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Transferred from general fund.....	28,000.00
Transferred from Park and Boulevard Fund.....	90,588.75
Transferred to General Fund.....	\$ 28,000.00
Warrants paid and returned.....	179,531.69
Balance	53,443.80

	\$260,975.49	\$260,975.49
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Tax levy for 1911, .45 mills on assessed valuation of \$274,394,720.

PARK AND BOULEVARD FUND

Balance per report December 31, 1910.....	\$ 112.42
Received sale of bonds.....	234,172.50
Transferred to Park Fund.....	\$ 90,588.75
Warrants paid and returned.....	8,879.71
Balance	134,816.46

	\$234,284.92	\$234,284.92
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Report for 1912

(Extract from message of Mayor A. G. Rushlight, January 4, 1913.)

Despite the temporary set-back received by the Park Department by the rejection of its bond issue, the work of beautifying the parks and children's playgrounds has been carried on without interruption. Extensive plans have been made for future operations, and development work has progressed at a rate conformable with the funds available for those purposes.

Improvements in the form of comfort stations, band stands, tree-planting, grading, lighting, etc., have been made, and the equipment of play places for the children, and the planning of new ones have been well advanced by the Superintendent of Parks.

Construction of the community recreation building at Peninsula Park is now under way. The contract calls for the completion of this building early the coming Summer. With its completion there will be initiated in this city an all-the-year-round playtime for the young folks. This structure is being erected at a cost of \$30,000, which I believe to be money well spent.

Difficulty was encountered in the early part of the year in acquiring the necessary property for rights of way for extension of the Terwilliger Parkway. At the present time, however, work is progressing rapidly in developing what is destined to be one of the most beautiful scenic driveways in the country.

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The construction of a subterranean comfort station in the downtown business district is now under way, and the department has in view the adding of others from time to time as funds become available.

To raise the standard of efficiency in the instructional force for children's playgrounds, a training school has been opened and is now being conducted under supervision of the Superintendent of Parks.

The thanks of a grateful people is due Mr. S. Benson for his timely donation of a number of handsome sanitary drinking fountains to the City. These are placed at the most frequented points and are a source of much pleasure to all our citizens. In behalf of the city I take this opportunity to express appreciation for this generous gift.

Portland, Oregon, December 31, 1912.

To the Honorable Mayor and Park Board of the City of Portland,
Gentlemen:

The status of the parks and activities in and connected therewith during the past year is submitted herewith.

FORESTRY BUILDING (2 ACRES)

During the year the fir flag pole, 184 feet 6 inches high, and occupying a site immediately to the south of the building, was removed as a measure of safety. It was erected in 1905, without having its end treated with a wood preservative and as a consequence decay had entered at the ground line.

All the temporary skylights attached during the Exposition were removed in mid-summer and wired glass supported by metal frames were put in place.

The problem of readjusting the boundary streets seems to give the neighboring property owners no concern even after advances made by the Board to have the public grounds defined with proper regard to appearances, convenience and utility. So long as no co-operative willingness is indicated by the other interested parties, no further effort need be put forth for the purpose of accomplishing a proper solution of the problem.

MACLEAY PARK (130.2 ACRES)

The abandoned flume on the south side of the gulch has been removed, a new trail connecting Macleay Boulevard in Kings Heights and the Cornell Road near the western end of the Park has been located and built. The grade and alignment of this trail is substantially that which may serve for a drive whenever it is deemed desirable to proceed with its construction. Such a drive would be a connecting link between Washington Park to the south and by way of a detour west of the park and thence re-entering it on the north slope join the proposed skyline parkway route of the northern hills. Specially devised contrivances will be necessary to insure the saving of fine old trees in the park, since it would be unwise to attempt to construct a drive on these steep, tree clad slopes by continuous cutting and filling.

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The walk following the brook has had a very largely increased use during the year, due presumably to the greater comfort it affords visitors.

The principal requirement of this park is land extension to permit of convenient access from the city side by way of a walk up the gulch, also by extending the walk at the upper end, following the bottom of the gulch to gain Cornell Road elevation at about a point now marked by the bridge. The taking should be sufficient to enable the drive threading the south slope to be connected with one traversing the north slope as above indicated.

By swinging around the borders of the slope south and west of the park it will be possible to avoid the necessity of constructing a bridge to span the gorge, thus not only preserving the trees, but at lesser cost securing a greater area and a more pleasing result in landscape appearance since the existing boundaries of the park were never determined with landscape values dominating.

I would strongly urge that attention be given to the devising of a plan looking toward the extension of the parkway route over the northern hills, believing that it should be done while yet in their original state of freedom from city streets and residence improvements.

One of the choicest landscape features of this region is the opportunity afforded by developing a parkway along the side hills north of the city from whence charming prospects of river, city, harbor, snow-clad mountains and an ever-changing panorama of very high aesthetic value is possible.

WASHINGTON PARK (103 ACRES)

Various walks were widened for convenience; the drives treated to a surface application of a heavy asphaltic base California oil and the necessary repairs made.

Among the needs of this property are the following:

Wider drives.

Connection with street system west of the Park Extension of the drive to the south boundary and thence by a southerly route connecting with the proposed parkway extension.

More adequate, convenient and modern comfort facilities.

Adequate lighting at night.

Greater playground, also refectory facilities.

Grading the extension south and west of the children's playgrounds.

The proposed plan involves eliminating the Zoo, but until funds are made available for the purchase of more land whereon to move it, I recommend that it be retained in its present location.

Several of the requirements listed above are urgent, hence I recommend that prompt consideration be given to the adoption of a plan and

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so much of the outlined work as available funds will accomplish, be started at once.

