

CITY PARK TIMELINE

1868-1913

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February 15, 1868

Trustees move to reserve two, 160 acre tracts of City Lands for a "suitable Park" for San Diego "inhabitants"

January 16, 1869?

Petition for Artesian Well "on the Park" by E. W. Morse, A. E. Horton, James Pascoe and Philip Crosthwaite, among others, denied for lack of funds

May 1870

City Park Reservation on James Pascoe Pueblo Lands Map

May 1, 1868

"Citizens for a Park" Petition to set apart 640 acres for "Public Park"; Most petitioners upping to 1280 acres at signing

February 4, 1870

Park Dedication ratified by State of California Legislature

April 13, 1874

A. E. Horton quitclaims to the City & County of San Diego 120 acres in P.L.1147 to remain forever part of the Public Park Reservation

December 27, 1884

Petition of A. Klauber et al. to plant and maintain trees lining a selected road across City Park granted, plans and appointed committee necessary

May 25, 1885

D. B. Day granted the privilege to use clay and start Brick Yard on portion of the City Park near the old waterworks, under direction and supervision of City Engineer, and for 15 cents per 1,000 burnt bricks

March 2, 1886

City Executive Officer Russell ordered to investigate the matter of parties having large flocks of sheep, goats and other animals grazing upon the City Park, and to order such parties to at once remove all such stock from off the Park, and if not obeyed to remove them himself

August 8, 1881

Resolution granting A. Wentcher a portion of City Park for a Powder Magazine

January 10, 1885

Trustees John N. Snyder and W. W. Stewart were named and appointed a Committee on Avenues and Streets to be planned and laid out as contemplated in the matter of Improving The City Park

December 12, 1885

John W. Read allowed to manufacture brick upon the Park, 550 yards South of the Pest House, if pays City 15 cents per 1000 bricks burnt, doesn't remove any level land along gulch and does not leave holes or pits in the ground

December 13, 1886

Marshal is instructed to notify the owner of the old Perin place, to remove at once all fencing which encloses a portion of the City Park and to at once abate the nuisance of a pig pen now existing upon said place

December 2, 1887

City grants deed to Bryant Howard, E. W. Morse and executors of will of James M. Pierce, 100 acres of City Park to establish and maintain an Orphan's Home, Boys & Girls Home, Kindergarten, Industrial School and School of Technology

January 22, 1889

City Attorney Titus "The only uses to which the land can be put are those of a public park and the uses incidental thereto. The City could erect reservoirs on the Park for the purpose of retaining water to be used in irrigating and beautifying the same, but not for the purpose of retaining water to be used off of and in no way in connection with the Park"; Park Committee recommends Council refuse to grant the San Diego Coronado Water Co.'s request to locate and construct a reservoir on the Northwest Corner of City Park.

December 27, 1886

Petition of O. Darling to lease twenty-five acres of City Park land for 20 years; land located about one mile north of Russ School house near the road to the old grade into Mission Valley; agrees to cultivate arable portion within five years after water arrives; also agrees to plant and cultivate land for City's benefit, total trees not to exceed 500, City to Survey & Map the land, designating where trees should be planted

December 27, 1886

George W Marston suggests 10 acres in the City Park might be tendered at some point to Department of Pacific for a Post with adequate U. S. Barracks in exchange for the two blocks owned by the U. S. Government in New San Diego

May 8, 1888

Petition of Geo. Puterbaugh, attorney for a group willing to form a syndicate to furnish the necessary means to sink one or more deep wells within the City Park, for a license or lease to develop artesian water therein; One Tenth (1/10) of all the water developed to be used by the City in beautifying the Park, flushing sewers, sprinkling streets and other public purposes

September 28, 1889

City Attorney instructed to examine legal questions involved in the sale or lease of portions of City Park:
Will the condition of the title under which the Park lands were acquired permit the City to divert the original designated purpose to any other purpose than occupancy by Charitable institutions, as determined by State Legislature consent? If so, can the City, proceed at once to subdivide any portion of these lands into Blocks and Lots and Streets, to be sold or leased for a term of years?; and if not, Can the City secure Legislative consent to such subdivision and sale or lease of these lands

December 17, 1889

Petition of Ladies Annex for laying water pipe over 10 acres set aside for the Ladies Annex care.

August 18, 1889

Mounted Police to visit the Park throughout the day and night reports the Committee on Parks in response to Petition of E. D. Switzer to prohibit the dumping of garbage & rubbish on the City Park

November 11, 1889

On recommendation of Committee on Parks, Petition of the Ladies' Annex of the Chamber of Commerce for permission to cultivate 10 acres in the City Park for improvement thereof, is granted

February 19, 1890

Ordinance establishing a City Pound for impounding strays within the following lands: beginning at the northwest corner of Block numbered twenty-four (24) Bay View Homestead, thence running east three hundred (300) feet, thence south three hundred (300) feet; thence west three hundred (300) feet; thence north three hundred feet (300 ft.) to the place of beginning, being in the City Park

March 18, 1890

Concurrent Resolution that the City Engineer report on the cost of piping for water on that portion of the Park set apart for the use of the Ladies Annex, be accepted and the Board of Public Works instructed to proceed with the laying of pipes in accordance with report

March 10, 1890

Ordinance granting Ladies Annex the privilege to improve a certain portion of City Park

April 14, 1890

Joint Resolution that the Committee on Parks of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Delegates, are required to examine City Park and the Boulevards of said Park and to report as to the advisability of connecting the two Boulevards at the northern part of the Park & to have an estimate made of the cost and have a proper amount be set apart under the new levy to pay for the same.

