others, to be organized under the laws of the State of California whose members shall consist of the Finance Committee of the Relief and Red Cross, together with the Governor of the State of California and the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco. That from this corporation a board of Directors of 11 shall be chosen, and from the board of directors an executive committee of 3 shall be formed to transact the business.

RECAPITULATION

1st -

\$100,000.00

2nd -

150,000.00

3rd -

500,000.00

4th -

500,000.00

5th -

3,000,000.00

Total -

\$4,250,000.00

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There are several obstacles in the way of carrying out the recommendations of the Committee of Forty predicated upon the Burnham Plan. First, the condition of the laws, and, secondly, the indifference of the law makers. In other cities there is authority in the statutes for the acquisition of lands for the widening and opening of streets, which permits the city to profit by the new conditions created. In Paris, for instance, in the construction of the Boulevard St. Germain, the Municipality effected a great improvement without any cost by simply condemning sufficient land to control the frontage, which was subsequently resold.

Our laws for the assessment of benefits and compensation for damages are complicated and unsatisfactory. A Constitutional Amendment has been submitted providing for the exchange of property and the Charter will probably be amended to meet pressing demands. These things, however, are all in contemplation. The Supervisors will have to be stirred to a sense of duty. They were recently asked to lower the grade of Golden Gate Avenue without any expense to the City, the property owners agreeing to assume it all. The City Engineer recommended it as highly advantageous to the City. Several hearings were had and a compromise agreed upon in order to satisfy the selfish interests of two protestants out of two hundred advocates, and then this body refused to take action. What hope can we have to accomplish large improvements when so simple and inexpensive an improvement is denied. We may have to wait until a new Board of Supervisors is elected. Property owners, anxious to get some return from their property as it is, are also reluctant to take the larger view to improve their property and city alike by effecting street widening and street opening. In fact inertia and obstruction beset us and nothing but vigorous action and perhaps a new administration will be necessary to accomplish the changes for which we have labored so long.

JAMES D. PHELAN

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A TENTATIVE PLAN FOR THE USE OF \$500,000 TO \$1,000,000 FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

In view of the fact that the total number of free beds in San Francisco outside of the City and County Hospital has at no time exceeded seventy-two, and that the majority of these were for children, and that the Relief Committee has supported on an average of two hundred and twenty-five patients a day since the fire in various hospitals of San Francisco, at a cost of \$2.00 a patient a day, and that this money so expended has not only been one of the most valuable and far-reaching means of relief of people who have been afflicted by the fire, but has enabled a number of the benevolent hospitals to continue their work during a trying financial crisis, when some of them would otherwise have been obliged to close their door, it seems necessary to continue this work of caring for the dependent sick. To accomplish this purpose, we suggest the following plans for the use of the remainder of the Relief Fund, should this be less than the \$2,000,000. originally hoped for:

A self-perpetuating body of trustees shall be appointed by the Relief and Red Cross Funds Corporation to care for and safely invest, to the best advantage, all money on hand when the work of the corporation is closed.

Ninety per cent of the income derived from this fund shall be divided, annually (equally) among not more than four accredited hospitals of San Francisco.

None of these hospitals shall receive any part of its proportion of this income, unless it shall agree to maintain, and actually shall maintain, one free bed for three hundred and sixty-five days each year, for one patient with an acute medical or surgical case, for each \$550.00 paid to such hospital.

The free beds referred to herein shall be in addition to such as are maintained as free beds at the present time either from endowment or from other arrangements for their support.

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Ten per cent of the gross income from this fund shall be retained by the trustees and reinvested, forming an additional part of the principal.

The trustees shall make every effort to secure additional donations to the principal with the object of securing sufficient funds (not less than \$2,000,000.) with which to erect and endow a memorial hospital for the treatment of acute conditions. All such additional sums so secured shall be invested with the original principal and the income divided amongst the hospitals yearly as indicated.

If at the end of ten years it shall appear to the trustees of this fund that it is impossible or impracticable to secure a sufficient capital to erect and properly endow a memorial hospital, then the existing principal shall be divided equally among the hospitals which have been receiving the interest, for the perpetual support of free beds on the same terms as indicated above. If it shall then appear to the trustees, however, that it will be possible to so erect and properly endow a hospital as suggested, they shall continue the administration of this fund and distribution of the interest thereon until such time as they can erect the hospital and continue its operation on the interest derived from the remaining capital.

In the event that the trustees find it possible to erect and endow the suggested memorial hospital, they shall give six months notice to the accredited hospitals which have been receiving the interest from the funds in hand, of the proposed discontinuance of this support.

Dr. F. K. Ainsworth, Chief Surgeon of the Southern Pacific Hospital, has given us the following data in regard to construction and maintenance:

A "Class A" building, fully equipped for two hundred beds, can be built for \$1,500 a bed, even providing that a considerable number of them be in private rooms. There will be a slight proportion of increase should the

number of beds be reduced to one hundred. The cost per day for maintenance, if the nursing is done by trained nurses, would be in the neighborhood of \$2.25. If done in connection with the training school, this would be reduced about twenty-five cents.

These figures average very closely with figures of large Eastern hospitals.

Committee of the County Medical Society.

signed- Philip King Brown

Philip Mills Jones.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PHELAN.

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS

Article 1 - Section 4.

"Whenever a vacancy in the office of Director occurs "(except in the case provided for in Section 310 of the Civil Code "of the State of California), such vacancy shall be filled by "appointment by the vote of the remaining members of the Board of "Directors, and the person so appointed shall hold office until his successor is elected."

MEETINGS.

Article 10.- Section 3.

"Special meetings of the members of the Corporation "may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, or by any five of the Directors, at their pleasure by order directed "to the Secretary, and shall be called by the Secretary or any one "of the Assistant Secretaries upon the written request of five members of the Corporation."

Section 8.

"There shall be regular monthly meetings of the Board of "Directors of the Corporation, and such meetings shall be held on "the second Tuesday of each month at the hour of three in the "afternoon."

Amended October 11th.- "Moved that the regular meeting time "of the Board of Directors be changed from the second to the third "Tuesday of the month."

Section 9.

"Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any two Directors by order directed to the Secretary."

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RESOLVED: That an advisory committee of forty, to be known as the committee on the reconstruction of the city, be appointed by the Mayor to confer with and advise the official committee of seven appointed by and from the Board of Supervisor Such a committee shall have power to act, by sub-committees.

It shall be within the province of said committee to consider and recommend the revision of building laws, revision of street plans, widening, extending and grading of streets, creation of parks, park ways, reservoir sights, new streets and more convenient access between the lower and higher dist lots, and such other matters

as may come before them relative to the re-habilitation or beautification of the city.

All members of the committee shall serve without compensation. The Mayor shall be a member and ex-officio chairman of said committee. The report of the committee when completed, shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The functions of the committee shall be merely advisory and recommendatory to the municipal authorities.