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PLANNING FOR POSTON

A series of six lecture-discussions by the Staff

All meetings will be held in Dining Hall 32,
Opposite the Post Office. There will be room
for several hundred there.

* The Administrative Staff is cordially urged
to attend the series.

Tuesday, June 16th, 8:00 P.M. The Natural History of Poston
Mr. Nieschmidt

Wednesday, June 17th, 8:00 P.M. Engineering Poston--Mr. Rupkey
Farming this Soil--Mr. Mathiesen

Monday, June 22, 8:00 P.M. Doing Business in Poston
Mr. Fister, Mr. James

Wednesday, June 24th, 8:00 P.M. Education, Training, and Employment
Miss Findley, Miss Mahn

Thursday, June 25th, Recreation Hall 36 at 8:00 P.M.
Discussion, led by panel of Co-op and Business Committees

Monday, June 29th, 8:00 P.M. Health and Sanitation
Dr. Schnur

Wednesday, July 1st, 8:00 P.M. Planning for Poston
Mr. Evans and members of
planning committees

Thursday, July 2nd, Recreation Hall 36, 8:00 P.M.
Discussion, led by panel of planning committees

CIVIC PLANNING MEETING
June 3, 1942

The meeting was called to order by Kosaku Tamura acting as chairman. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans of civic planning. Roy Yoshida interpreted for the issei. Tomo Ito asked for the cooperation of all present. Reverend Mitani explained a plan that the blocks 5, 6, 11, and 12 had formulated as an example. The Chairman asked that no particular plan be discussed but that those present were requested to take back the information that the privilege of making our own plan was available. The master plan made through the cooperation of all would be presented to the Administration for approval.

Questions asked pertaining to the civic plan were:

1. Would the city of Poston be a recognized city of the state of Arizona?
2. Are we to be sponsored by the government or to put up our own capital for the various industries to be set up?
3. What will our economic position be and what authority will be given to the city?
4. What is the use of making plans if we don't know how much authority to expect in order to base our plan on something?

Because the group was so large, suggestions were requested to create a smaller representative group. Reverend Mitani suggested that one representative from each block be selected.

Then each quad would get together and elect a representative from the four who with the others elected from the quad would constitute the planning committee. Another person suggested that the committee consist of one-half issei and one-half nisei. Tomo Ito suggested that the quads get together now and select one nisei and one issei representative to the committee which was approved by those present.

The Quads are as follows:

1. 5, 6, 11, 12
2. 3, 4, 13, 14
3. 21, 22, 27, 28
4. 26, 39, 42
5. 37, 38, 43, 44
6. 53, 54, 59, 60
7. 2, 15, 19, 30
8. 35, 36, 45, 46
9. 17, 18, 31, 32

CIVIC PLANNING MEETING
June 5, 1942

The meeting was called to order by K. Tamura, co-chairman. As requested at the previous meeting, the representatives were shown some of the plans which were on file. Dr. Kimball's, Revered Mitani's, and the Legal Department's were some of the plans shown. A request was made that copies of the Legal Department's plan be made to be used by the quads as a basis of explanation since it was the easiest to understand.

Some of the suggestions and criticisms made were that an equal a representation as possible of the blocks be put into the plan. Another was that the nine members of the Municipal Council be niseis with an advisory board of four isseis, while another suggested equal representation of both.

However, the representatives were told that such matters should be discussed in their own quads and incorporated or not in their own plan as they saw fit. The meeting was adjourned when it seemed that everyone understood the basic principles of the plans.

CIVIC PLANNING MEETING

June 18, 1942

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock in 21-10-A. Roll call was taken.

- Quad 1. Henry Kanegae
2. Roy Tazawa
3. T. Yano (for S. Nitta)
4. Elmer Suski
5. Frank Takenaga
6. Lylle Kurisaki
7. J. Fukushima
8. Jack Nakagawa (for J. Ito)

Discussion was then held as to the 1-house or 2-house government. The 2-house government was explained by Jack Nakagawa, the 1 house by Henry Kanegae and Frank Takenaga. A vote was taken by hands in favor of the 1 house. Ayes--7, noes--1. The 1 house was carried.

In the matter of representation, the community is to be divided into districts consisting of 3 to 5 blocks. J. Fukushima made the motion, and E. Suski seconded it. It was unanimously carried.

The next matter under discussion was the issei-nisei problem. It was unanimously recommended that there be equal voting privilege. It was a 7 to 1 vote in favor of recommending that the issei have equal privilege to hold office. The voting age recommended was 21. All this was recommended in this form: All residents of Poston over the age of 21 shall be given equal privileges as to voting and holding office.

Next the number of councilmen was taken up. The suggestions were

as follows:

1. 9 members, 1 from each district
2. 18 members, 2 from each district, 1 issei and 1 nisei
3. 18 members, 2 from each district.

The vote was 5 for 1, 1 for 2, and 2 for 3. The committee recommends that there be 9 members on the council, one from each district.

Suggestions were taken as to the method of electing councilmen.

1. Direct vote by residents of the district.
2. Appointed by district council.

It was unanimously recommended that the method be by direct vote.

The following suggestions were given as to how the candidates would be nominated.

1. Candidates be nominated by district council; candidates to qualify must secure 25 valid signatures.
2. Nominating petitions containing 25 valid signatures within district.
3. Nomination by district council or a candidate may file a petition containing 25 valid signatures or a petition containing 25 valid signatures may be filed in his behalf.

2 was unanimously recommended.

Write-in candidates were unanimously recommended. Election into office would be given the one receiving the highest number of votes. Instead of the quads, each division of blocks is to be called a district. As to the district council it was recommended that each district have one and that the district was to have a free hand in forming its own council.

CIVIC PLANNING MEETING

June 18, 1942

The Civic Planning Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tamura. With the resignation of the co-chairman, Mr. Yoshida, Mr. Yamamoto was elected as the new co-chairman.

The Committee was informed that the Legal Department had taken the liberty to draw up a constitution, and as soon as it was completed, it would be mimeographed and passed around.

The chairman asked for suggestions on the Municipal Council. Quad 3 explained their plan. Their Council consisted of two houses, lower house with two men from each block to quad, and two from here to upper house consisting of 18 members. Because the explanation of each plan would drag out the meeting, it was decided to put to a vote whether the Council would consist of 1 house or 2 houses. Each quad was first asked for its ideas. Quad 1--9 members in 1 house; quad 2--18 members in 1 house, 9 nisei and 9 issei; quad 3--9 members in 1 house; quad 4--18 members in upper house, 9 nisei and 9 issei, and lower house of 72 members, 2 from each block; quad 5-- 9 members in 1 house; quad 6--2 houses, same as in quad 6's idea except made up of all nisei; quad 7--18 members in 1 house; quad 8--18 members in upper house, 36 in lower. The matter was then put to a vote. One house--1, 2, 3, 5, and 7; two houses--4, 6, and 8. The 1 house Council was carried.

Because the quads wished to discuss each plan and it would take too long in this group, Quad 6 made a motion that a committee be selected from the group to go over the plans and pick the best one and resubmit it to the group. The vote taken ended in a tie. Each side was then given a chance to tell its reason for the choice. Then a

recess was taken while the representatives could get together and talk it over. Mr. Kurisaki restated his motion that the committee was to work out the best plan from all the plans submitted and then present it to the council. The motion was unanimously carried. Suggestions were then taken as to how the committee was to be chosen. The first suggestion was that there be one representative from each quad. Another was that the co-chairmans also be included in the committee. This suggestion was made into a motion, and was unanimously carried. Quads 1, 5, 6, and 8 said they would like to go back to their respective quads before naming a representative. The others submitted the names--quad 2, Roy Tazawa; quad 3, S. Nitta; quad 4, Elmer Suski; quad 7, J. Fukushima. A meeting of the committee was set for tomorrow evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Legal Department's office, 21-10-A.

A motion was then made to strike from the records the vote taken regarding the 1-house or 2-house council. It was carried unanimously, and the vote was stricken from the records. Each quad with any plans or ideas was asked to put it in the form of a chart or in writing and have it submitted by its representative at the meeting tomorrow. The meeting was then adjourned.

CIVIC PLANNING MEETING

June 19, 1942

The meeting was called to order in 21-10-A. Roll call was taken.

- Quad 1. Henry Kanegae
2. Roy Tazawa
3. T. Yano
4. Elmer Suski
5. Frank Takenaga
6. Lylle Kurisaki
7. J. Fukushima
8. Jack Nakagawa

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee recommends that the terms issei and nisei not be used hereafter. In its place, the words residents is to be used in the of interest promoting unity. The committee further recommends the use of the English language as the official language of Poston. The minimum age of any councilman was recommended to be not less than 25.