GOVERNOR'S PARK (6 ACRES)

Davenport Street was improved, under the bonding act, to the west boundary of the park. The original plans of the City Engineer called for the street's improvement as extended across the Park. An opinion of the City Attorney stated that to retain control, the work must be by the Board. Consequently arrangements were made with the contractor to continue his contract as originally outlined, but that such portion as properly was chargeable to the Board by reason of park property involved would be met by the Board. This work has since been done, and constitutes the only improvement effected in the park during the past year.

NORTH PARKWAY (2.5 ACRES)

Two blocks were enclosed by a substantial iron picket fence; in one block the narrow diagonal concrete walks were removed and the base ball backstop obliterated because of complaint of neighbors and passers-by injured and molested by the flying balls.

All the trees were pruned.

I recommend that for the ball field a substitute base ball ground be opened upon city property contiguous to the new crematory, also that lights and more benches be provided.

The northernmost block will be fitted for tennis playing.

On recommendation of the Board, the Council has in process of enactment an ordinance prohibiting vendors of ice cream, soda water and light refreshments from plying their trade within one block of any park or playground. Children on these grounds have been made ill with every indication pointing to the lack of wholesomeness of the refreshments vended from these portable stands. Furthermore at most of the parks these licensees obstruct the curb and annoy visitors who come to enjoy the band concerts.

SOUTH PARKWAY (5.0 ACRES)

A new bandstand was constructed in the square between Jefferson and Columbia streets.

All the trees were pruned.

I recommend that more benches be provided in this property.

Consideration should also be given to the better lighting in this tract.

SEVENTH STREET PLAYGROUND (1 ACRE)

Children utilize this ground for ball playing.

No improvements were made during the year and I recommend that any material change be held in abeyance until advancement of general plans in the neighborhood be more matured. Special reference is had to the creation of the playground in Marquam Gulch and the parkway connection between Sixth Street and South Parkway.

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CHAPMAN AND LOWNSDALE SQUARES (1.8 ACRES)

A wooden bandstand was in need of extensive repairs and by reason of its small size and the congestion of people in these Squares during band concerts, the stand was removed.

Tree pruning was started but not completed during the past winter.

Many of the trees are short lived sorts such as White and Lombardy poplars. Locusts and the like, which in addition to the trying environment of dust laden winds and generally adverse circumstances in this artificial neighborhood, are rapidly deteriorating.

More adequate facilities for walking, more capacious comfort convenience and better lighting facilities are required.

A plan has been submitted embodying all these features with some slight revision of the walk scheme, principally for the purpose of preserving as much green turf as the enlarged pavement will permit.

The tree planting feature which provides for the ultimate replacement of all the short lived and decrepit trees has been adopted and the trees have been planted; the walk widening has been postponed as not imperatively urgent; the subterranean comfort station is held in abeyance until after the Yamhill station is in use, and lights have been temporarily withheld awaiting the decision of some of the other features.

TERWILLIGER PARK (5.2 ACRES)

No material improvement was made in this property during the year.

I strongly recommend that Lowell Street on the north boundary of the park be opened and improved by a walk located on the northerly portion of the street and a walk in the southerly portion be fused with one in the park, thereafter the entire remaining portion suitably ornamented by planting and lighted with ornamental lights.

From this elevated bluff walk a fine view of the river and harbor is to be gained.

Upon the north portion of Lowell Avenue an abuttor has erected a garage, thus further curtailing public use of street property and effecting an estoppel of convenient and pleasant use of the street and park.

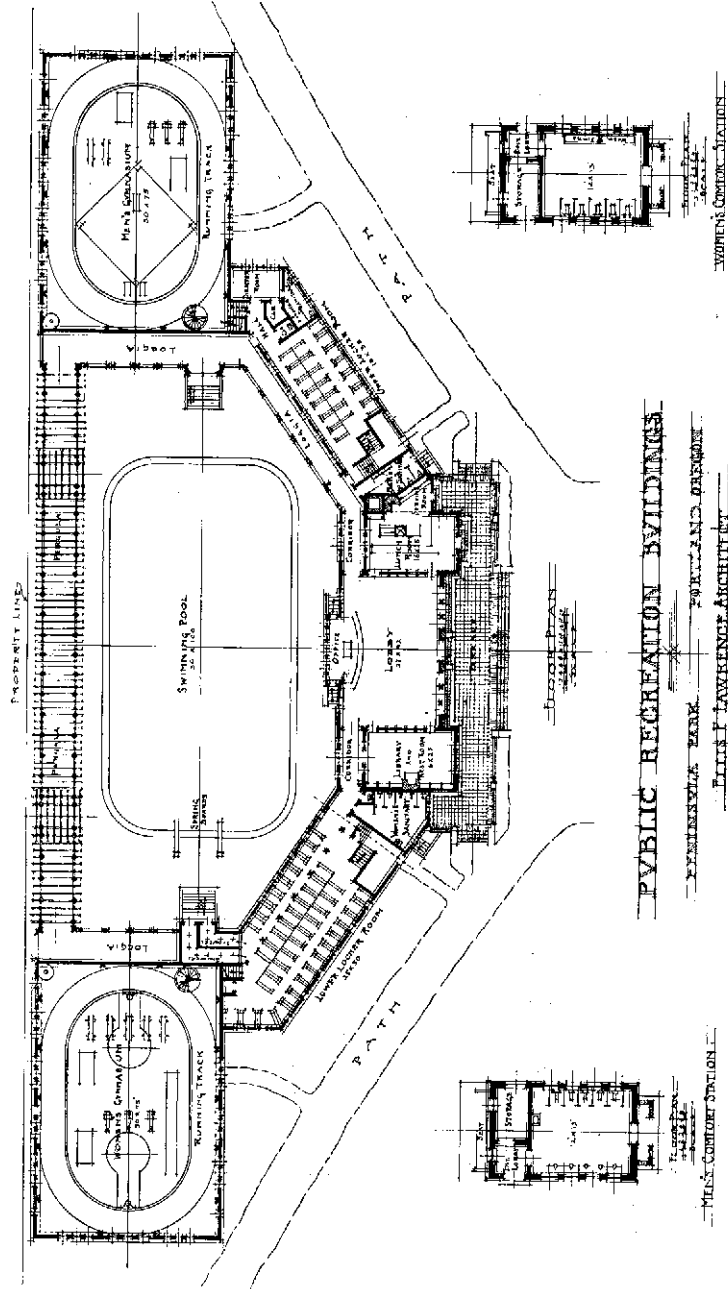
TERWILLIGER PARKWAY (75 ACRES)