June 17, 1890

Petition from the Park Committee of the Ladies Annex requesting that the City pay for the water needed from time to time by the Committee upon the City Park was granted

March 9, 1891

John H. Gay, Jr. Petition to improve the appearance of a small piece of City Park adjoining his premises "to prevent the arroyo being hereafter used as a dumping ground to which end a wire netting should be stretched around it" and "the trees, vines, shrubs places thereon by petitioner, to remain and be the property of the City"

August 31, 1891

"The Board of Public Works, after investigation, recommend the granting of the permission prayed for in the accompanying petition of E. D. Switzer, to excavate a ditch across a small point of land in the City Park for the purpose of protecting this property from the overflow of water during the rainy season;" Petition granted

September of 1890

George B. Hensley Petition for 100 acres in Southwest Corner of City Park for Exposition and Botanical Garden "that will equal, if not surpass, any thing of the kind in this country, as can easily be done at a much less expense than in any City on the Continent"

August 17, 1891

Report on the Statement of the Auditor for the Month of June: "The City Park, in which the people of San Diego take so much pride, has cost on an average, the sum of \$42.00 per month for labor, water, & other incidentals, and this in the face of the fact that of all dilapidated; weed-overgrown, illy kept, poorly watered spots in the City, our 10 acre Annex park is without contradiction the most notorious"

October 22, 1891

Petition of Miss Kate O. Sessions presenting reply letter she received from Frederick Law Olmsted where he recommends designing such an extensive and important work as City Park by abandoning ideals from practice on the East Coast and in Northern Europe; and focusing rather on "originality of treatment suitable to the special local conditions." Mr. Olmsted states that, regrettably, present engagements prevent his firm, F. L. Olmsted & Co., from designing City Park, at least for some time to come

January 26, 1892

Committee on Streets Highways and Parks recommend that the Board of Public Works be instructed to employ Miss Kate O. Sessions as City Gardener without a monied salary, with the privileges as asked for in the petition; she to be furnished with free water during the pleasure of the Council

November 16, 1891

Joint Resolution Bonding the City to build Boulevards and for Park improvement; City Attorney instructed to prepare Ordinance submitting the question to the people

January 18, 1892

Petition of Kate O. Sessions offering her services to the City to establish on a small portion of the City Park's northwest corner, an experimental nursery and garden for at least 10 years where she will annually plant 100 trees, and furnish 300 crooked or boxed ornamental and shade trees for use by the City in the park, street, plaza or school ground planting; if allowed to grow on the Park additional plants and cut flowers for sale, and to receive free water privileges

February 1, 1892

Riley R. Morrison and S. G. Blaisdell Petition for use of City Park lands for "experimenting in growing trees and flowers, under the same terms, and restrictions, for ten years, as was granted to Miss K. O. Sessions by your Board recently".

February 9, 1892

An Ordinance granting permission to K. O. Sessions the right to use and occupy certain lands of the City Park for the purpose of establishing an experimental nursery and garden and for development and cultivation of City Park for a period of not exceeding ten years, with water privileges

April 4, 1892

Petition of J. M. Julian for permission to occupy 10 acres of the City Park for gardening purposes and the raising of chickens. Committee on Streets, Highways and Parks report that no animals or poultry should be allowed upon the Park, but are in favor of granting the privilege of cultivating and growing thereon flowers and an ornamental garden

August 15, 1892

Park Committee to whom was referred the Message of the Mayor appointing Bryant Howard Park Commissioner, recommends referring back to the Mayor with the request that he appoint two additional Park Commissioners

March 14, 1892

Street Committee appointed to investigate & report on the Park land for an experimental nursery applied for by R. R. Morrison & Blaisdell, recommend that the land selected by them & approved by the Board of Public Works, be granted them, & that south line will commence at a line parallel with the south line of Grape St. & running north along the Boulevard

April 11, 1892

Finance Committee reports \$10,000 for Park improvement, including repaving the present graded Boulevard, setting out trees, building an artificial Lake in one of the Cañons for providing a much for permanent park improvement

September 10, 1892

Proposed Water Plant and Distribution System: Reservoir as provided for in the estimate should beat least fifteen million gallons capacity, and located within the City Park Reservation

June 5, 1893

Board of Health and Health & Morals Committee recommend Ordinance establishing a Public Dump in the City Park; dump at the foot of 12th Street to be abolished and a dump be established on the Park in the Cañon East of the tract occupied by the Orphan's House being the first branch cañon to the left as the ascent of Switzer's Cañon is made and to the north of the R. R. embankment to which all rubbish and refuse not suitable for transportation to sea on the garbage-scow shall be removed

June 20, 1893

San Diego County Agricultural Association asking the use of about 80 acres of land in the northern portion of the City Park instead of the tract in the southwest corner is granted

November 13, 1893

Joint Water Committee instructed to investigate as to the matter of the City furnishing Miss K. O. Sessions with free water for use upon her nursery in the City Park

June 6, 1893

Pastime Gun Club and Silver Gate Club petition for permission to use "such ground in the City Park for trap shooting for our Gun Club's say about one acre where it adjoins the ravine in the vicinity of Maple Street. Shotguns only and will shoot towards the ravine." Granted

June 26, 1893

"Numerous complaints have been made to me of the inadequate water supply of the City...it seems that the delivery pipe of the Flume Co. is not large enough to supply the needs of the City unless a reservoir be erected in the City Park so as to be close to the center of the City and thus the City will be always with a sufficient water supply on hand for domestic use as well as for extinguishment of fires....Wm. H. Carlson, Mayor;" Joint Resolution "That in the interest of economy it is not advisable to construct a Reservoir at the expense of the City at this time."

