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Planning Board Discusses City Bus Terminal Site

The following recommendation for a site for the proposed City bus terminal has been submitted to the City Council by the City Planning Board:

"Following receipt of a petition from a number of citizens, the Public Property Committee of the Council have asked your Board to investigate the possibilities of housing a bus terminal within the Market building. Your Board have gone into the matter as exhaustively as possible for a volunteer Board, have secured information from many angles, and have tried to consider the pros and cons of the site.

"It is agreed: "a. That bus service is necessary and desirable, and that facilities should be as convenient and modern as it is possible to provide within the means available.

"b. It is obviously in the City's interest to ensure that a comfortable and sanitary terminal is provided for our rural and tourist visitors.

"c. That the site of the terminal should be as central as possible, without unduly interfering with existing and future traffic.

"d. That it is desirable that all six bus services use one terminal, if possible, to facilitate dispatch and control of traffic.

"e. That it is desirable in any event to have a civic comfort station in the central area of the city for the convenience of visitors and shoppers, with parcel check room facilities, and where transportation information is readily available.

Available Sites

"Your Board is not aware of a site in or near the centre of the City containing the necessary area which could be obtained without a considerable outlay of money for land and construction of a building which it would appear neither the City nor the bus companies are prepared to make.

"The Market building has available in the basement, now vacant, an area quite sufficient to provide waiting space, comfort facilities, office and check room, at no great cost of conversion. Location of this area is in the east and south-east section of the basement, to which there are presently two entrances, one on the east and another on the south side.

"The possibility of using the north side of the Market building was thoroughly investigated. Due to a slope on the street and a 3-foot difference in levels inside the building, and for other reasons, this alternative proved unworkable.

Undesirable Factors

"Against the proposal will be the loss of approximately 15 parking spaces for automobiles, entailed by necessarily marking off as reserved space for parking 6 buses. A strip 40' wide would be required, the width of the building, and right against its south side. This loss will be somewhat offset by an increase in the available parking space on the north side of the Market building, due to the discontinuance of buses parking there.

"There is the possibility that some of the architectural features of the south side of the Market building might be obscured by a proposed canopy, unless erection of this is carefully engineered while some police traffic supervision would no doubt be necessary while the public were becoming accustomed to the use of the new terminal.

Recommendation

"The factors in favor of the proposal have in the opinion of your Board considerably outweighed the disadvantages, and your Board therefore recommend that the Council seriously consider this site as more suitable for a bus terminal than any other site so far proposed.

"It is suggested: "a. That the City should finance suitable renovation of the vacant basement section of the Market building for the purpose desired, erecting also a canopy along the south side of the Market building for protection of bus passengers entering and alighting from buses during bad weather.

"b. That the premises could then be leased to the larger bus company, provided same will be responsible for maintenance of the premises, check room, and dispatch of vehicles, in return for a sub-rental to be received from the five additional bus services using the facilities of the proposed terminal.

It is understood that the bus companies are prepared to keep the premises open from 7 in the morning to 12 at night, under the direction of regular attendants of the bus company. The night lighting of this side of the square will be a desirable factor.

"c. That the major bus company be asked to pay a rental to the City, under a long term lease, sufficient to amortize the cost of renovation and conversion, rent and taxes.

"d. That careful traffic routes and regulations for this area be drawn and rigidly maintained for the protection of life and property, with whatever street markings are necessary.

"e. That, if considered advisable, a trial be made of the location for say one week, during which necessary traffic control regulations could be tested, and the practical feasibility of the project tried before funds were spent in renovation of the basement section of the Market building.

Town Planning Board.

The Town Planning Board comprises Messrs. F. W. Hyndman, chairman, A. Wallen Gaudet, Russell Chandler, Dr. F. A. Creelman, William Hennessey, James E. Harris, Earle Taylor.

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