



CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

GEO. L. BAKER, COMMISSIONER

BUREAU OF PARKS

J. O. CONVILL
SUPERINTENDENT

C. P. KEYSER
ENGINEER

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

February 26, 1917

Honorable Geo L Baker,
Commissioner of Public Affairs.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached letter of M J Doyle,
437 Ainsworth Avenue, I wish to report as follows:

The centre parking strip of Ainsworth Avenue was not turned over to this Bureau for beautification prior to the late summer of 1916. Due to the condition of the soil at that time and to the fact that no water was available, it was impossible for us to do anything towards beautifying it at that time. Water pipe is now being delivered to us by the Crane Company for the installation of a sprinkler system therein and grass seed has been ordered for the sowing of the lawn. Also, a row of trees will be planted down the center thereof. You can assure the writer that matters of this kind which the Council orders this Bureau to do, will be taken care of as soon as practicable after the order is received and that this strip will be in first class condition for the present summer.

Sincerely yours,

James O. Convill
Superintendent of Parks

Portland Ore

Feb 20 1917

Mr George H Baker

Dear Sir

I would like to know what is going to be done with Answorth and in regard to the parking strips which has been filled in some time last fall after the street was paved.

Spring is upon us and several of the people who own nice homes on Answorth has been wondering if anything is to be done with this strip for parking in the centre of the street.

The grass has already started to grow and it makes it look bad. I wish make a beautiful street if something is sown in this strip of parking in the line of grass seed or some thing that would adorn it.

The residences understood the City was going to take care of this parking at least that was told up

at the time when we signed for the street
to be paved

Now Mr Baker could
you give me any information on the subject
If you can I will appreciate same
very much not only my self but several
who own property on Airworth ave

Thanking you in advance
I am Respect M. J Doyle

437 Airworth ave

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NO. Feb. 24, 1917. 191

SUBJECT

MR. J. O. Convill } WRITTEN } REPORT
VERBAL }
DIRECT }
PREPARE }

Please return with information
as to condition existing, and what can
be done.

Yours very truly,

Geo. L. Baker

Commissioner of Public Affairs

*In J. Boyler
In reply to your
letter of _____
I enclose herewith
information of Dept. of Parks
reports regarding this
improvement*

RETURN THIS SLIP WITH YOUR REPORT

February 27, 1917.

Mr. M. J. Doyle,
437 Ainsworth Avenue,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst., I quote herewith, for your information, report of Superintendent of Parks regarding this improvement:

"The centre parking strip of Ainsworth Avenue was not turned over to this Bureau for beautification prior to the late summer of 1916. Due to the condition of the soil at that time and to the fact that no water was available, it was impossible for us to do anything towards beautifying it at that time. Water pipe is now being delivered to us by the Crane Company for the installation of a sprinkler system therein and grass seed has been ordered for the sowing of the lawn. Also, a row of trees will be planted down the center thereof. You can assure the writer that matters of this kind which the Council orders this Bureau to do, will be taken care of as soon as practicable after the order is received and that this strip will be in first class condition for the present summer."

Yours very truly,

Commissioner of Public Affairs

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P. P. W.

May 10, 1917.

Mr. B. F. Padrick,
1290 East 6th St., N.,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 23d, addressed to the Mayor, and asking permission to plant onions in parking strip in middle of Ainsworth Avenue, has been referred to me, as the Bureau of Parks is under my jurisdiction.

I immediately referred this matter to Mr. Convill, Superintendent of Parks, who reports as follows:

"The parking strip on Ainsworth Avenue is entirely completed, a water system having been installed, fertilizer added and grass seed sown. The grass seed had not been placed in until this past week, but was bought and it would not have been possible to use it any place else. Therefore, since this treatment of the property had been demanded by so many citizens, it would seem to be inadvisable to tear it up now to plant to onions, especially when there are hundreds of acres in the City of Portland not occupied. There is approximately as much land over on the north side of the Peninsula ball park as embraced in this parking strip and if Mr. Padrick wishes to sow onions there under the conditions outlined in his letter of the 23rd, I think that it might be advisable to make such an arrangement with him."

Yours very truly,

Commissioner of Public Affairs

J. P. A. Jr.

@ + to Mr Baker

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1290 E. 6th St. North, City, Apr. 23 1917.

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APR 23 1917
H. R. ALBEE
MAYOR

To the Mayor:-

The parkway in the middle of Ainsworth Ave. east from Union is in ideal condition for growing onions and the time for planting them is now.

Lawn and flowers please the eye, but onions at 15 cents a pound - or even 5 - are ornamental to the landscape. Next winter when help must be given the city's poor a supply of onions would be a handy and effective sort of munition with which to meet the situation.

The asphalt pavement surrounding the parkway - should the sun shine, later - would warm the ground and tend to advance and mature the crop.

I hereby make application for the parkway from E. 6th N. to E. 7th N. for growing onions. I will furnish the seed and deliver to the city one third of the crop. And will use every effort to secure a good yield and a marketable product. I have no doubt adjoining property owners would be glad to utilize the whole of the remaining parkway on the same terms.

Kindly advise by phone at earliest convenience if this proposition meets favor, + oblige

Yours very truly,
B. D. Padrick.

Woodlawn 1830.

Application for an

Onion Concession
on
Hinsworth Ave.



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May 7, 1917

Honorable Geo L Baker,
Commissioner of Public Affairs.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the attached communication from B F Padrick, the parking strip on Ainsworth Avenue is entirely completed, a water system having been installed, fertilizer added and grass seed sown. The grass seed had not been placed in until this past week, but was bought and it would not have been possible to use it any place else. Therefore since this treatment of the property had been demanded by so many citizens, it would seem to be inadvisable to tear it up now to plant to onions, especially when there are hundreds of acres in the City of Portland not occupied. There is approximately as much land over on the north side of the Peninsula ball park as embraced in this parking strip and if Mr Padrick wishes to sow onions there, under the conditions outlined in his letter of the 23rd, I think that it might be advisable to make such an arrangement with him.

Sincerely yours,

James O. Convill
Superintendent of Parks

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Ask Mr. Baker about what was said in
Council regarding this, before it was
placed on file.

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