March 26, 1894

Joint City Lands Committee instructed to wait upon Bryant Howard and ascertain what he proposes to do in regard to the future care of the tract of land known as the Howard Tract, as the same is being badly neglected and needs attention immediately

May 7, 1894

A messenger boy presents a basket of Roses as a gift from Miss K. O. Sessions to the retiring President Alderman Brandt; thanks from the Board extended to Miss Sessions.

December 10, 1894

Joint Resolution instructing Joint Street Committee to investigate feasibility of selling a portion of City Park and purchasing smaller blocks and tracts in other areas of the City for Park purposes

December 4, 1893

Ordinance terminating Water Lease granted to Kate O. Sessions by repealing Sub Section 7 of Section One of Ordinance No. 153 regulating it

April 2, 1894

Resolution instructing the Board of Public Works to take the necessary steps for the preservation of the trees in the Howard Tract

November 19, 1894

Resolution instructing the Chief of Police to report the names of person living on the land in the City Park

February 27, 1895

A Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to take the necessary steps to restore to the City that portion of the Park conveyed Bryant Howard et-al.

July 15, 1895

In the matter of the abandonment of the Children's Home, we find the building in charge of a care taker, who refused to allow your Committee to enter the premises without a written order from Bryant Howard. In consideration of the status of the 100-acre tract and the Children's Home tract, your Committee recommends that the City Attorney report their condition

September 11, 1895

A communication from D. C. Collier regarding the removal of earth from the City Park. Board of Public Works and Street Superintendent instructed to stop the removal of earth from the City Park until further order from Council

January 7, 1895

Joint Resolutions instructing City Attorney to take the necessary steps to enable the City to donate to the State about 60 acres of the S. E. corner of City Park on which to locate a State Normal School, land being bounded on the East by 28th Street; on the North and west by Switzer's Cañon, and on the south line of the Park, the same being a triangular plot of ground

March 9, 1895

A Report of the Health and Morals Committee on caring for the City Garbage: "Garbage to be disposed of by Steaming Process, the works to be located in vicinity of Pound Cañon in the City Park"

August 5, 1895

First telephone poles in the Park: Joint Resolution that the Board of Public Works report to Council for what purpose, and by whose authority, a line of poles are being erected in the City Park. Allowed to remain whilst they don't interfere with improvement of the Park. Installed by the Flume Co.

December 9, 1895

San Diego Brewing Co. request for lease of portions of City Park for purpose of utilizing material therein for manufacture of glass and glassware. Also a Petition of A. E. Gregory et al. for the establishment in the City Park of a building containing lodging and dining rooms,, for furnishing aid and work to those seeking temporary relief. Denied since Council has no legal right to lease any portion of City Park

May 20, 1896
Objection to Indians being camped in City Park at 25th Street

July 6, 1896
Citizens residing in City Park are residents of, and qualified electors of the Fourth Ward of the City, as per City Attorney

October 8, 1895

City Attorney was instructed to commence proceedings in the name of the City of San Diego to recover possession of said Howard Park Tract.

May 21, 1896
Report of the Joint Ways and Means Committee recommending that the Board of Public Works be instructed to not sell gravel from the City Park, and that the services of a watchman of the gravel pit be dispensed with

August 3, 1896

Petition from residents in the vicinity of Switzer's canyon protesting against the continuance of the City Dump in its present location

August 3, 1896

Resolved that a special committee consisting of the City Engineer, one member of the Board of Aldermen, and one member of the Board of Delegates be appointed to confer with the Park Commissioners for the purpose of devising ways and means for the inauguration of this most desirable public improvement— to properly improve and maintain all of the City's 1400 acre Park reservation

November 9, 1896

Petition of Henrietta B. Ivers and the Park Tennis Club, for permission to use that portion of the City Park bounded by Eighth and Ninth, and Elm and Fir streets, if such streets were extended into the Park, for a Lawn Tennis Court; Granted

January 21, 1897

Joint City Lands Committee Report and Joint Resolution recommending the granting of Petition to establish Pythian Home, a place for aged or infirm, or one who is dependent in any manner upon Knights of Pythias Lodges, to receive care. Open to anyone from all over the world. Petition for use of that portion of the City Park north of the southwest corner of the "Orphans' Home Tract" in City Park and conveyed to Bryant Howard by by the City, totaling 30 acres. Matter of cities granting in trust any public park land for charitable or educational purposes

October 4, 1897

Joint Resolution that the Board of Public Works of is directed to fill in the "Plaza" with black vegetable loam taken from the City Park about 600 feet above the City Pound

November 9, 1896

Joint Resolution that twenty acres of land lying on the south line of the City Park and abutting the northern terminus of Twenty-fifth street, be offered to the State of California for the purpose of establishing a State Normal School

March 23, 1897

Petition of J. Wade McDonald, J. E. O'Brien, George Kovenert and C. V. Engleman asking for use of sixty acres in City Park for five years for the purpose of demonstrating the practicability of the cultivation of Tobacco in San Diego is granted

March 21, 1898
Ordinance prohibiting the depositing of garbage or other refuse material in any of the public parks of the City, repealing establishment of a City Dump in City Park

April 18, 1898
Board of Public Works authorized to spend \$12 in addition to the allowance of \$200 for the plowing and harrowing of the Howard Tract and the Ladies' Annex Park in the City Park

July 11, 1898
A communication from the Chamber of Commerce transmitting a recommendation from their Horticulture and Agriculture Committee in the matter of conducting an experimental station in City Park "to assist in bringing about a more diversified culture of economic plants"