A discussion was next held as to the term of office of councilmen. It was recommended that the first term be not more than 3 months, and as to the regular terms of office thereafter the following suggestions were made:

1. 6 months.
2. 1 year.

The vote was 7 to 1 in favor of the 6 months' term.

On the question of how soon the first election was to be held after the approval of this constitution, two suggestions were made:

1. 14 days.

2. 7 days.

The committee recommended 14 days. The committee further recommends that the Council must convene within 5 days after official notification of the election of the Council, and also that a chairman be selected by the members of the Council and that he be known as chairman rather than as president of the Council. The chairman shall not vote on any measure before the Council except in the event of a tie vote.

The following recommendations were made on the procedures of Council meetings:

1. The Council shall fix the time and place of meetings and give written notice in event ~~of~~ a special meeting is called.
2. The quorum shall be by $2/3$ of the members.
3. The ordinances for appropriations must be passed at regular meetings.
4. The Council shall have the power to expel any member by the approval of $2/3$ of its membership.
5. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Council provided that within 14 days from the notice of vacancy, the Council shall call a special election to fill said vacancy in the district represented by the vacant office.
6. 15% of the qualified electors of the city shall be required to exercise the power of the initiative and the referendum.
7. To recall any elective officer, 25% of the qualified electors of the district represented by said officer shall be required.

The memorandum on the executive department as submitted by the Legal Department with a few minor changes were approved by the committee

and recommended. The term of office of the various officers appointed by the Municipal Council was fixed at 6 months, except that the officers appointed by the first Council will serve for the same period as said Council.

The establishment of the judicial department and the details thereof were left to the Legal Department. The Legal Department was further instructed to prepare the complete constitution and provide each member of the committee with a copy prior to submitting the plan to the committee as a whole.

The next meeting of the committee was set for 2 o'clock Tuesday in 21-10-A.

CITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 11:00 A.M. November 26, 1942

Each member of the City Planning Board presented his credentials which was a signed affidavit by the residents of his respective Block giving him their assurance of full support and confidence in his representation.

The first meeting of the City Planning Board was called to order by Mr. Sugimoto (Block 3), Vice Chairman in the absence of Mr. Omori, Chairman of the Emergency Committee. Mr. Sugimoto, Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Nagai were nominated for Chairman of this meeting. Mr. Sugimoto was elected.

Mr. Sugimoto opened the meeting by calling for an election for a Chairman and Vice Chairman of an Executive City Planning Board upon whose shoulders would fall the real work of planning a true Self Government Body in Poston taking into consideration all elements which were instrumental in the spontaneous incident just ended.

Mr. Nagai was elected Chairman.

Mr. Sugimoto was elected Vice Chairman.

Mr. Matsubara was appointed as Japanese Secretary.

Mr. Amano was appointed English Secretary.

It was decided to have 12 members, 6 issei and 6 nisei on this Central Committee.

The meeting was divided into two groups, issei and nisei to elect their respective members to the board.

At the nisei meeting the following people were nominated:

Dr. Ishimaru, James Yahiro, Hidemi Ogawa, Masaru Kawashima, Franklyn Sugiyama, Seiichi Nomura, Harvey Suzuki, George Fujii, Teruo Kasuga, Smoot Katow, Frank Tanaka. From these nominees, the following six were elected: Messrs. Kawashima, Ogawa, Ishimaru, Nomura, Yahiro, and Katow.

The issei members elected were: Messrs. Matsumoto, Takahashi, Mitani, Okamoto, Nakamura, and Niiseki.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 2:00 P.M. November 26, 1942

The various elements causing the incident and how to prevent future incidents were discussed in a round table open forum. The meeting was adjourned with the plan to bring back various plans to be discussed the following morning.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday 10:00 A.M. November 27, 1942

Discussions of various plans submitted by Messrs. Mitani, Matsumoto, Sugimoto, and Yahiro were held. The differences in plans were very slight and Mr. Sugimoto's plan was with slight adjustments adopted. This plan calls for no change in the heretofore Council setup but provides for the creation of three new Boards, namely, 1. A Central Executive Board, 2. A Court of Honor, 3. A Labor Relation Board.

The Central Executive Committee was chosen from the Executive Council and will have final decisive powers pertaining to the internal order and welfare of this Community. This board shall at all times work directly with the Project Director. All members of this Central Executive Committee must be qualified by the Honor Court and they may be recalled by a two-third majority vote of their respective councils. The members comprising this Committee at present are: Issei; Mr. Nagai(3), Mr. Okamoto(30), Mr. Nakamura(17), Mr. Niiseki(60); Nisei; Mr. Sugimoto(3), Mr. Yahiro(37), Mr. Ogawa(38), Mr. Katow(12).

The duty of the Labor Relation Board will be to plan on the ability of all applicants for key positions. It will work hand in hand with the Employment Office.

The Court of Honor will have no connections with the Executive Body, Council or other Boards, but will be the people's Honor Court separate from any political or labor affiliations.

Further discussions brought about the decision to return to work all former employees to their former positions until replaced by permanent workers. All permanent workers must be qualified by the Court of Honor and the Labor Relation Board. All positions are open to any person upon application and all former employees must re-apply for their previous work. Upon qualification by the above two boards, their position will be permanent.

The meeting was adjourned with the understanding that a General Meeting of the Civic Planning Board would be held to further discuss and then approve the plan presented by Mr. Sugimoto, at 10:00 AM, Saturday, November 23, 1942

CITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 10:00 A.M. November 23, 1942

After roll call a report of the work of the Executive Council was given by Mr. Nagai. The following points were discussed:

1. The names of the Central Executive Committee were read.
2. The Council would exist and function as heretofore, however their actions must be passed on by the Central Executive Committee, and the Project Director.
3. A detached discussion of the new plan was held to clarify all points in their relations to the three proposals submitted to the Administration by the Emergency Committee. These three proposals are:
 - (1) Establish a Public Relation Committee to mediate with and settle all problems affecting personal reputations and damaged not within the jurisdiction of the court.
 - (2) The Poston residents to be given the right to nominate, select or appoint all key evacuee administrative personnel and other important positions.
 - (3) The present Emergency Committee shall establish within the framework of the W. R. A. a City Planning Board which shall recommend the creation of necessary administrative, legislative, consumer, and productive organizations to the Project Director, subject to approval of majority of the residents of Poston.

Mr. Sugimoto gave a brief report on the conference held with the Project Director the previous evening.

1. That the Project Director approved these proposals and would support them one-hundred percent.
2. The Block Managers will be elected by the residents and would be of their respective Blocks. The only requirements be that they be able to speak, read and write English.

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Mr. Head then gave a brief address stressing the following points:

1. Poston is a part of the State of Arizona and of the U. S.
2. Therefore the F. B. I. has jurisdiction here as elsewhere in the U. S. Mr. Head did not call in the F. B. I.
2. This body will be held responsible for the peace and welfare of this Community. If there are undesirables here they will be transferred. Mr. Head does not believe there are any informers in here at present. He knows nothing of the people's past, but the Administration here has no informers working for them, nor will they as long as he is Project Director. There should be no further beating, threats or intimidations.
3. The harm done to the until now favorable reputation of this Community, will take a year to regain.
4. That people be urged to report back to work immediately.
5. That there is a need for more unity in this camp between the people and the Administration. They should be as one, not two separate bodies.

Mr. Nagai responded stressing the importance of full confidence and trust in each other.

CITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING

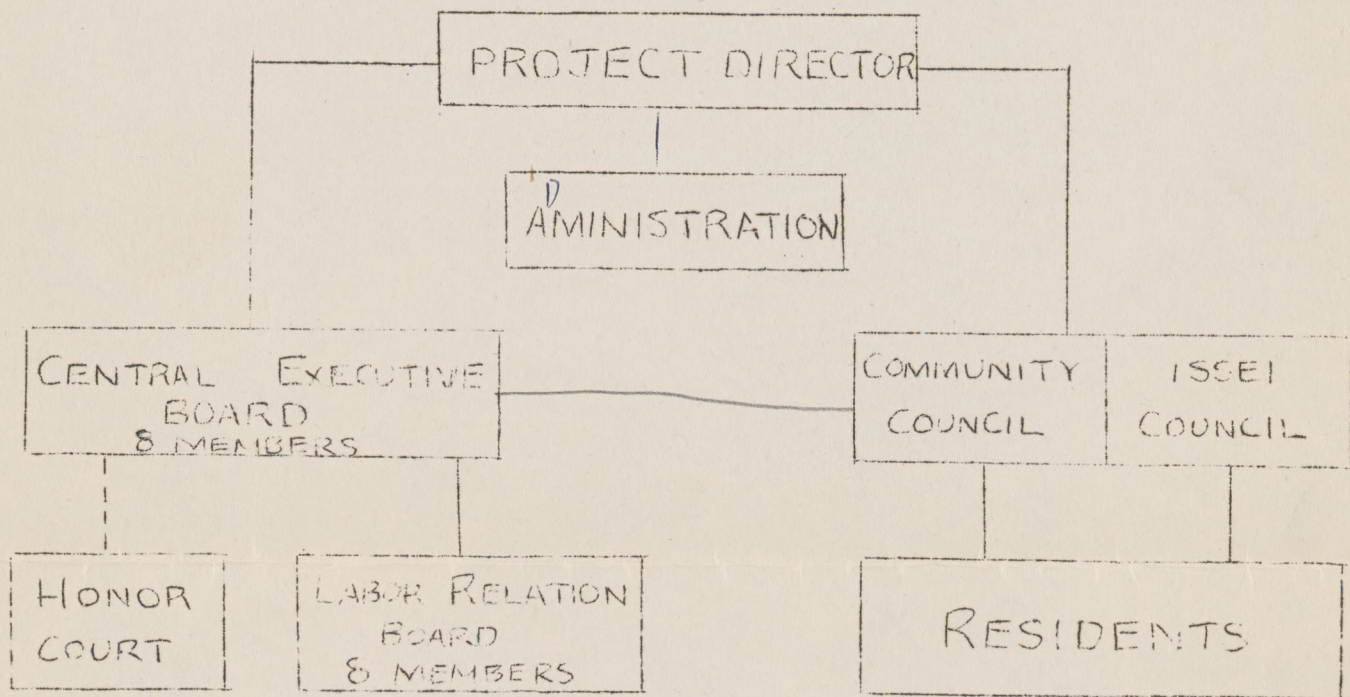
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After much discussion and alteration the Committee approved the three new boards. The corrections added, the Boards duties and personnels are:

1. The Central Executive Committee was approved and passed untouched. The Central Executive Committee was elected by the Executive Council of the City Planning Board. It is composed of 8 members, 4 issei, Mr. Nagai(2), Mr. Okamoto(30), Mr. Nakamura(17), Mr. Niiseki(60), and 4 nisei, Mr. Sugimoto(3), Mr. Yahiro(37), Mr. Ogawa(30) and Mr. Katow(12). This Board shall at all times work directly with the Project Director and shall have final decisive powers in all matters pertaining to the internal order and welfare of this Community.
2. The Labor Relation Board was set up with 8 members, 4 isei, Mr. Kadowaki(27), Mr. Mitani(11), Mr. Matsumoto(35), and Mr. Nakachi(19), and 4 Nisei, Mr. Ono(60), Mr. Yana(5), Mr. Fukuyama(2) and Mr. Nakai(27). The duty of this board shall be to pass on the ability of all applicants for important positions. It will work hand in hand with the Employment Office.

The forming of the Court of Honor was left to 9 members, one from each quad. Those members and the Quad represented being as follow. Dr. Ishimaru, Quad 1; Mr. Kazawa, Quad 2; Rev. Mitani, Quad 3; Mr. Ishikawa, Quad 4; Mr. Nakamura, Quad 5; Mr. Takahash Quad 6; Mr. Yahiro, Quad 7; Mr. Kawabe, Quad 8; Mr. Masukane, Quad 9; The works of this Committee will be recorded under the Reports of the Personal Relation Board Selecting Committee.

ORGANIZATION CHART



Andrew Sugimoto
Andrew Sugimoto
Vice-Chairman
City Planning Board

Submitted by

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POSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 2, 1945

9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

T. Matsumoto - - - - - Unit I
T. Masuda - - - - - Unit I
S. Okabe - - - - - Unit I
K. Takizawa - - - - - Unit II
C. Ichikawa - - - - - Unit II
G. Horibe - - - - - Unit III

Guest: City Clerk James S. Yahiro

A general discussion period was held until such time as all the members of the board made their attendance.

Mr. Takizawa informed the body that a recent visitor to Gila had observed the great progression the Gila Camp had made in regards to the development and improvement of its camp in general. Two thousand cattle were being raised. Since the milk supply was plentiful, milk was served to the residents three times a day. Plans were being formulated of a possible manufacture of butter with the first of next year. All in all the Gila industry and agriculture are in a very advanced stage.

It was suggested that since this City Planning Board is so new, it would be a fine idea if some members of the Board could go and investigate Gila and see how industry and agriculture are runned; just as a committee was formed this spring for the investigation of the camouflage factory and now it was operated in different relocation centers.

Mr. Matsumoto was confident that tofu contained very nutritious elements; and said that when the tofu making is still in the processing stage before the "nigari" is added, the liquid could replace milk because it contains the necessary vitamins that milk also possesses.

He further discussed the importance of raising a lot more vegetables. "There are hardly any greens in Poston. Beans and sweet potatoes should be raised in abundance," he said.

A question was raised whether sugar can be readily extracted from sugar cane. Sugar processing from sugar cane is very easy. Sugar cane can be harvested in one year; the evaporation of the moisture in the cane would leave a brown substance which can be used for cooking purposes as sugar.

Mr. Horibe suggested keeping of goats for consideration. Cows need T. B. tests, but, even on the outside, goats do not require that test.

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It has been found that goat's milk have more nourishing value than cow's milk. But since, on the average, the goat would supply 1/2 - 3/4 gallon of milk per day, and since a great number of goats would be required to supply the whole community, it would be impracticable to consider. Perhaps a small amount of goats could be raised for the expressed purpose of supplying the hospital patients.

At this time as the members of the board were all assembled, the appointment of a chairman and vice chairman of the body was discussed. Since the City Manager is in constant contact with all problems arising and since his is able to regulate his time, the committee unanimously appointed City Manager Minoru Okamoto to be chairman of the City Planning Board. Mr. T. Masuda was chosen by the body to be Vice Chairman. In the absence of Mr. Okamoto who was on leave to Gila, Vice Chairman Masuda presided.

A brier sketch of the discussion held so far was related to the tardy members. Discussion proceeded.

A suggestion was made that this planning board should be broken up in groups and decide what to be done in their respective groups. Mr. Matsumoto asserted that the Board should first contact someone who is really interested in that line to discuss the matter in hand.

It was agreed that the major problem in the advancement and realization of plans would be in the procurement of labor hands. It is evident that, as yet, there is no system set up which controls man power.

So that no misunderstandings are made between the Planning Board and the various department whose work it would be to carry out the plan, we should first contact the departments and explain to them in detail the exact position we hold, our plans, and that the committee in no way wishes to interfere with their department. In order to make any plan succeed the cooperation of everyone is necessary. In carrying out the foregoing, the job will command tact.

Mr. Takizawa said that it is a known fact that the man power is already short, so why not get the department heads and get their idea of what they want to do in the next year.

Suggestions were made in having a meeting of all three camps together; or a meeting of the three camps separately and later for them to submit their plan.

The members of the Board favored that we have a mass meeting of all the department head affiliated with agriculture in Unit I, II, III. The meeting date, place, and time to be taken care of by the City Clerk. As City Clerk Yahiro was present at this sitting, he set the date as Friday morning 9:00 a.m., November 5, 1943 in the Conference Room adjoining the Project Director's office.

The date for the joint meeting of the industry heads and the planning board was set by City Clerk Yahiro to be November 9, 1943, 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room adjoining Mr. Head's office.

Suggestion were made that the Board enlarge and include members of the agriculture and industry departments. It was decided that instead of putting the department heads in this committee, if necessity arises a

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sub-committee could be formed.

City Clerk Yyahihiro voiced his opinion that a reorganization of the agriculture and industry should be made in order that further development and improvement be progressed. This reorganizing would no doubt bring about lots of ill feelings, but it is essential that in the departments each district of the evacuees is represented. If influential leaders of said districts are represented in various departments, the labor shortage will be partially or completely solved.

Discussion was held that instead of inviting some Caucasian heads to this mass meeting which is being held Friday and which no doubt their presence will hinder the free flow of opinions of the member of the meeting, it was decided that the committee first contact the Caucasian heads; explain our plan. They may be able to furnish the Board with many helpful suggestions.

It was favored by the body that they should look into the labor shortage problem, look into the man power situation, investigate each department and section and determine whether some positions could be terminated without obstructing the progress of the camp.

Meeting was adjourned by vice Chairman Masuda at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

JOINT MEETING
PLANNING BOARD
&
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, UNITS 1, 2, & 3

November 5, 1943

10:00 a.m.