During the season the drive was shaped up and given an application of crude oil. On July 19th a contract was let to Glebisch & Joplin for grading the 8000-foot extension northward to connect with the head of Sixth Street.

The major portion of the necessary property upon which the extension work is progressing has been deeded by the O.-W. R. & N. Co. upon conditions similar to those in effect with the Terwilliger heirs and the Fulton Land Co.

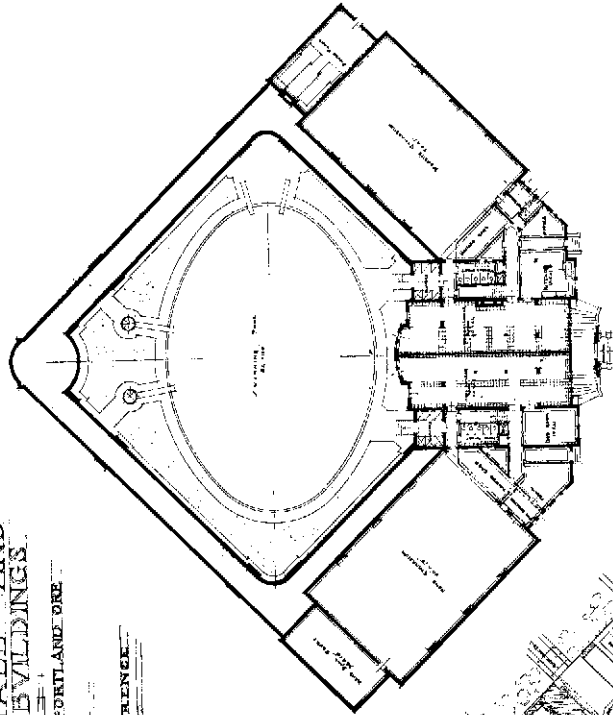
Contractors' bids for this work were as follows:

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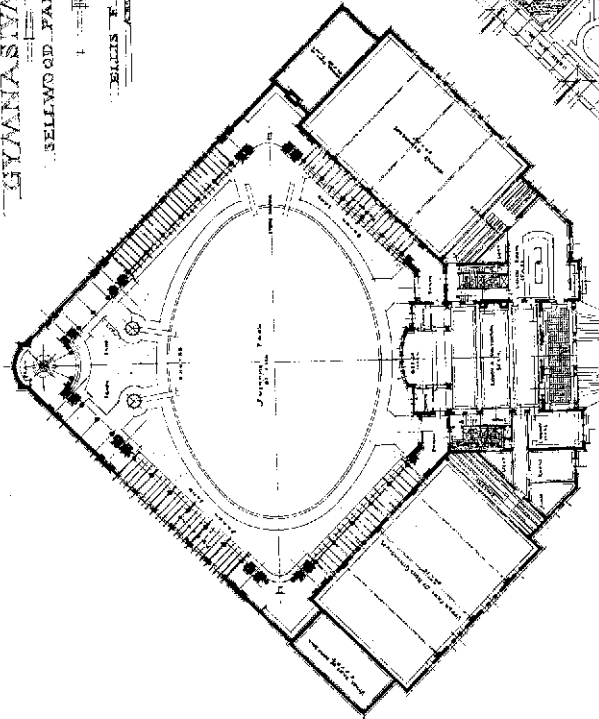


ASSEMBLY HALL AND GYMNASIUM BUILDINGS SHELLWOOD PARK, FORTLAKE ORE.

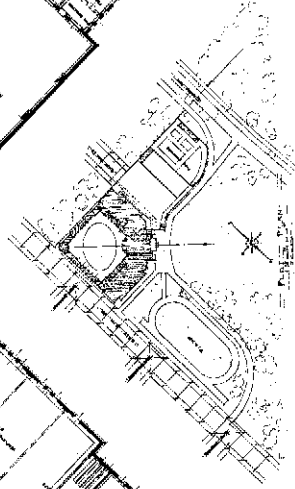
EDWIN F. LAWRENCE
ARCHT. & ENGR.