April 4, 1898
Joint Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Parks to employ assistance in watering the trees in the City Park

July 5, 1898
Message from the Mayor and Joint Resolution directing Board of Public Works to continue the watering of the Howard Park tract, and employ labor to assist therein at a cost not to exceed \$100

December 12, 1898
Joint Resolution that the City Engineer is directed to make the necessary surveys and estimates of cost for the construction of dams across the cañons in the City Park, the surplus water of which flows down through the "B" Street flume and Switzer Cañon so that the water in such cañons may be held and allowed to run off gradually during the summer season, so as to avoid a surplus of water at any one time

January 3, 1899

Joint Resolution that the City Attorney be directed to take all necessary proceedings for the vacation of all portions of City Park or public parks of any person, company, or corporation occupying it, and for the purpose of requiring the same to remove any buildings, fences, or other improvements placed thereon

July 10, 1899

Message from the Mayor recommending that seeds from the 'Torrey Pines' be planted in the City Park

August 28, 1899

Communication from E. S. Babcock, President of the Southern California Mountain Water Company, asking the Council for a reservoir site in the City Park

June 19, 1899

Message from the Mayor recommending that all street sweepings be dumped in Pound Canyon for the future use of the City in 'planting out parks'

August 21, 1899

Message from the Mayor calling the attention of the Council to the storage of powder in Powder House cañon in City Park and recommending that the powder magazines be removed to a more distant and safe locality

September 5, 1899

Joint Resolution proposing to donate 300 feet square of land in the southwest corner of the City Park as a location for the Carnegie Library Building; and another proposing a different site at the northeast corner of Sixth and Date Streets

December 28, 1899

George P. Hall, Horticultural Commissioner, to Mayor and Council, in response to U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Walter T. Swingle, Explorer and Botanist, who was sent here to investigate the climatic and horticultural conditions of our State, asking for a portion of the City Park for the reception of such plants, trees, and shrubs as the Government from time to time may furnish on requisition by the City, to be cared for and kept in the possession of the City

February 19, 1900

Ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works to exchange dirt with Goodbody and Roesner giving dirt from the Park for dirt near where needed in making necessary fills

September 25, 1899

Joint Resolution granting the squatters on the City Park until January 1st, 1900 to remove therefrom

February 5, 1900

Ordinance authorizing and directing the Board of Public Works to get and receive from K. O. Sessions the trees to be propagated for and delivered to the City as provided in Ordinance No. 153

September 4, 1900

Petition of Concordia Turnverein, a German immigrant athletic society; gymnastics society, for a plot of ground near Russ School in City Park for purposes of Physical Culture and exercises

December 18, 1900

Joint Street Committee recommends accepting the offer of Geo. Journey to pay \$1.50 per acre for the use of certain land for agricultural purposes in the City Park for the season, since the land will have to be plowed by the City teams if the work is not done by someone else. Petition granted.

December 16, 1901

Petition of Golden Hill residents for permission to improve a portion of the City Park 900 feet long by 600 feet wide at the northern end of 25th Street, by setting out lawns, shrubbery, flowers and trees, granted; and a communication from T. J. Jones et al., a Park Committee representing the residents of Golden Hill, asking to have the 25th Street water main extended to the south line of the park and a two inch water pipe extended 350 ft. north from the end of the main to provide sufficient one inch laterals to irrigate a tract of land 600; and to furnish free of charge the water necessary to irrigate. "The plan adopted has been carefully prepared by an experienced landscape artist and will in no way interfere with any plan which may be hereafter adopted for the improvement of the entire park."

November 29, 1901

Board of Public Works recommends a piece of land 400 feet square in the southwest corner of the City Park, located at the northeast corner of Sixth and Date Streets, be planted in trees, shrubbery, and lawn, "This piece of land lies so that it is within one block of the Fifth street car line, and so it can be seen by all people going up and down the Fifth street car line, and is nearer the business portion of the City than any other portion of the City Park." Miss Sessions to furnish the trees and shrubbery to the City without extra expense

February 17, 1902

K. O. Sessions asks for an extension of five years in using a portion of the City Park

January 20, 1902

An Ordinance providing for the extension of the 25th street water main from 'B' street to the south line of the City Park, and furnishing pipe to be laid inside of the Park at Golden Hill

February 24, 1902

Ordinance Granting Permission to K. O. Sessions to use and occupy certain portions of the City Park for a period of not exceeding Five years

May 5, 1902

“Many of Our Progressive Citizens are becoming anxious to have our extensive park improved” and “Fourteen hundred (1400) acres, seems to be more than is actually needed for that purpose,” final language of Joint Resolution regarding Park Improvement

January 19, 1903

City Engineer directed to make and furnish Council a contour survey and map of that portion of the City Park which lies west of the Park lands formerly surveyed by the former City Engineer, E. M. Capps, and for that purpose the Board of Public Works and City Engineer are to employ one Instrument Man

April 7, 1902

Joint Resolution directing the City Attorney to advise as to legality and necessary steps to sell a portion of City Park and use the proceeds to improve the remainder of the Park, or purchase a smaller one closer to the central park of the inhabitable portion of the city; also to advise as to obtaining the consent of the State Legislature.