Agricultural representatives present:

Unit I - - - - - Thomas Sonoda & Frank Otsuka
Unit II- - - - - Jitsuzo Fukuhara, John Hayashi,
George Nishimura & Joseph Ogawa
Unit III - - - - - Frank Doi, S. Ueta, Y. Tanase,
M. Okamura, G. Nagano &

Committee members present:

Unit I - - - - - M. Okamoto & S. Okabe
Unit II- - - - - K. Takizawa
Unit III - - - - - G. Horibe

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Okamoto. He first read the translation of the message of Mr. Head delivered at a Community Council meeting in which he stated that without definite plans and aims, nothing could be accomplished. Thus, the City Planning Board was established in the interest of the agricultural and industrial advancement of this project. The objective of this Board is to obtain suggestions and advice from the various departments and to work as each division wishes for the mutual benefit of residents. Without the support of agriculture and industry divisions, the Board will be unable to carry out the program. Chairman Okamoto, on his recent visit to Oila, notices that they were farming more extensively as compared to Poston. It was his belief this is probably due to the fact that in Poston, there is labor shortage, lack of equipment and unlevelled land.

Report of Camp I age was given by Supervisor Sonoda. He stated that after working three days as supervisor, he observed that in Poston, unlike other centers, there are many handicaps, particularly subjugation and would be at least one year behind the other camps in agriculture. The Administration and evacuees were not familiar with desert farming. At that time, 287 men were handling 50 acres; today, 138 evacuees are engaged in operating approximately 1,000 acres of field, crop, truck farming, swine, poultry and three other various divisions. What is needed here are poultry, swine and cattle as well as truck farm. Dairy is handicapped so instead of attempting to work on the impossible, efforts should be put towards securing steer; to do this, we must have alfalfa---about 2000 acres. Growing excess vegetables will create man-power shortage, but, alfalfa does not require too much labor

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Camp Two report was presented by Supervisor Fukuhara. Unit Two is concentrating mostly on truck farms and poultry. At present, there are about 170 - 200 acres of vegetables. Nappa season was unsatisfactory but daikon proved to be very successful. In Boston, there is a very noticeable dormant period during the months of June, July, August, and September, and regardless of how hard one tries, nothing will grow during that time.

Supervisor Uota gave Camp Three report. Vegetables cannot be considered because of lack of irrigation provisions. Although negotiations have been made with Mr. Rupkey time and time again, there has been no result. Without the cooperation of the engineering department, Unit III will be unable to progress. At present, there are about 20 acres of vegetables but plans are to expand as soon as the canal is built. Since water facilities are highly inadequate, poultry is the only hope. Section 11 has been assigned, but the soil is not considered very good--plans are to plant grain and alfalfa on this plot.

Swine does not require water, but when Unit III was asked by Unit I to work on this, they had refused because of the unpleasant odor. Mr. Uota claimed that they could not do the work as they were all inexperienced in this line and the proper person could not be found---not because of the smell. Mr. Sonoda stated that no one is experienced but it is something that must be done regardless of the smell---our subsistence has been cut down and we must produce food.

Chairman Okamoto stated that he had heard from Mr. Snelson that last fall, 40,000 pounds of yam had been purchased from the outside, and it has been suggested that we raise yams in the proper so purchase from the outside would not be necessary. The subsistence was desirous of closer contact with the agriculture department in order to refrain from outside buying as much as possible. According to Mr. Sonoda, there are seven acres of yam planted by Camp I and which is expected to yield 3000 pounds this fall. Also, the 2 acres of Irish potatoes have been found to grow favorably in Boston.

It was brought out by Unit 11 that watermelons had disappeared when being distributed. They are now checking up to see how many were delivered to the warehouse and the actual number brought to the kitchens. If the percentage of melons disappearing is large, they may not be planted next year. The agricultural representatives emphatically stated that all adjustments should be made by the Council and it is their responsibility to see that all mechanical equipments are procured to insure the progress of farming.

Argument was raised over the article published in the Boston Chronicle regarding distribution of 450 dozen eggs weekly to Unit III mess halls. According to Unit I, they seldom had eggs for breakfast and it seemed as if Camp Three were receiving more eggs. Mr. Uota believed that there must have been an error in the publication as the article had not been released through his office.

Everyone agreed that there were too much technicalities involved in securing necessary equipments. Although requisitions are turned in every day, they are unable to obtain them. Without the assurance of

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support from Mr. Head, there will be no use in making plans on paper and not being able to successfully carry it out. Food will be more difficult to get from the outside, and it is up to the evacuees to produce their own food. The best solution is alfalfa, but to do this, bob wires are urgently needed; otherwise, stray horses will trample them. Mr. Sonoda believed that raising chickens would be out of the question because of unavailability of wires. Also, due to priority, lumber for chicken houses is hard to acquire.

The following complaints were brought up for discussion:

- a. Containers are sorely lacking. Camp Two were exceptionally in need of melon crates this year. It was suggested that crates be returned to subsistence by the mess halls, or will be dumped. If some sort of drastic action is not immediately taken to curb this habit of destroying containers, Poston will be out of crates and boxes next year.
- b. Lack of transportation facilities hindered supervisors from making daily rounds of fields.
- c. Mishandling of melons. If directly delivered to mess halls from the fields instead of first being brought to the warehouse, it would greatly eliminate the number of damaged melons.

It was stressed again and again that all complaints should be adjusted by the Council and not by the agriculture personnel.

All those present were of the opinion that providing food for the evacuees was of primary importance at present. If this had been accomplished, the ag department would take care of beautifying the camp grounds and draw up plans for amusement purposes, such as parks.

It was suggested that a copy of the program be submitted to the Planning Board. Even though plans are formulated, without the assurance from the WRA that priority will be given, it will all be in vain.

There being no further discussion, meeting was adjourned by Chairman Okamoto at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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Committee members present:

Okamoto-----Unit I
Okabe-----Unit I
Matsumoto-----Unit I
Takizawa-----Unit II
Horibe-----Unit III

Agriculture Representatives present:

Sonoda-----Unit I
Otsuka-----Unit I
Ogawa-----Unit II
Fukuhara-----Unit II
Hayashi-----Unit II

(Unit 3 was not represented from ag. dept.)

Project Steward Representative-Mr. Takashi

Labor Relations Board-----Mr. Okabe

Meeting presided over by Chairman Okamoto. The agricultural program for the next year was submitted by Units I and II. The reports clearly showed itemized list of equipments and materials which are urgently needed by each unit. Until now, they have been negotiating with Mr. Sharp and Mr. Rupkey but without success, and now the time has come to directly deal with Mr. Heed.

During the past year, the commodities raised by the agriculture department had not been satisfactorily distributed and Mr. Takahashi was asked if there were any better method of fairer allotment and without too much damage to the vegetables. Mr. Sonoda conceded that difficulties are encountered in distributing vegetables grown here, but it was his wish to have these delivered as fresh as possible. According to him, on one occasion, daikon made its appearance in mess halls two or three weeks after its harvest. By that time, they had become decomposed and unedible. An explanation of the distributing system was requested. Mr. Takahashi stated that system of delivering vegetables was difficult to explain. It is the wish of the Steward's office to release Poston grown vegetables as soon as possible. On the days home grown vegetables are expected, the subsistence refrain from ordering outside, but oftentimes, delivery from field is two or three days late. In such cases, vegetables from the outside are brought in simultaneously, and there is no space to store them; hence, spoilage sets in. Mr. Takahashi was unaware that deliveries had been made two or three weeks late---at the most, there had been only two or three days delay.

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Daikon had been harvested three times, but according to Mr. Sonoda, they had been brought to his block only one time. The first picking had netted 115 crates, the second, 90, and the third, 130 crates, but the second and third harvesting had not been delivered. Mr. Sonoda stated that a crate full should have been distributed to each mess hall, but his kitchen had received only a lug box which had not even been completely filled. Such a small amount can be used only for "onamasu" (saled) purposes. Mr. Takahashi was quite surprised to learn about this, and agreed to investigate what had become of the "missing" daikons.

Everyone agreed there must be closer contact between the subsistence and agriculture to insure the residents of fresher vegetables. If subsistence would inform the agricultural department just how much is actually needed, they will be able to pick only the required amount. For instance, since 300 lugs of sweet potatoes are needed for a single distribution to all mess halls, the ag will attempt to harvest that amount each time.

It was pointed out that Camp 1 cannot purchase laying hens because of temporary site; therefore, only meat birds are purchased. Asked if Camps 2 and 3 could not be supplied with meat birds, Mr. Sonoda replied this was difficult as chickens do not come at one time as requisitioned for. The agriculture department was very much disgusted with the "red-tape" they must go through to obtain materials.

The suggestion that certain products be planted in one location instead of in three separate units was considered not feasible as there is danger of ever-prevalent diseases and insects; that is why a certain crop is not concentrated in one place.