UPPER FLOOR



LOWER FLOOR



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Tabulation of Bids for Construction of Hillside Parkway
Portland Park Department
July 1, 1912

	Approximate Quantity.	Unit of Measure.	Harry Howard.	Jeffery & Bufton.	Carter Bros.	K. Sauset.	J. W. Sweeney Cons. Co.	Joplin & Meeks.	Giebisch & Joplin.
Grading—									
Solid rock excavation	30,000	Cu. yds.	\$30,000.00 (1.00)	\$27,000.00 (.90)	\$27,000.00 (.90)	\$27,000.00 (.90)	\$26,100.00 (.87)	\$29,400.00 (.98)	\$19,500.00 (.65)
Loose rock excavation.	71,000	"	33,500.00 (.47)	31,950.00 (.45)	28,400.00 (.40)	39,050.00 (.55)	31,650.00 (.45)	28,400.00 (.40)	28,400.00 (.40)
Common excavation.	62,000	"	14,880.00 (.24)	10,850.00 (.17½)	12,400.00 (.20)	13,640.00 (.22)	13,020.00 (.21)	13,640.00 (.22)	13,640.00 (.22)
Clearing.....	25	Acres	(100.00)	(75.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(85.00)	(80.00)	(40.00)
Grubbing.....	600	Sq. rds.	2,500.00 (.60)	1,875.00 (.75)	1,250.00 (.66 2/3)	1,250.00 (.50)	2,125.00 (1.50)	1,500.00 (1.50)	1,000.00 (.50)
Culverts—									
Type A.....			360.00 (12.00)	450.00	400.00	300.00	900.00	900.00	300.00
Type B.....						(3.70)	(2.00)	(2.95)	(3.00)
Type C.....	290	Lin. ft.	(10.00)	(2.00)		(3.60)	580.00		
			(16.00)	580.00			(1.85)	(3.00)	(3.00)
			4,640.00		(5.00)	(3.50)	536.00	(2.75)	\$70.00
					1,450.00	1,015.00	870.00	797.50	(3.00)
Totals.....			\$87,880.00	\$72,705.00	\$70,900.00	\$82,255.00	\$74,631.50	\$74,637.50	\$63,710.00

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The contract was let to the lowest bidder upon a unit basis for principal items and lump sum on minor items. Eighty per cent of the monthly estimates of amounts due are paid as the work progresses. Three sub-contractors are engaged upon the work in the following sections: one from Station 80 to 111, one from 111 to 147 and the other from 147 to 160. A tabulated statement is submitted indicating the properties acquired and prices paid.

Ownership of six parcels of property yet remain to be acquired, one has not been entered at court, one case has not been set on the court calendar, another is delayed by the search of the heirs, one undivided half is being negotiated for and two others have not had negotiations completed.

Some delay in construction has been experienced by reason of staying operations in rock work to permit of the 40-inch city sanitary sewer being constructed in the bed of the Marquam gulch. To date the grading is 25 per cent finished. Its completion is expected before the first of May next.

The contract entered into with the railroad company calls for the construction of cross traffic roads within six months after demand; for the completion of the grading by December 1, 1913; for the macadamizing and lighting and for hard surfacing placed upon the macadam foundation by June 1, 1915.

Limitations in available funds required that portions of the parkway must be eliminated from the plans or the acquisition of lands necessary in providing a playground in Marquam Gulch. Consequently the properties involved in the Eagle Point district, located in juxtaposition to the present ownership, as also two approaches, one at Gibbs Street and the other at Gaines Street were temporarily abandoned.

A sufficient balance to pay the estimated value of lands necessary in Marquam Gulch is still unexpended and will be held in reserve until the contract obligation involved in grading the drive has advanced to the stage where total costs may be more closely determined.

In accord with a former contract the slopes of the Terwilliger Parkway were seeded or planted. There remains to be done before June, 1913, the installation of a drain system, paving of walks and drives and installing lights, all of which I recommend be done. Indeed it is imperative that it be done to execute the terms of the contract entered into and by which the land has been acquired.

Several studies of a plan for the Marquam Gulch playground have been submitted, but action may well be postponed until the amount of funds applicable to the purpose is more accurately determinable.

The terms of the contract with the railroad company aforementioned retains in the company the right to utilize that portion of the gulch conveyed and lying north of the bottom of the gulch for the laying of a

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branch railroad connecting Fourth Street and the projected tunnel connecting with the Tualatin Valley.

One block of land and houses in addition to the land conveyed by the railroad company is insufficient in area to attempt the commencement of a first class thoroughly modern equipped playground. Two additional blocks will be necessary merely for convenience of properly undertaking the activities that are to be conducted. In making this enlarged and adequate provision there will be obviated any possibility of the railroad company seriously damaging improvements now put upon the land.

The principal issue is, after providing for a baseball field in the gulch, whether the community buildings and accompanying appurtenances shall be located north or east of the ball ground. In any case the grading of the ball ground may proceed immediately after the properties in the gulch are acquired and play apparatus may temporarily be installed in this field. Accordingly I recommend that this be the procedure.

Attention is particularly called to the opportunity of large property owners, whose co-operation as evidenced by land donations would enable the extension of the parkway southward to the river. Much of the property required for the purpose is poorly drained, low lying and of low market value; its occupation by dwellings of the lower classes, its conversion into stable, chicken and other yards has a depressing effect on values of neighboring residential properties, whereas when utilized for park purposes it has an enhanced value oftentimes largely in excess of any present market value of the land. In other words, even from a mercenary viewpoint, it can be made to pay, but wholly apart from such commercial phases it is hoped that the opportunity will be viewed in its social welfare effects and that type of leadership and citizenship will dominate which insists on paying into the community in other forms than legal levies, and to do so in proportion as a prosperous community enables the individual to profit out of it and in it. With this spirit more rife many of the problems of the park system would be more easily, speedily and economically solved by the municipality.

FULTON PARK (30 ACRES)

Until Terwilliger Parkway extension southerly is determined upon with exactitude any improvement in this property would be inadvisable.