June 20, 1902

An Ordinance Providing for the irrigation and cultivation of the trees and shrubbery in the City Park; Board of Public Works directed to thoroughly irrigate and cultivate the trees and shrubbery along the west side of the Park and the trees in the Howard Tract, and hereafter during the months of May through October of this year and each year at least once every Eight weeks, provided the expense thereof shall not exceed \$75 for each irrigation. The plowing of said land to be done by the Street force

April 13, 1903

Board of Public Works recommends that the City Park Committee of the Chamber of Commerce be authorized to take charge of said Park in reference to Petition of the Park Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to improve the City Park in accordance with the plans submitted by Park Architect, Parsons, after plans first approved by the Board

April 27, 1903

Ordinance to lay out and improve the Fourteen Hundred-acre Public Park in accordance with plans and specifications provided by the Chamber of Commerce; provided that they are approved by the Board of Public Works and a copy is filed in the Office of the City Engineer; the expense, except as authorized by the Council, shall not be paid out of the City Treasury except such portion that has already been donated, or may be donated, to City for said purpose

February 8, 1904

City Attorney letter stating Council cannot legally grant the request of the Chamber of Commerce Park Improvement Committee to have \$3,000, now in the City Treasury in the Allyn fund, be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce for use in the improvements of City Park

March 7, 1904

Agreement between M. D. Goodbody and the City to dig holes and plant 1000 trees on the Fourteen Hundred-acre Public Park; trees to be of varieties and number called for in "Plans and Specifications for Park Work"; also will grade and construct one road into Pound Canyon; work to be commenced by March 7, 1904 and completed by May 2, 1904. Consideration for labor and material set at \$3,000 in a warrant drawn upon the Park Improvement Fund

November 27, 1903

The Street Committee Report recommends that the Park Committee of the Chamber of Commerce file in the Office of the City Engineer copies of all maps and plans for the permanent improvement of the City Park, which they have had made

December 14, 1903

Joint Resolution authorizing the City Pound Keeper to shoot and kill with a shot gun the rabbits in the City Park in order to prevent them from injury and damaging the trees in such Park

March 7, 1904

Exhibit B of above agreement, "Plans and Specifications For Park Work". Plant 1000 trees of the following varieties: 50 Acacia Molissima, 50 Acacia Latifolia, 50 Accsia Baileyana, 50 Pettosporum tobira, 50 Ceratonia silqua, 25 Pinis Halpensis, 25 Cedar of Lebanon, 50 Hakea Pugionifomis, 50 Myrtus Communis Macrophylla, 50 Myrtus Communis Microphyla, 50 Araucaria Bidwillii, 100 Acacia Melanoxylon, 25 Lagunaria Patersoni, 50 Ficus Australia, 100 Laurestinus, 100 Pinus Insignis, 50 Monterey Cypress, 50 Pinus Torreyana, and 25 Eucalyptus Citriodora

May 6, 1904

Joint Resolution that permission be given to Company B Seventh Infantry N. G. C. to construct and maintain a rifle range in Switzer's Cañon above Powder House Cañon in the Fourteen Hundred Acre Public Park, at the location designated by the Sub-Committee, provided the targets be placed about on the elevation of the old railway grade, and that the surface of the ground on the hillside in rear of the targets is made sufficiently precipitous to stop all probable shots. Provided, also, that during all target practice men be stationed on each flank to warn away any parties possibly coming within the range of fire, and that the usual rules governing displaying of danger signals be observed

September 22, 1904

Board of Public Works recommends authorization of Park Committee's petition to purchase Miss K. O. Sessions water pipe laid in the ten acre tract at the northwest corner of City Park, as Miss Sessions is surrendering her lease and leaving trees and shrubs which the Park Committee (George W. Marston) would like to take care of

October 24, 1904

City Charter Amendment to establish a Board of Park Commissioners of 3 unpaid members, appointed by the Mayor with approval of the Board of Delegates, from among qualified electors of the City, for a 4 year term to commence on May 1, 1905. "All Parks, Plazas and Squares now open and dedicated to the public use, or which may hereafter be opened or dedicated to the public use, shall be under the exclusive control and management of said Board of Park Commissioners, with power to lay out, regulate, and improve the same". Board of Park Commissioners may appoint a Superintendent of Parks, to enforce the City ordinances and rules of the Park Commissioners

July 18, 1904

Ordinance providing that the claim of George W. Marston as assignee of M. D. Goodbody for the sum of \$3,000 for planting one thousand trees in, and the construction of a road through the Fourteen Hundred Acre Public Park,, is allowed and that the Auditing Committee is authorized to provide for the issuance of a warrant; the sum of the claims having been bequeathed for the purpose of improving City Park, by John Allyn

October 17, 1904

Reported to the Joint Water Committee that a well was drilled in the City Park around 1888, to a depth of over eleven hundred feet and cased with iron casing; which has had and now has water in it to within a few feet of the surface; water is good, fresh water. Board of Public Works directed, to instruct the City Engineer to investigate location and condition of the well and water, and cost of replacing casing and pumping out the well for water quality testing and determining capacity

November 7, 1904

Ordinance authorizing and directing the Board of Public Works to purchase from Miss K. O. Sessions the water pipe laid in the ten acre tract of land at the Northwest corner of the Fourteen hundred acre Public Park, provided, that the expense shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

February 23, 1905

Ordinance empowering the Board of Public Works to purchase in the open market, and lay, forty-eight hundred feet of two inch iron water pipe, in the Fourteen Hundred Acre Public Park Pipe to be laid in the northwest corner of said Park, from Upas street to Quince street, and a small part on the west side between Fir street and Hawthorn street, according to plans and specifications to be prepared by the Board of Public Works; provided, that cost of the same shall not exceed the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars

April 3, 1905

Message from the Mayor vetoing an ordinance for a boulevard along the south line of the City Park because it is uncertain whether the Council has a right to establish, in the City Park, a legal street. "The street or boulevard described in this ordinance runs over a very rough section of the City Park, and would necessitate heavy cuts and fills and very expensive bridges. If the City's share of this expense is to be paid out of the Park Improvement Funds it will take all the money which will be apportioned to that fund for the next four years to pay the street assessment."