The question of raising rabbits was brought up, but was considered impracticable as special facilities are required for their care.

Discussion on the acute shortage of containers was held and everyone agreed that unless some steps were taken to correct this condition, there would be difficulties in future deliveries. The installation of a market system would partially solve this problem. To date, no provisions had been made to collect empty boxes and crates due to lack of truck and drivers. There had been complaints from several mess halls that after saving the empty containers at the request of subsistence, no one had come to collect them. It was decided that a special crew be assigned to gather crates and boxes two or three times a week. The Planning Board is to secure a truck and a crew of about three boys for this purpose.

Mr. Takahashi was asked if he could furnish any information about the milk situation. He was unable to give a definite answer as the number of quarts varied each time. To meet this milk problem, plans for a dairy had been formulated, but to date, they had failed to materialize. It was the opinion of Mr. Ogawa, Unit 2, that dairy could be begun immediately if the block system is carried out whereby each block would care for its own cows. Mr. Sonoda, Unit 1, believed that there is no hope for milk ever being provided by this center. Whether the

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Health & Sanitation Division would approve of the block system from the standpoint of health is a question. It was his firm belief that raising alfalfa and steers were the most important and easiest way, but without fence and bob wires, this cannot be carried out. Here again, the importance of obtaining all necessary materials for the advancement of agriculture was emphasized.

Discussion on distribution of perishable goods was held. It was suggested that all three units deliver such vegetables directly from the field. If there isn't sufficient amount of a certain vegetable to be equally distributed to each block, a similar substitute could be distributed to the remaining mess halls. Attention was called to the fact that melons were being mishandled during distribution, and unless efforts are made to correct this fault, melons will rot more easily. If directly delivered to mess halls, it will serve two-fold purpose---fresher melons and eliminate the necessity of crates, thereby saving crates for other needs.

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Unit II, volunteers from various ag divisions, block gardeners and others have been enlisted to help harvest the vegetables. These volunteers claim that unless products raised in Camp II are kept solely for Unit II consumption, they are unwilling to work. It is evident that without the aid of these volunteers, crops cannot be harvested; therefore, if those things grown in Unit two are given priority to its residents, manpower problem will be solved. Uniform distribution is good, but with the existing labor shortage, it may not work out favorably.

It was decided to have the ag and subsistence meet every two weeks to advise each other of necessary information to facilitate distribution. It was also agreed to have Mr. Head present at one of the Agricultural supervisors' meeting as soon as possible upon his return to the Project.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Okamoto at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Minutes of the Land Use
Planning Committee Meeting
December 3, 1942

The meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee of Poston #3, held in Mr. Burge's Office, Administration Building "A", Room 2, on Thursday, 11:00 A.M., December 3, 1942, was called to order by Chairman Gerald S. Wumino.

Those present at the meeting were: Susumu Togasaki, Sam Fujita, Manroku Matsumoto, Karl Taku, Shig Honda, Susumu Takao and Gerald Wumino.

Mr. Wumino expressed his regrets that Mr. Burge was unable to attend this meeting, as he was called away to Parker on an emergency.

Mr. Susumu Takao introduced Mr. Shig Honda to the group, and he presented sketches drawn up for the Recreation Department, showing a plan for the outdoor amphitheatre. Inasmuch as the Recreation Division is considered ^{last} on the priority list, Mr. Takao asked Industry to handle all the requisitions for the construction of this outdoor theatre. Mr. Honda explained in detail using his sketches as models, and elaborated on many points to clear the picture in everyone's mind.

The location of the amphitheatre was decided as situated directly south of 309-Recreation Hall. This decision was reached to take advantage of the natural slope of 3% which exists in that particular spot. The plan showed the theatre as being 180'x200', but later the group decided that it should be approximately 280'x300'. By enlarging this theatre to 280' x 300', it would almost be square and would enable the public to have better vision of all the outdoor events that take place in this theatre. The stage will be constructed on a hill, and the back of the stage will face south. The capacity of this theatre will be approximately 4,000. The Committee decided that this location was best suited for the community because of its central location.

The location of the theatre was discussed with Mr. Matsumoto, and it was approved heartily by Mr. Matsumoto as he stated that this area would not be taken over for agricultural projects.

In this same location of the theatre, the Recreation Department expressed their desire to construct four basketball courts, four or six tennis courts, six volley ball courts and eight badminton courts, adjoining the amphitheatre, in the future. It was decided that they would go ahead and work to construct the amphitheatre, and later consider all the other projects.

For the present time, the Committee thought it would be best to ask the public to bring chairs to clear the picture for seating,

but later it is hoped that they will work out a terrace type slope, and use the steps for seats.

Mr. Takao thought that they would be able to use the lumber from the 310-stage in the construction of the amphitheatre, and perhaps the Recreation Department boys would help to gather cotton wood trees to use as poles.

To eliminate the strong wind and dust, it was decided to figure out a plan to plant trees around this theatre to act as wind-breakers and dust breakers.

It was decided that Gerald and Recreation Department boys would go out this afternoon to see the actual site of this theatre, and perhaps proceed to stake the area off for early construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock.

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January 5, 1943

The meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee of Poston #3, held in Mr. Burge's Office, Administration Building "A", Room 2, on Tuesday, 10:30 AM, January 5, 1943 was called to order by Chairman Morris Burge.

Those present at the meeting were: Tom Sakamoto, Manroku Matsumoto, Karl Taku, Harvey Iwata, George Furuta, Gerald Wumino and Chairman Morris Burge.

Mr. Burge stated that there were a number of things the committee would like to take up today with this group. First, the committee should discuss whether or not it should move toward some permanent plan for Poston #3, and whether this group should go on with these things, or whether it should take some other form. The committee knows at present the limitations of the boundaries; it knows where the school block is going to be. From now on the committee should consider fairly carefully what the area will be used for. It will have to recognize the block rights to a certain area. In Poston #1 many blocks are not adjacent to the open area. Up to now all the planning has been more or less of a temporary nature. The largest part of the area will be taken up for agricultural purposes. Later it will be turned over to other uses when Poston #3 gets more land for cultivation. No decision has been made on the land outside blocks 305 and 306 where the land has been cleared. The Agriculture Department will take practically all the north side of this unit, but it will not be taken over if the committee feels that it should be used for other purposes.

Mr. Wumino stated that in the area west of Roku I, nothing has been done except the laying of one baseball diamond and mentioned the golf group would like to take it over and make a nine hole golf course.

Mr. Burge suggested that the Planning Board make a master plan of this area and approve it before it decides on anything permanent. From now on we should give any new development that is approved permanent status. The school site must have some area for athletics. The land north of the school site will probably be used for school farm projects.

Plans were submitted by Gerald Wumino on the swimming pool, stadium and outdoor theatre. The reason for the location of the swimming pool being directly south of 309 Recreation Hall is that the sewer system runs through this area, and the pipes can be tapped right into it.

George Furuta stated the difficulty in getting material at present. He heard that twenty-two carloads of cement were ordered, and so far only three carloads came in, and that they were three different brands. First, the committee should get an overall plan of the entire area.

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Mr. Burge said the agriculture department will probably not use any more land within the townsite.

It was decided to make an overall plan of the different athletic areas. The plans for the outdoor theatre have already been taken up with Mr. Barber. The location is considered perfect because of the slight grade along the gully. It was stated that the theatre would be started as soon as enough equipment was available.

Mr. Burge asked if it would be advisable for the Planning Board to make a general plan showing what has been done with the open areas and how much is being used. It was tentatively decided to make an overall plan of the locations and to determine what area adjacent to the block is allotted for block purposes.

A motion was made by George Furuta to have Gerald Wumino and Karl Taku give the committee by the next meeting a plan on paper of the present use of the land, block rights, and a plan of the other locations which they anticipate using for community use. They were also asked to get an outline map of Poston #3 area showing the actual distances and actual amount of land being used by blocks.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

January 12, 1943

The meeting of the Land Use Planning Committee was held in Administrator Moris Burge's Office, Administration Building "A", Room 2, on Tuesday, 10:30 A.M., January 12th, 1943. Those present at the meeting were: Chairman Moris Burge, Tom Sakamoto, Sim Toga-saki, Gerald Wumino, Karl Taku, Hideo Higashi, Susumu Takao and Harvey Iwata.

Mr. Burge reviewed some of the highlights of last week's meeting of this group and emphasized the necessity of determining how much area the committee could set aside for the various blocks without encroaching upon community and agricultural land.

Mr. Wumino and Mr. Taku were appointed to submit a plan showing an actual survey of all the basketball courts, baseball diamonds, hard ball fields, etc., and the locations of these fields within the townsite of Poston #3. The question of whether these playing fields should be controlled by the recreation department was discussed.