A tract of land on the east slope of the hill in the eastern portion of the park is being platted for residence purposes. Unfortunate is it that park affairs are not so regulated that properties such as this, which is and should be an integral part of an adjoining local holding, cannot be acquired for the want of funds. The merit of a unit in landscape and physical properties and the logical co-ordination of highest development is vitiated by separate ownership of the two properties.

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This is further emphasized by the subsequent development proceeding upon two diverging schemes, each having for its objective a treatment very unlike one another.

SELLWOOD PARK (15.6 ACRES)

A drive was subgraded from the southern boundary of the Park to the eastern boundary at the north end. With drainage installed this section will be ready for paving. Between the drive and the finished portion of the meadow the surface has been brought to finished grade and seeded.

Some tree planting is yet to be done at the southern end in the vicinity of the newly subgraded drive, at the point of the turn near the overlook and along the eastern border. A walk following the drive and a strip of lawn between it and the bluff, also an administration yard and quarters at the southwest corner is yet to be provided, also a suitable fence on the east boundary.

Before material advancement is possible in bringing this park to a state of construction completion it is necessary to acquire about five acres of land. Until that is accomplished I recommend that lights be installed, and if funds permit, to complete the walk pavement and the fencing on the eastern boundary.

KENILWORTH PARK (9 ACRES)

At Kenilworth Park the southern half of the upper area was brought to finished grade and seeded, walks were subgraded and plantations installed on the southern and western borders.

A Comfort Station serving the both levels has been constructed.

Grading of the northern half of the upper level is awaiting the grading of Holgate Street whence it is expected considerable fill material will be available at slight or no cost to complete this area.

This park is not very much used by the general public and may reasonably have improvements proceed slowly. I recommend that the following be executed as rapidly as funds permit: grading, lights, fencing, water and drainage, walks, fountains and wading pool. Children's apparatus and shelter are also necessary but may conveniently await greater usage than it is contemplated will occur in the near future.

BROOKLYN PLAYGROUND (1.1 ACRES)

Until the grounds are enlarged it would seem ill advised to appropriate any considerable sum for further improvement at this place.

Frequent protest is made against maintaining comfort stations in the basement of the contiguous Street Cleaning Department's stable, and justly so, yet with the area so limited that separate apparatus is not possible of installation without destroying the small open field,

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it is deemed unwise to utilize part of the area for comfort facilities. Moreover, it is probable that a more reasonably adequate site in the nearby neighborhood is possible of acquirement at about the same cost that a small extension of area at the present grounds could be acquired.

I recommend that light facilities be installed, also a concrete walk constructed on the Milwaukee street side.

LADD CIRCLES (1.18 ACRES), MAPLE SQUARE (.42 ACRE), CYPRESS SQUARE (.42 ACRE), ORANGE SQUARE (.42 ACRE), MULBERRY SQUARE (.42 ACRE)

Concrete walks are necessary to bring Ladd Circle to a state of completion. Until a system of ornamental lights is installed in this vicinity, I recommend that no further improvement be made at this point.

The electric light and its supporting pole interfere with the dignified appearance of the tract and injure the plantation. I recommend its removal.

All of the squares are planted with roses arranged according to a simple design. Three of the blocks had the plants lifted this autumn and the assortment of varieties rearranged to permit of closer inspection by visitors and the periodic changing of varieties. It is intended that so rapidly as the newly introduced varieties first planted at Peninsula Park may be propagated in sufficient quantities that they will find a location here in a representative mass. After they have grown here several years they are to give way to later or better introductions.

In conjunction with the Peninsula garden these squares are to be devoted to educational and display purposes and it is hoped that the general public will avail itself of the opportunity to study roses in a fashion to warrant the name of the city being justified by more than the quantitative plantings and the floral excellence of the rose.

MT. TABOR (176 ACRES)

During the winter of 1911-1912 the Council appropriated \$10,000.00 to give employment to idle men. The funds were set aside for charity purposes but good use, though by reason of the very nature of the method of employment and the class of help secured it was not thoroughly efficient, nevertheless over 8,000 feet of 32-foot wide drive were cleared and partly graded.

Cementaceous gravel was encountered and because of the greater cost in moving it over that required for common earth the original estimated cost will be slightly exceeded whenever further funds become available for completing the work. The drive connects the hilltop with the East Salmon Street entrance.

Considerable tender planting was executed between the Lincoln Street entrance and the western slope of the hill; a nursery was planted

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with stock propagated over the winter; about 600 trees were dug from the nursery for street tree planting, several hundred for park planting and about 32,000 young tree seedlings were planted in the nursery. Next year enough street trees will be available at the nursery to plant about thirty miles of both sides of streets.

I recommend that comfort facilities be provided at the hilltop and desirably also in the vicinity of one of the entrances, that the completion of the drive grading be executed and that lights be installed. If funds permit to do even more, the drive system should be extended to connect with north, northeast, east and southwest entrances, and if yet more funds are available to extend the grading of walks.

LAURELHURST PARK (30.1 ACRES)

Walks were subgraded, log steps introduced and lawn areas brought to finished grade and seeded. Planting and the construction of the pools and rivulet and that of the music court were omitted for the want of funds.

At a recent meeting the Board instructed that plans be studied for the substitution of the lake by a playground scheme with swimming pool, assembly building, lockers, gymnasium, outdoor areas with play apparatus and a general playfield. By reason of the radical changes this entails, if so much as possible of the tree growth is to be preserved, extremely careful and painstaking study on an extended scale is necessary and to date sufficient time to prepare it has not been available. Moreover, for the want of funds consequent upon the recently proposed bond issue having failed of endorsement by the electorate, the need of extreme haste is not apparent.