November 14, 1904

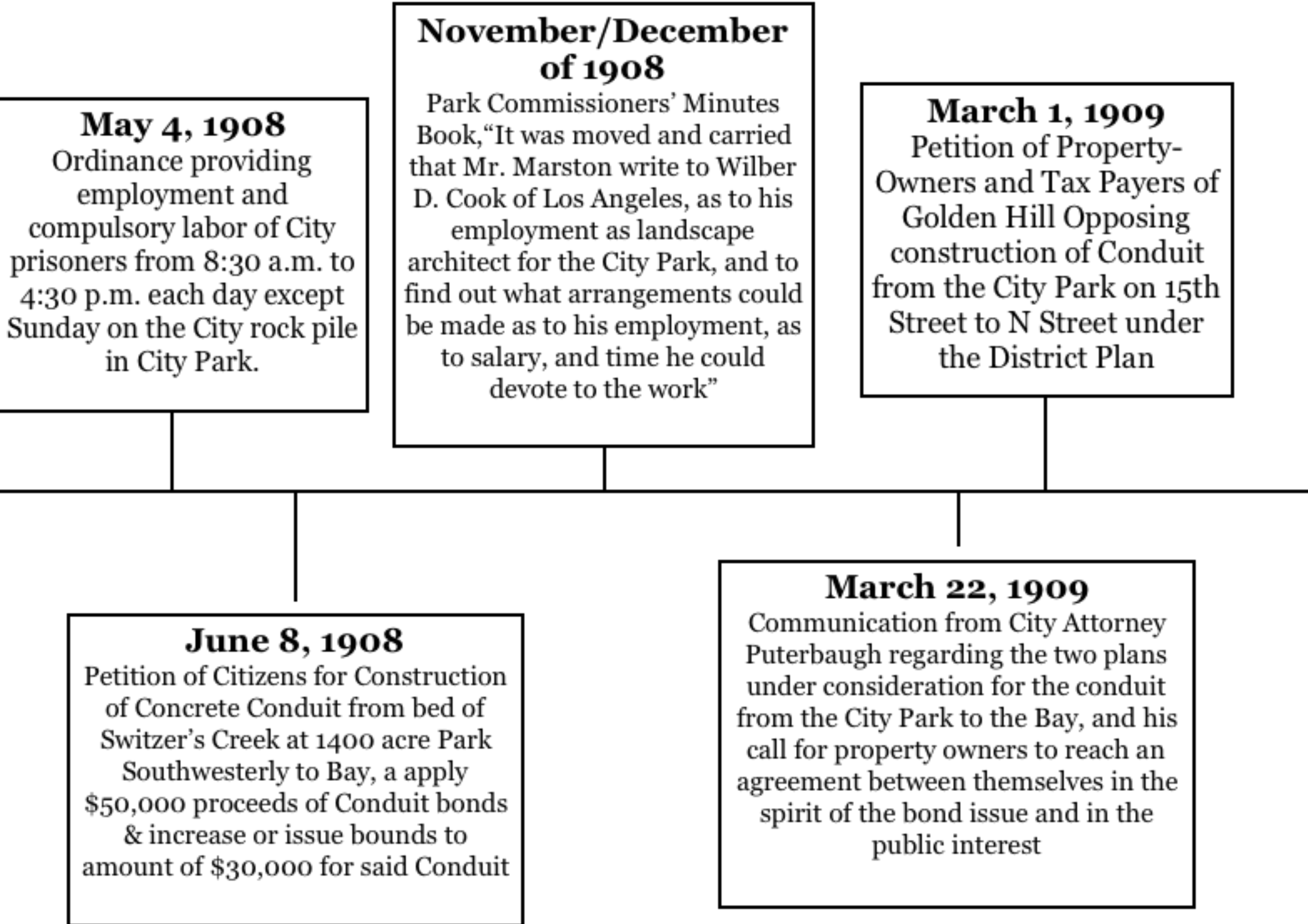
Joint Resolution hat the Park Commissioner are requested to investigate the advisability of placing public urinals and water closets for both men an women in the City Park, Plaza New Town Park, "H" street Park, and Golden Hill Park, and report the results of these investigations to Council, together with their recommendations and estimate of the cost of the proposed work

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April 17, 1905

Messages from the Mayor, presenting the names of George W. Marston, Ernest E. White and A. Moran for confirmation as members of the Board of Park Commissioners



April 26, 1909

Message from the Mayor regarding resignation of G. W Marston as member of the Board of Park Commissioners

September 7, 1909

Petition of G. W. Purcell asking for a franchise to construct, equip and operate a railway through the City Park and down E Street to the Bay is granted

October 7, 1909

Board of Park Commissioners Wright and Luce appeared before Council and were heard relative to a division of the proceeds from the sale of the so-called Purcell railway franchise so that the Board would receive a portion of the amount, in as much as the franchise as granted passes through the City Park

July 31, 1909

Board of Park Commissioners at the request of the Council, passed a Resolution granting permission to construct and lay a sewer on a line extending northerly and southerly 5 feet east of the west line of the City Park, between the south line of Date and the south line of Ash Streets, allowing for passage of Ordinance on the same