The plan which was submitted showed the following athletic fields:

Blocks	Baseball	Basketball	Location
305	1	1	North of block
306	1	1	North of block
307	1	1	West of block
308	1 (basketball court on baseball diamond)		South of block
309		1	South of block
316	1	1	East of block
317	1	1	East of roku
318	1	1	West of block
327	none		(combined with 326)
326	1		South of roku
325	1		South of block
School		4	
323	none		
322		1	Northwest of blk.
350	none		
329		1	South of block
328	1	1	North of block
Fire Dept.	1	1	
Roku 3	(2 football fields in firebreak)		
Roku 2	(1 soft ball diamond)		

The question was raised by Mr. Burge as to whether or not the committee should assign land for block use to all the blocks. The group decided that blocks should be given certain plots, but with certain reservations. Mr. Takao stated that it was a general understanding that the recreation department had the power of all playing fields with the various blocks. The only thing the Planning Board has is the jurisdiction of the land and how much is available.

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A discussion was held on the possibility of the PC3AA maintaining the various playing grounds, but it was pointed out that the PC3AA is greatly handicapped because of the lack of manpower.

It was suggested that the recreation department and athletic group, consisting of Susumu Takao, Karl Taku, etc., work with the various blocks and undertake to work out a plan of the land showing where the needs are, with the understanding that this plan will be submitted to the Planning Board.

Mr. Burge suggested that the athletic group go to the various blocks and inform them that the irrigation ditch is coming in soon, so it would be necessary to determine the permanency of the athletic fields, and come to some definite understanding and present this report to the Planning Board at the next meeting. It is necessary to know where the committee stands now and what land is being used by blocks.

Mr. Burge pointed out that the Committee must form a body that will determine the use of the land in this camp; for instance, if industry wants to build, say ten factories north of Roku I, he would like to have this request come to the Planning Board for approval. Also, it is necessary to determine the rights over land already in use.

It was decided to set up a group to take up problems pertaining to the division of land and how land will be assigned. The following divisions will be represented on the Planning Board.

One representative from:

- Issei Advisory Board
- PC3AA
- Education
- Community Activities
- Block Managers
- Community Council
- Agriculture
- Industry
- Employment
- Administration
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The meeting adjourned.

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Memorandum from Mr. Burge
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MEMORANDUM TO: Harvey Iwata, S. Shirazawa, Tom Sakamoto,
Susumu Takso, Karl Taku, Chester Potts,
Susumu Togasaki, George Furuta, and Man-
roku Matsumoto

FROM: Moris Burge
Administrator Poston #3

At the last meeting of the Advisory Land Use Planning Committee of Poston III on Tuesday, January 12th, it was agreed that a body should be established with authority to make decisions on land use within the town boundaries of Poston III. This body will arbitrate in disputes over land use among various groups, and no assignment of land will be made without the approval of the body which will be known as the Poston III Land Planning Committee. Such assignments and decisions will be made in conformity with W.R.A. and project regulations.

In order to have all groups concerned with land use rights represented, one member will be chosen from each of the following:

- Administration
- Temporary Community Council
- Issei Advisory Board
- Block Managers
- Community Activities Division
- P.C.S.A.A.
- Education
- Industry
- Employment
- Agriculture

Will you please arrange to have one member chosen from your organization to be present at the meeting of the Poston III Land Planning Board called for Tuesday, January 19, 10:30 A.M., Administration Building A, Room 2.

Moris Burge
Administrator Poston #3

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Minutes of the meeting of the Land Planning Committee, Thursday,
January 21st, 1943, Administration Office, Building "A". 51-6119

PRESENT: Chairman Moris Burge, S. Shirazawa, K. Tsuruoka, M. Matsumoto, Karl Taku, Sam Fujita, Hideo Higashi, Iwao Ishino, Kelly Yamada, Susumu Takao and Gerald Wumino

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

Mr. Burge stated that he wished the committee to select a chairman, and that when this was done, he would attend meetings ex-officio. It was the sense of the meeting that since several members were not present, it would be advisable to postpone the decision on the chairman until the next meeting. At the request of the group, Mr. Burge continued to preside.

Mr. Matsumoto, on behalf of the department of agriculture, requested the use of a piece of land for a poultry farm. The land requested was north of First street, 1,000 feet east from the road running by the side of the tank, and 1,500 feet north. The decision to use this land was based on its proximity to water, since there is a serious shortage of pipe, and on the desire of the department of agriculture to have their activities in one area near the present lath house and proposed maintenance buildings.

Mr. Burge said that it was his understanding that this land had been proposed for a school farm, and that this, and its proximity to the new school buildings should be taken into consideration.

It was decided that if properly maintained, the poultry farm would not be detrimental to the school. It was decided that the area to the east should be limited to 500 feet and that if necessary, the agriculture department should take more land to the north.

The committee agreed to assign this land for the poultry farm for the use of the agriculture department with the understanding that when the school buildings are completed, if serious objections are raised to having this project too close to the schools, the agriculture department will move the farm elsewhere.

A letter was presented by the Boy Scouts requesting land for a cabin and demonstration area approximately 100 x 150 feet. The Land Planning Committee decided that they would ask the Boy Scouts to stake out a piece of land directly south of the canteen, and the Board would come to a decision at the next meeting.

Mr. Wumino reported that the golf association wished to move from its present location north of block 310 and start a nine hole golf course in the area west of blocks 307 and 308.

The group decided to request the golf association to stake out a piece of land to be reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting.

The next meeting was announced for Wednesday, January 27th, at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Yone Minami
Acting Secretary

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Meeting of the Land Planning Board

Administration Office, Building "A"

PRESENT: Chairman Morris Burge, Tom Sakamoto, Gerald Wumino, Mr. Matsumoto, George Takaoka, S. Shirazawa, Manroku Matsumoto, K. Tsuruoka, Karl Taku, Hiiso Higashi, Kelly Yamada and Iwao Ishino.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

The Golf Association of Poston III was represented by Mr. Matsumoto. Mr. Matsumoto submitted a temporary plan for a nine hole course. The location of this course is west of blocks 307 and 308, far enough west so that it will not interfere with the baseball ground. The golf course will be approximately 300 feet away from the road which runs north and south. The golf course will be designated as follows: Located west of blocks 307 and 308 leaving enough space for a hard baseball ground west of the gully. It will run south practically level with the camouflage factory. It was decided that it would be moved if it becomes necessary for this land to be used for agricultural purposes.

It was pointed out by Mr. Burge that there is a possibility that a canal may go through this area, however, the Army Engineers will not commit themselves at this time.

Mr. Matsumoto stated that the golf course will be open to the public. There will be rules and regulations placed for the use of the course by the Golf Association.

A Committee, headed by Karl Taku will approve this plot of land and was given authority to make final approval of the golf site.

Moto Asakawa represented the Boy Scouts of American and requested a plot of land next to the Canteen, 125 x 150 along the general slope of the gully running diagonally. This area will be known as the demonstration camp area for the Boy Scouts of this unit. This plot of land will also be approved by Karl Taku and his committee.

A motion was made and seconded that this Planning Board accept the land of the Boy Scouts, 125x150, south of Third Street, East of D Street. Motion carried.

It was stated by Mr. Burge that a manufacturing area would be designated so that all manufacturing projects can be centrally located.

Gerald Wumino was elected unanimously to act as Chairman of the Land Planning Committee.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Yone Minami
Acting Secretary

March 11, 1943

The meeting of the Land Planning Committee which was held in the Administration Building "B", Room 2, on Thursday morning, March 11, 1943, was called to order by Chairman Gerald Wumino at 10:30 A.M.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Wumino, Masami Honda, Shigeru Honda, Kadotani, Matsumoto, Potts, Sakamoto, Shirasawa, Tsuruoka, Fujinaka, and Matsumoto.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Wumino explained that the planning board has been okayed and sanctioned by Mr. Morris Burge, and approved by Mr. Wade Head; and therefore, the committee will have full power to execute whatever is planned by this group. It was clarified at a previous meeting that a block has jurisdiction only within its block; the other sections of the unit (outside the boundaries of the blocks) are under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department.

Plans for the golf course was submitted by the Golf Club and given permission by the board. The course includes area of the gulley to mesquite trees in line and south with the camouflage factory for the field west of blocks 307 and 308. A minority group of eleven residents from the two blocks has objected to the proposed plan on the grounds that it will be dangerous for the children and that the residents in order to reach their park which is situated fifty to seventy feet west of the boundary golf course will have to go by way of the golf course; thus, the group has suggested that the course be moved to the field in the vicinity of the sewage plant. It is said that the same group has also objected to the fact that the blocks have not been consulted on the matter.