Until such a scheme can be sufficiently advanced in study I recommend that no further improvements be made unless indeed it is certain that they will not require undoing, altering or obliterating.

HOLLADAY PARK (5 ACRES)

A bandstand of more spacious proportions and better design was constructed to replace the older one which had become dilapidated and in need of extensive repairs.

I recommend the installation of lights in this park, and should bond funds become available, also the construction of walks and the removal of the gravel and its replacement by top soil in the planting strip between the street curbs and the walks on all boundary streets, but more particularly on Holladay Avenue.

LINCOLN PARK (2 ACRES)

The crowned surface south of the area covered with trees has been flattened and extended on the east and west sides to embrace the street out to the curbs. Substantial iron fencing has been erected, play apparatus put in place and the borders planted with trees and shrubs.

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I recomemnd that further improvements be made as follows: Provide a wading pool and sand court, construct cement steps at each of the two entrances and provide light.

In addition I would urge that some co-operative arrangement be entered into with the School Board whereby the basement of the school building on the opposite side of the street may be used for evening and winter recreation. For this purpose auditorium, gymnasia and library facilities will be necessary in addition to providing supervision. This is an excellent opportunity for two boards, deriving their working funds from substantially the same source, to demonstrate how the highest efficiency of a given expenditure is possible even though the expenditure is controlled by two separate sets of officers. I deem it well worth while to exhaust every effort in endeavoring to formulate and put into operation a plan of community recreational service at the point where the existing plant is so adaptable to great extension of effective service.

PENINSULA PARK (17.4 ACRES)

Completion of the grading in the garden was executed in the spring by filling the southeast quarter with top soil to a depth of two feet; fourteen thousand roses were planted in the garden; the foundations for two brick steps were constructed and those of two others of greater elaboration are in process of construction; tile of the walk drain system has been put in place; concrete walks laid throughout the park north of the garden; a concrete wading pool and concrete walls of the sand court built; ornamental concrete light standards have been erected; finished grading done in the boys' and girls' play areas; border plantations completed; the swimming pool was completed early in the year and an incomplete locker constructed; bids are in and the contract is about to be let for the construction of a community group of buildings of which the incomplete locker is one unit.

I recomemnd that the wiring of the light system be installed, a bandstand constructed and walks and steps in the garden be completed.

PATTON AVENUE SQUARE (1.3 ACRES)

Boundary streets were improved by grading and the construction of curbs and walks. A topographical survey is being made preparatory to devising a scheme of development. It is expected that the interest shown by the firemen in the fire station adjoining will be such as to execute the grading preparatory to planting and seeding.

Unless that spirit of effective co-operation is shown I recommend that no immediate improvement of that tract be undertaken, principally by reason of the extreme caution necessary in husbanding funds and the limited return that would accrue from any expenditure on that tract at this time.

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GAMMAN'S SQUARE (1.65 ACRES)

The lack of development in this neighborhood is sufficient to postpone any expenditure on this tract unless it be for slight clearing and surface grading, and even this would scarcely be warranted unless the street grades in the neighboring region were established and the streets brought to grade. Consequently I recommend that no improvement of this property be undertaken at this time.

COLUMBIA PARK (30 ACRES)

An iron picket fence was constructed to enclose both the boys' and girls' playgrounds, also upon the Lombard Street boundary. At the entrance to the girls' playground a combination comfort and shelter was erected and beyond one end of the boys' playground a shed. The contiguous administration yard was enclosed by a fence. The borders of the area within the circuit walk was prepared, finish graded and laid down to permanent lawn. Four concrete fountains, each with four mouthpieces of the sanitary bubbling type, were installed. Some demand was made to enlarge the interior lawn area to accommodate more baseball and other players. Except street trees the proposed plantations in this park are complete. The failures of plants during the past year were replaced and some slight extensions made in the fall.

In the greenhouse a crop of chrysanthemums was reared and was virtually unappreciated by the public in so far as it could be judged by visitors attending the exhibition. If after another year's effort no materially greater interest is shown in an autumn exhibition, during the summer the building may be left idle or used for hardy, woody plant propagation. Vast quantities of hardy plants, both trees and shrubs, are being reared in the propagating frames and houses. When ready for transplanting they are lined out in Mt. Tabor nursery or transferred to their permanent location.

I recommend that a bandstand be erected in "The Promenade," lights disposed along the circuit walk, and if possible the Chautauqua Boulevard end improved by a substantial fence and a street walk.

During the year the triangular strip of land on the south side of Lombard street was retransferred by the private hospital association to the Board because of legal complications arising in selling public property. I recommend that this strip be improved by grading, planting, providing for irrigation and construction of the walk.

It is very desirable to acquire the seventy-foot wide strip extending along the west end of this property and separating it from Woolsey street. In its present state dwellings are apt to be erected on this strip, and if so it would greatly depreciate the balance of the triangle's park value.

STREET TREES

This year the first attempt was made to start a systematic planting of trees upon the planting strips of the streets. Native maples

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were planted upon Portland Boulevard and Patton Avenue for a combined length of approximately three miles.

That the public are alive to the significance of this feature is attested by the number of signers petitioning for this sort of improvement. There are trees now growing in the Mt. Tabor nurseries to supply a quantity sufficient to extend the planting by about thirty or forty miles in the fall of 1913. Remembering the sanitary and aesthetic value of trees in such cities as Paris and Washington, the marked extension of this work under municipal control is exceedingly desirable.