October 4, 1909

Petition of Frank Z Holzner for Appointment as Special Patrolman to protect quail in the City Park is granted on recommendation of John S. Sehon, Superintendent, Department of Police, Health and Morals

April 11, 1910

Petition of the Directors of the Exposition Company and also of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council to call an election to vote on the proposition of \$1,000,000.00 Bonds for improvement of the City Park

May 10, 1910

Meeting held by the Board of Directors of the Panama-California Exposition Company where it was moved that the Council be requested to postpone the election upon the entire issue of bonds until such time as the City Attorney and legal advisory board of the Panama-California Exposition can prepare an ordinance in conformity with the views of the stockholders of such exposition company, provided, however, that such view shall be so expressed not later than the 25th day of May, 1910

October 28, 1910

City Engineer Capps to Council reporting that they are "running the east boundary line of the city with a view of determining the position of a number of streets between the boundary line and the City Park." Refers to the matter of the east line of "Balboa Park" as pending before the Superior Court

December 29, 1910

Board of Park Commissioners Secretary Thomas-O'Hallaran to Council notifying them that on November 1, 1910, the Board of Park Commissioners officially named the Park, formerly known as the "Fourteen hundred acre Park", "Balboa Park"

June 28, 1910

Mr. Samuel Parsons was present at the Board of Park Commissioners meeting and made a verbal report as to the plan for the further improvement of City Park

November 1, 1910

Board of Park Commissioners Resolution naming the 1400 acre City Park "Balboa Park"

January 3, 1911

Communication from Board of Park Commissioners regarding name of City Park, presented and ordered filed by Common Council

March 24, 1911
California Legislature gives the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of San Diego the right to use and to authorize the use of "Balboa Park" for exposition purposes
Legislature in 1911;
Statute 1911, Chap 286

December 29, 1911
Resolution accepting bid of J. H. Adams & Company for \$19,000.00 Park Improvement Bonds

June 12, 1912
Resolution directing City Clerk to advertise for bids for \$234, 000.00 Park Improvement Bonds

May 31, 1911
Park Commissioners state that as a body they had visited the 1400 acre City Park on May 30, 1911, accompanied by Mr. K. Benard, expert arborist, and that after their investigation, ordered Mr. A. B. Christopher, Superintendent of the Park, to care for and properly water all trees and shrubbery now planted, and to furnish the Board with an inventory of stock, implements, etc. now on hand. Also, an application for an extension of time for the completion of a railroad through the 1400 acre City Park by the Interurban Investment Company of San Diego was presented

January 8, 1912
Board of Park Commissioners requested by Council to give employment to as many of the unemployed men now in the City as possible, in clearing up the Exposition Grounds

June 24, 1912

Resolution directing City Clerk to sell \$234,000, or 234 bonds, at par and accrued interest of Park Improvement Bonds, as no bids were received from previous advertisement

December 26, 1912

Resolution accepting the bid of Torrance, Marshall & Company for \$14,000.00 Park Bonds,

May 14, 1913

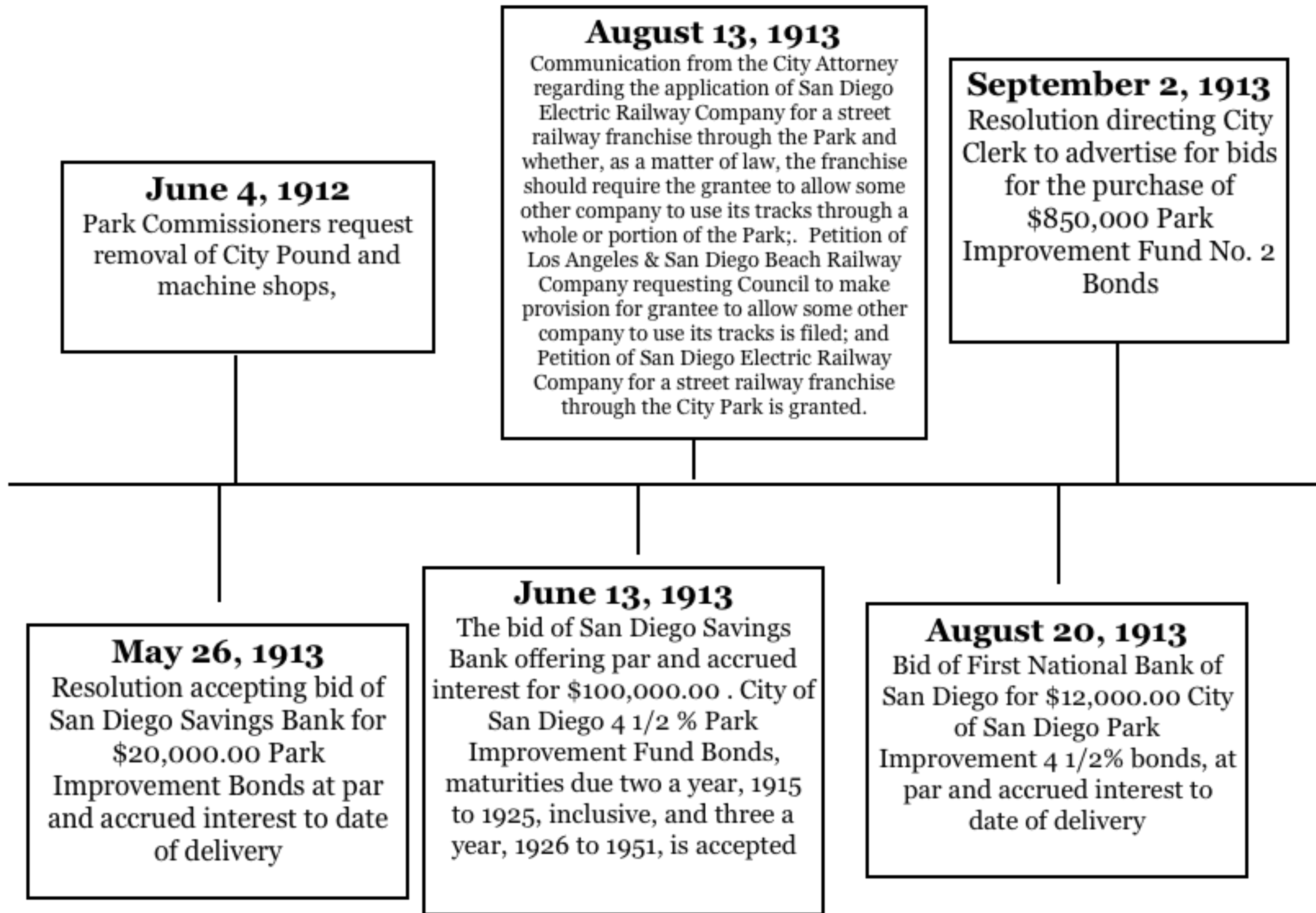
Resolution that "the public interest demands the improvement of the 1400-acre Public Park, known as 'Balboa Park' by the laying out and the grading of the grounds, the construction of buildings and structures thereon with the appurtenances, the planting of trees, shrubs and lawns, the laying of water pipes and sewers, the construction of walks, paths, vistas, roads, boulevards, lakes and ponds therein; together with all appurtenances incident to or necessary for any of such improvements, the whole cost of which improvement is estimated at Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars"