Mr. Matsumoto of the Golf Club suggested that the opposing gentlemen be explained the game of golf. He also volunteered to teach them the game; and if the group feels even then that the game is dangerous, other measures and steps may be taken.

The suggestion was approved by the committee and the group is to be present at the next meeting to be held Tuesday, March 16, 1943. The Block Managers of blocks 307 and 308 will also be included.

Mr. Wumino stated that he has been assured by Mr. Rupkey that as soon as the block levelings are completed, the construction of the swimming pool will be started. The pool, he explained, will be constructed south of the 310 mess hall. Construction will be of cement--it is not to be a mud hole.

It was the opinion of the committee that for a community of the size of Poston 3, a swimming pool 50' x 100' would not be sufficient; therefore, the dimensions are to be changed to 100' x 200'. The depth will range from 1' to 12', and the dirt excavated from the pool will be used for the out-door theater.

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A plan for a miniature out-door bowling alley 50' x 75' was submitted by Mr. Shigeru Honda. According to Mr. Honda, the only expense required will be for the fence and the balls which will be four or five inches in diameter.

Mr. Tsurucka explained that there are plans for a miso factory east of block 305, the grounds which have been set aside for the use of Industry. The factory is to be constructed with the consent of block 305.

The meeting was adjourned.

March 16, 1943

The meeting of the Land Planning Committee which was held in the Personnel Mess Hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 16, 1943, was called to order by Chairman Gerald Wumino at 2:30 P. M.

Present at the meeting were Messrs: G. Wumino, J. Nishida--308, M. Okamura--308, T. Kirihara--307, T. Ikeda--307, T. Takahashi--307, J. Tajiri--307, B. Matsumoto--326, Z. Ichimura--307, Kubota--308, Fukumura--308, T. Tanaka--307, S. Sugimura--307, S. Honda--328, K. Fujinaka--326, S. Oda--306, T. Sakamoto--306, N. Honda--330, M. Honda--330, C. Potts, & K. Tsuruoka--308.

Opening the meeting, Chairman Wumino called for the spokesman for the two blocks who were represented at the meeting.

Mr. Fukumura representing Block 308 reported that the matter of the golf course has not been mentioned to the block as yet and that no one knew it was being made. He stated that a complaint was made from the mess hall and also from the block residents because they cannot go to their park on the other side.

Spokesman for Block 307, Mr. Ichimura, stated that it was the same reason for his block. If the golf course is made--the play-ground for children would be dangerous, therefore would like to have it moved to a safer situation. It does not mean that 307 does not approve having the golf course made there, but for the safety of the children. And added that before troubles arise they would like to have the problem presented before the administrating group.

Mr. Matsumoto representing the Golf Club stated that the golf course would not be like the driving range such as the one in front of the Canteen at the present. According to the plans laid out by the Golf Club it will not be dangerous as people of the blocks imagine. He stated that the Club will make a pathway for the people going to the park, that the players as well as the passer-bys will see that there will be no danger for those going by. As a branch of the various other sports--he suggested that a demonstration of golf be given for the people to see and then determine whether they still consider it dangerous.

Mr. Tsuruoka stated that we must consider golf the same as any other sports.

Chairman Wumino suggested making a road-way to the park 30' west of the gully, and one to the north, south, and in the middle of the golf course. He suggested that Mr. Ichimura, Mr. Sukumura, and two representatives from the Golf Club walk through the golf course and make a road-way putting stakes up.

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It was pointed out that golf is not played during working hours. It is not open at all hours--only on Saturdays or Sundays, or a few hours in the evenings.

Chairman Wumino explained to Mr. Potts the general opinion of the two blocks. Not excluding it entirely, but for the safety of the children. Mr. Matsumoto consented to give a little exhibition to show how it is played aside from this driving range. Safe-guarding the residents of 307 and 308. The two spokesmen of the blocks and two representatives from the Golf Club go over the course entirely and if the road to the park is necessary these people will stake out the road. That way if the block is dissatisfied the members of the Planning Board will have to take different steps to the matter.

Mr. Tsuruoka suggested to have someone from the two blocks see the exhibition and if it is still not of approval, after seeing the actual play, it has to be moved elsewhere. He stated that the planning board can't guarantee safety--the same as any other sports, the precaution is taken by all.

It was decided to give an exhibition on Sunday, that 307 and 308 golf players and people present today and also the members of the planning board come out to see it. It was stated that it was best to give the exhibition before having the block meeting and then present the situation to the block.

Masami Honda stated that it is only fair to see the exhibition first as any game has hazards.

The permission was granted to the Golf Club by Chairman Wumino to complete the last hole so that they could give the exhibition on Sunday. The work was stopped due to the arguments arising from the two blocks.

It was definitely set that the exhibition of golf be held this coming Sunday, March 21, 1943 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

April 27, 1943

The meeting of the Land Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Gerald Wumino in the Conference Room in Administration Building, "B", on Tuesday, April 27, 1943 at 2:00 P. M.

Those present were: Messrs, Asemi, C. Bash, M. Honda, Nl Honda, C. Potts, T. Sakamoto, J. Takashima, K. Tsuruoka, K. Watanabe, and G. Wumino.

The Chairman reported that a memo has been sent to the Golf Club for a signed agreement. As they went to get signatures yesterday in a form of a letter it seems that the situation is settled between the Golf Club and the Blocks 307 & 308. He also stated that the Red Cross is very concerned about the swimming pool; when where, and how we are going to build it. Mr. Chairman explained that Mr. Rupkey agreed to loan us the equipments after the levelings is finished with the blocks. They have about two more blocks to level. Mr. Bash was called to give his view-point on how to construct this pool.

Mr. Bash suggested a type of a cement pool with sloping walls which would take less cement.

Mr. Chairman reported that the pool is tentatively set for the south side of 310 Mess Hall or 309 Rec. Hall. Any place near there approximately 50-75' away from the road. Pool to run north and south. According to Mr. Rupkey we have ample water, at the present time we are only using two pumps and one is kept for emergency.

Mr. Takashima suggested that drainage be done once a week, keeping the same water for 7-8 days.

Mr. Bash suggested to drain the water twice a week or more often--more for sanitation, and using the water for gardening purposes. Also thinking of making a stadium. He stated that it would be better to have a system where a certain amount of water is always going in and out; because if drained and let it become dry the pool would crack. Pools should be scrubbed so cannot be made of wood or poles. Banks should be the same level as the ground or if planning to water garden, it should be higher or have a pumping system. Is is easy to plan, but the materials are hard to get. Since no steel bolts is being used with the concrete, wire netting 4-6" mesh should be used. He recommended a 6"-30" size pool for children and 3'-8' for adults, also slope walls about three inches, fairly steep.

Mr. Chairman suggested that we have a pavilion along side of the pool and the theater. To use it for dancing and lift the burden from the mess halls.

Mr. Bash stated that 500 sacks of cement is not quite enough for plaster job as it has to be rich and needs a lot of sand. He also gave a detailed figuring of the amount of cement for a size of pool. 60' x 150'.

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Mr. Chairman suggested using rocks for the bottom which would save a lot of cement. Also to have a cobble stone walk or a graveled walk around the pool.

Mr. Asami then explained the water lines here is Poston 3. A map of the camp was brought and the pipe lines were indicated.

The location of the pool was discussed by all and settled to be built on the higher slope of the area south of Blk. 305 and west of the canteen as there would be a natural flow of drainage from the bottom of the pool. Approximately 500' from the school and was approved by Mr. Potts. The out-door theater will be made from the dirt excavated from the pool near the site used by the choir at Christmas. The spot that does not have to be leveled is to be used for the amphitheater.

Mr. Chairman appointed Mr. Bash, Shig Honda, and Mr. Asami for the architectural drawing of the pool.

Mr. Sakamoto suggested that one must have a card from the doctor and must take an disinfectant shower before entering the pool. Also to allocate the amount of timber and have each block be responsible for so much.

The exact location of the swimming pool was decided as approximately 200' from the center of D Street and approximate south end of the swimming pool, 340' from 5th Street. Location of the open air theater between 4th and 5th Street and dead center of B and C Street and up against the banks along the main sewage and running northward, the sitting capacity of 2,800 people.

Chairman Wumino asked Mr. Potts about the hog pen which the agriculture and the education department is planning to build approximately 500' from the chicken house they are building now. It would be about 1,000' from the road and they are planning to raise about 6-10 pigs.

Mr. Sakamoto asked how is it that it was not submitted to the Planning Board. Everything should be submitted and approved by the board. It was decided to send a memo to the department asking for an explanation.

Mr. Wumino told Mr. N. Honda that the former golf course can be used for the recreational purposes for the school. Asked him to have the engineers level the former course for the school.