Plantations should be confined to streets having a planting strip of not less than six feet in width. Preparation should be made to extend the assortment of species and genera of trees adaptable to street use, also the grading of streets should provide that where less than eighteen inches of topsoil exists below finished grade of the planting strips, the soil be excavated to that depth and replaced by topsoil. Perhaps a change in the street grading specifications of the City Engineer would be the simplest and most economical method of controlling this feature. That the necessary action be taken to effect both of these objects, I recommend.

Street trees as an asset to a municipal community is notably evidenced by Paris and Washington. Argument for their cultivation in residential sections is overwhelmingly favorable thereto; indeed about the only objection to be raised against them is the conflict caused with overhead telephone and electric wires.

The desirable feature is to have municipal control, rather than private. It is highly desirable that the conservation of existing street trees and the progressive policy of extending the planting of others be exclusively controlled by the Board. To the end that this be adequately and specifically accomplished, I recommend that the Council be requested to pass the necessary ordinance.

FOUNTAINS

Twenty solid bronze bubbling fountains of excellent design were installed on the streets of the down town district by the Water Board. By resolution the Board accepted them and henceforth they will be cleaned by the Park Board and plumbing and repairs cared for by the Water Board. These fountains were the unsolicited donation, without condition, of Mr. S. Benson. His public spirit prompts the suggestion that such a precedent may well be emulated by others of our citizens.

BENCHES

Throughout the season a decided lack of seating conveniences in most of the parks is evident. During band concert periods some relief is provided by hauling a few hundred additional benches to the site at which the concert is scheduled to take place. In addition to the cost

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of hauling and labor involved, much breakage ensues. It has been customary to add from five to six hundred new benches, each of five and six-seating capacity, each year; it is estimated that to meet the present needs twelve thousand are required.

It appears idle to continue making recommendations for increases and extensions when the necessary funds are not available whereby the better service may be supplied and more especially when the Board's request for bond funds is not sanctioned by the electorate.

RECORDS

Every piece of construction work is represented in plan and all plans are filed for record either with the Auditor, if general or comprehensive, or in the department files if working drawings. Under the present arrangement no future work need be more costly nor conducted unsystematically for the want of proper data of past operations being available. Every effort is made to so record and preserve construction records that a change of any one or several individuals need not necessarily affect the unembarrassed continuance of the public park work. An exception to this state of affairs is the clerical portion of records is not always brought to date nor made out. Another year with added assistance provided for in the budget, this objection will be overcome.

SWIMMING POOLS

A statement of the number of persons using each pool is as follows:

	June	July	August	Sept.	Total
Sellwood	4,971	6,903	7,758	314	19,946
Peninsula				...	16,280

Total.....36,226

No charge is made for suit, towel, locker, instructor or attendants.

PLAYGROUNDS

The attendance at the playgrounds is as follows:

Columbia Park—	Total
June, 22 days	3,666
July, 31 days	4,950
July, holidays	7,500
July, holidays	1,000
August, 31 days	8,778
September, 14 days	1,378— 27,372
Peninsula Park—	
June, 28 days	12,222
June, holidays	1,500
July, 31 days	38,802
July, holidays	6,000
August, 31 days	47,824—106,348

300,215

ORGANIZATION

ABSTRACT

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In addition to their direct and potent value to our citizens their scientific value has a decidedly important effect in establishing the community's reputation in an enviable way among the people of the world. No city west of St. Louis has so favorable climate, favorable relationships with educational institutions and more apt opportunities to engage in this field.

It is a veritable museum of living exhibits, and to have it conducted creditably it will ultimately require the supervision of a learned scientist. Meanwhile the project may be started in a modest way and grow by cumulative stages as the desires of the public dictate.

That the above described activity be started in the near future I recommend.

In order that the idea may be better appreciated by our citizens, it should be added that the best institutions of this sort are those which were instituted as a result of a personal legacy left in trust to a municipality or institution. I therefore wish to urge the propriety of soliciting the interest of landed proprietors and persons of affluence and especially to point out the marked advantage of establishing a monument that for perpetuity is rarely equaled. Coupled with the fact that it is a particularly appropriate form of public benefaction is the knowledge that it has an ever increasing use and value to one's fellowmen.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. MISCHE,

Park Superintendent.

Extract from Treasurer's report for 1912:

PARK FUND

Balance per report December 31st, 1911.....	\$ 53,443.80
Received taxes, J. M. Lewis, County Treasurer.....	140,318.63
Received sale of guinea pigs.....	15.50
Received forfeit, Burnett	10.00
Received concession City Park.....	750.00
Received concession Peninsula Park.....	50.65
Received concession, Holladay Park.....	5.50
Received donations	100.00
Received sale of books for playgrounds.....	4.50
Received refund, Holgate sewer assessment.....	66.60
Warrants paid and returned.....	\$123,414.86
Balance	71,350.32

\$194,765.18 \$194,765.18

Tax levy for 1912, .49 mills on assessed valuation of \$296,199,230.

PARK AND BOULEVARD FUND

Balance per report December 31st, 1911.....	\$134,816.46
Bonds sold, \$250,000 at .9344.....	233,600.00

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Received sale six houses.....	1,090.00	
Transferred from general fund.....	25,000.00	
Transferred to general fund.....	\$ 25,000.00	
Warrants paid and returned	176,029.45	
Balance	193,477.01	
		\$394,506.46 \$394,506.46

MT. TABOR PARK

The Honorable Park Board,
Gentlemen:

Herewith is presented the preliminary plan of Mt. Tabor Park.

The plan proposes an informal development as a whole with minor formal features.