August 14, 1912

Resolution ratifying and confirming sale and delivery of \$100,000. Park Improvement Bonds to Bank of Commerce and Trust Company

May 12, 1913

Communication from the Chamber of Commerce requesting Council to call a special election for the purpose of voting \$850,000.00 bonds for improving the Park, is presented, read and on motion referred to special committee of the Council for a hearing at four o'clock P. M., Tuesday, May 13th, 1913



June 4, 1912
Park Commissioners request
removal of City Pound and
machine shops,

August 13, 1913
Communication from the City Attorney
regarding the application of San Diego
Electric Railway Company for a street
railway franchise through the Park and
whether, as a matter of law, the franchise
should require the grantee to allow some
other company to use its tracks through a
whole or portion of the Park;. Petition of
Los Angeles & San Diego Beach Railway
Company requesting Council to make
provision for grantee to allow some other
company to use its tracks is filed; and
Petition of San Diego Electric Railway
Company for a street railway franchise
through the City Park is granted.

September 2, 1913
Resolution directing City
Clerk to advertise for bids
for the purchase of
\$850,000 Park
Improvement Fund No. 2
Bonds

May 26, 1913
Resolution accepting bid of
San Diego Savings Bank for
\$20,000.00 Park
Improvement Bonds at par
and accrued interest to date
of delivery

June 13, 1913
The bid of San Diego Savings
Bank offering par and accrued
interest for \$100,000.00 . City of
San Diego 4 1/2 % Park
Improvement Fund Bonds,
maturities due two a year, 1915
to 1925, inclusive, and three a
year, 1926 to 1951, is accepted

August 20, 1913
Bid of First National Bank of
San Diego for \$12,000.00 City
of San Diego Park
Improvement 4 1/2% bonds, at
par and accrued interest to
date of delivery

September 15, 1913

City Clerk reports receipt of bid of Stephens & Company, of San Diego, offering par and accrued interest to date of delivery for the entire issue, accompanied by a Cashier's check on the First National Bank of San Diego for \$10,000.00; as well as a bid from Farson, Son & Company of Chicago, offering to take entire issue at par, Resolution accepting bid of Stephens & Company for \$850,000.00 Park Improvement Fund No. 2, Bonds, at par and accrued interest to date of delivery

September 24, 1913

Resolution authorizing a portion of the gross annual receipts arising from the Street Railway Franchise through the Park to be credited to the Park Fund

October 27, 1913

Ordinance granting a Street Railway Franchise to San Diego Electric Railway Company through the City Park,

September 2, 1913

Resolution directing City Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of \$850,000 Park Improvement Fund No. 2 Bonds

September 22, 1913

City Clerk reports receipt of bid of San Diego Electric Railway Company offering \$5,000 for a street railway franchise through the City Park, which was accepted by resolution. San Diego Electric Railway Company bond for \$1,000 as a guaranty of the faithful performance of the terms of the franchise

October 14, 1913

Ordinances providing for the placing of all vehicles used for carrying passengers about the entrances to Balboa Park; and licenses for carrying on certain businesses within 1200 feet of entrances to Balboa Park

November 24, 1913

Board of Park
Commissioners Secretary
J. Pendleton Petition to
Council "to give the
Fourteen Hundred acre
City Park the name of
'BALBOA PARK'"

December 3, 1913

Petition of Park
Commissioners to change
name of City Park,
presented and referred to
City Attorney

December 15, 1913

Communication from Philip
Morse and M. T. Gilmore
regarding the sale of liquor
in Exposition Grounds

November 19, 1913

A majority of the
members of the Council
approve the bond of
Kate O. Sessions to the
Common Council

December 8, 1913

Communication from
the City Attorney in re
naming 1400 acre Park

December 8, 1913

Resolution fixing a
reduced, 5 cent water rate
for the Board of Park
Commissioners

December 17, 1913

Communication from G.
W. Marston regarding
liquor licenses in
Exposition Grounds