Mr. Nobu Honda was appointed to ask Mr. Shig Honda to draw up a plan for the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile track field. Mr. N. Honda gave a report on the size of the track and for various purposes the school is planning to use the area.

The Education Department was granted permission to take over all of the area bound on the north by 2nd St., west on D St., south by 4th St., and east by 5th St., for school recreation. Section of land north of center part of the school building north of 6th St., and east of the chicken ranch is being asked by the educational department for their use for agriculture.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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The meeting of the Land Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Gerald Wumino in Council Room, Block 310-8-C on Tuesday, June 1, 1943 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present were: Y. Asami, Maintenance; T. Hamamoto, George Ikuta, & Watanabe, Red Cross; F. M. Hayakawa & S. Shirasawa, Block Managers; Hideo Higashi, Recreation Department; Kuranaga, Landscape; M. Matsumoto, Agriculture; Kaudy Mimura, Supply Department; Charlie Nakamura, Transportation; Nakashima, Shibai; T. Nishi, Adobe foreman; C. Potts, Principal; Shimizu, Tsuruoka, & Ben Yamaguchi, Industry; Jimmy Takashima, Community Council; Mike Takusagawa, Warehouse; Uyeda, Construction; G. Yamatani, Reefer; & G. Wumino.

Chairman Wumino stated that the main discussion tonight with the various department heads is the making of a recreational area in the Civic Center. We are planning to construct a swimming pool 60 x 150, dancing pavilion 30 x 100, a child's wading pool 20 x 40, 3 shower rooms, an amphitheater, and an outdoor bowling alley. Chairman explained that we are to decide how to get the workers and the materials needed. That the seating of the theater is to be done by hand.

Mr. Yamatani asked for the estimation of labor and lumber needed. He suggested rotation of blocks as volunteers, taking day off from respective work. If we have 75 people we could divide into two or three groups to work on certain part of construction such as evacuating pool, getting timbers, and rocks. Suggested that each department furnish so many people having chairman for labor and supply, also sub-heads for adobe, bricks, sand, gravels, etc.

Mr. Shirasawa suggested appealing to the blocks and have plan approved. Also with this man power situation, suggested the shibai people work on theater. The chairman then stated that the plan is already approved by the blocks.

Jimmy Takashima stated that we must have one person to supervise the job, to stay at all times. He also asked how many man power needed to straighten pool out if dug by hand and getting ready for concrete job.

Mr. Chairman stated approximately 50 men to lay walls in a week or 10 days. He suggested Mr. Inouye and Mr. Kuranaga as they are familiarized with the work. Also Mr. Nishi as he has had experience having built a swimming pool before.

Mr. Yamatani suggested for division head so that responsibility will not be on individual groups. Engineer and administration.

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Mr. Nishi suggested about 50 people to shovel up the dirt and later 50 men when the cement mixture is to be done. Need about 15-16 to operate the machine.

Mr. Hayakawa suggested estimating how much supply and labor needed as it is hard to continue work. Also that the same steady workers daily is better than a change every day.

Mr. Matsumoto stated that if left up to the blocks instead of to individuals we would get more support. And to have a definite groups on shifts instead of by days. Mr. Hayakawa suggested a certain department work on certain part of construction such as swimming pool, theater, or pavilion.

It was stated by the Chairman that the pool would take a lot of time especially the plumbing. And without the excavated dirt we cannot continue with the theater.

Mr. Yamatani suggested having project committees for shibai, pool, pavilion, etc. That these committees will study the plans very thoroughly and decide which to start first and how many people is needed, and then present to the blocks.

It was decided to appoint division heads such as Mr. Yamatani suggested.

An appointment committee was suggested by Mr. Yamatani. A committee of three and then have them appoint the committee. He suggested Mr. Shirasawa and Mr. Takashima for the appointment committee.

Mr. Wumino suggested one member from each Roku for the committee.

Mr. Yamatani disagreed saying if there are capable ones for the position, does not see why they should be chosen from each Roku. Mr. Yamatani then suggested that he appoint the two and Mr. Wumino appoint the third member for the committee. He stated that Mr. Shirasawa is a leading man here and Mr. Takashima from the Council are very capable for the position. He also stated that the appointment committee of three will appoint the other 6 or 7 committees.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Mr. Yamatani appoint Mr. Shirasawa, and Mr. Takashima, and that Mr. Wumino appoint the third member of the Appointment Committee. And soon as that Appointment Committee appointed the division heads they are to be dissolved.

Mr. Wumino then appointed Mr. Yamatani for the third member

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of the Appointment Committee. He suggested that tonight is a good time to appoint the division heads.

Mr. Takashima asked for suggestion on who is suited for the division heads. Chairman stated that Mr. Nishi has had experience on the construction of a pool and now with the adobe school planning.

The appointment committee met and appointed the following for the division heads, Mr. Matsumoto, Mr. Hamamoto, Mr. Hayakawa, Mr. Nakashima, Mr. Nishi, Mr. Asami, Mr. Yamatani, Mr. Charlie Nakamura, Mr. Tsurucka, Mr. Uyeda, and Mr. Higashi. After Mr. Shirasawa read the list for the over-all committee, Mr. Matsumoto and Mr. Nakashima asked for release from the committee as they are in a position which makes it very impossible to take over the duties. After much discussion these two were released and in their places they in turn appointed one member from their own department. Mr. Umezawa from the Agriculture Department and Mr. Koga from the Shibai.

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The meeting was then adjourned.

The over-all committee remained to appoint a head committee. After much discussion Mr. Wumino was appointed head with Mr. Hayakawa and Mr. Yamatani as co-chairman. Mr. Kuranaga and Mr. Inouye were added on the committee. They also decided to have a meeting of the Committee tomorrow night at 6:30.

June 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: *Mr. Mac Huesto*
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FROM: Gerald Wumino

SUBJECT: Civic Planning

(6/9/43)

It is with great pleasure and honor for your acceptance as one of the committees for this Civic Planning Board. There will be a general meeting of all committees in Block 310-8-C, Thursday, June 10, 1943, at 7:30 P.M.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Gerald Wumino

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Chairman, Civic Planning Committee

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COMMITTEES

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Mr. Hayakawa, #306) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Geo. Yamatani)

Publicity

Mr. S. Shirasawa) Co-Chairmen
Mr. James Takashima)
Mr. Robert Hiratsuka
Mr. Nishi, #329

Labor Board

Mr. Toru Ikeda) Co-Chairmen
Mr. T. Nishi)
Mr. Nagano, #306
Mr. Fred Hamamoto, Red Cross
Mr. Chester Potts
Mr. Umezawa

Construction (Swimming Pool)

Mr. A. E. Inouye) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Kuranaga)
Mr. K. Uyeda
Mr. Hideo Higashi
Mr. George Ikuta

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Mr. Charles Nakamura--Chairman
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Mr. Mike Takusagawa) Co-Chairmen
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Mr. Ben Yamaguchi
Mr. Omachi, #318

Construction (Amphitheater)

Mr. Tsuruoka) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Shimizu)
Mr. Koga)
Mr. Jay Nishida

Construction (Dance Pavilion)

Mr. Mas Honda) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Mas Hirata)
Mr. James Nishimine

Construction (Sumo Arena)

Mr. Ichiro Okada
Mr. Fujimoto
Mr. Karasawa) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Yoshida, #323)

Maintenance (Plumbing & Electricity)

Mr. Asami & his staff

Finance

Mr. K. Mayeda, #307) Co-Chairmen
Mr. Dale Okazaki)
Mr. Yamashita, #330)
Mr. Frank Kagiwada
Mr. Yoshimura, #305

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Interview with Gerald Wumino, by EC
Organization of LPB

This morning ask GW if the departments cooperating through the Land Planning Board on the Community Center have to have their part OKed through the Project offices at I, or if the departments here can plan independently. He says that what has happened here is that a Civic Planning Committee has been set up which grows out of the LPB.

The original plan for the swimming pool and the use of the material was oked by Mr. Rupkey. Then he called a meeting of the LPB to get the cooperation of the different departments. They appointed a committee, the Civic Planning A Committee, which ~~carried through further organization, appointing committees from different department heads to take care of certain problems: Labor Committee, Publicity Committee. Actually the two problems have come under the Labor Committee, and the School has been approached. The School is forming something like a Victory Work Corps and each day a certain number of workers will be sent over to work on the swimming pool, etc. These will be Juniors or Seniors or whoever is husky enough to do the work. The Labor Committee had a luncheon meeting last Friday and made plans for getting workers out.~~

In speaking of the organizing work of the CPC, Wumino indicates that it was actually himself who did the planning on this and got the other department heads appointed on committees, though cannot remember his words.

Ask if the Labor Committee is a permanent organization here, or if something only for this. He says that it was set up just to get this particular job done.