One of the most pleasing accents of the general landscape of the city is this property, rising with majestic eminence from the broad East Side plain. Tree covered, and especially by native evergreen woods, this dominant note becomes even more emphatic, and to serve this purpose still better it is proposed to reforest the west slope where it is now open and the openness severely defined by old property lines.

The drives are located with a view to requiring the least possible scarring of the surfaces consistent with agreeable alignment and grade, where the distant views are to be enjoyed from the vast vantage points, or where the local vegetation or surface configuration pointedly suggest a traverse route.

In passing over the drives on the ascent to the crest the vegetation is to be developed for its local offerings with vistas opened only at prominent points. It is both impractical and ruinous to expect to have continuous or even large and abundant sweeps of distant outlooks without unduly injuring the forest. Such views are reserved for the summit concourse.

A system of walks supplement the drives and lead to many charming features it is not desirable to approach by a drive.

Several flat areas at a considerably lower elevation than the crest are proposed to be developed into tracts inviting the public to tarry for picnicing and other pastimes amid sylvan and retired surroundings.

It is contemplated to provide two approaches at the southwest corner formally as a contrast to the rural native treatment of the remainder of the park.

Another formal feature is introduced on the terrace south of the formal reservoir in the southwest portion of the park. The two new reservoirs on the west side of the park are intended to be included in a formal cascade scheme. It is calculated that the overflow from the upper reservoir is from virtually nothing to seven thousand gallons per minute. This is conducted by underground pipes to the sewer.

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Its high potential value in an ornamental scheme is the basis of the cascade feature. The water is to fall over a series of dams so contrived as to agitate and increase its seeming volume, be caught in a series of pools and supply several spray jets.

To be creditably executed requires considerable massiveness and architectural ornamentation of detail, the lighting must be abundant, and some extension work such as widening of the berme and adding balustrades and the like are essential.

To construct this feature satisfactorily will give this park a most interesting possession and the city a uniqueness not met with in any other park in the country, but its cost will be so great and the needs of the parks are now so urgent that we would specially urge against any attempt to provide it in the near future.

On account of its proportions and unfitness for park purposes and rather than expend on remodeling, a sum that would provide a more appropriate structure, it is contemplated to remove the old Smith residence on the summit and instead construct a combination shelter, refectory and comfort with a detached bandstand—all these to be generally low and rambling and conspicuously modest and subdued in style, materials and color. Other than this the plan intends no masonry construction such as an overlook tower, large building or other object attractive in itself mayhap, but disturbing in its effect on the beholder as seen amid surroundings of native rural wildness.

In vegetation a rigid distinction is to be made. Except at the two formal entrances, at the terrace garden and the cascades, only native material is to be used or suffered to remain. Moreover the undergrowth is at no time to be entirely removed from throughout the park as has been suggested by private individuals.

This tract offers an excellent opportunity of displaying the exceptional beauty of our native flora. It requires merely the elimination of some sorts, the addition of others or as a whole controlling nature to the extent of determining how her materials shall be massed and arranged. In addition, native vegetation is always adapted to this region, can be depended upon to be safe, enduring, easily repaired should damage occur, and above all can be maintained more cheaply than exotic or foreign vegetation.

Special attention is called to the taking in of land now controlled by the Water Board and lying East of reservoir No. 2, located on the Section Line Road. The part taking was made with a view of utilizing the portion of the vacant property of the Water Board. Should no extension of No. 2 reservoir be contemplated in the near future the proposed scheme would be best, otherwise a detour at the entrance is necessary. In any case, the approval of this feature of the plan should be subject to the approval and concurrence of the Water Board. Should no reservoir extension be contemplated in the near

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future, it is presumed that it would be desirable to utilize the water property until extension area is necessary and that park funds provide the needed area to the extent of that of the Water Board used for park purposes.

Likewise a policy of maintenance of the surroundings in the vicinity of the three other reservoirs would be desirable. It is immaterial which Board cares for the premises provided there is all necessary cooperation in the methods of operation and control of its uses.

The plan requires the acquirement of about six acres of land on the east side to provide an entrance for the section concerned and to permit of the most satisfactory development of the remainder of the property. To omit this proposed taking involves an excessive grade, a much longer detour (and consequent expense of construction and maintenance) in the drive and requires a less pleasing route to be taken. Altogether its acquirement means expending funds for so much additional land or expending the same amount in additional construction to secure an inferior result. Accordingly I recommend its acquisition.

Respectfully submitted,
E. T. MISCHÉ,
Superintendent.

LAURELHURST PARK

To The Honorable Park Board,
Gentlemen:

Herewith is presented a preliminary plan for Laurelhurst Park. It provides for the existing pond enlarged and deepened; for an overflow to be so arranged as to meander rivulet-form under the trees lower down the valley, and by such contrivances as dams, stopped into pools and by impediments, turned into miniature cascades. The depth of the pond is calculated to be sufficient to prevent the growth of aquatic weeds. A circulation adequate to prevent odors and befouling of the water, and a supply ample to care for this feature is to be provided. Should the waters flowing from the Ladd spring be unavailable or otherwise objectionable, the supply will need to come from the City main or an artesian well.

Boating on the lake is not contemplated for the reason that it would spoil the shores by landing, by floats and other contrivances incident to using the boats, and by various structures necessary to accommodate such use of the water by the public. Moreover, to be in scale, the craft would need to be so small as to endanger opening the lake to the use of the general public for boating purposes.

It is proposed that the rivulet shall be densely shaded and shallow, and to prevent the growth of aquatic plants choking its flow, the bordering arcas will need to be so planted as to provide this shade.

The system of walks are so arranged as to control a tendency