

STATE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 31, 1964

10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ernest N. Hutchinson, Mr. A. C. Martin being present, Mr. Otto A. Case being absent because of his absence from the city.

Chairman Hutchinson: "We discussed the rental of offices in Seattle to answer the imperative need, as expressed to us by Mr. Fleischauer and Mr. Astrup, of the National Parks Service, and Mr. Weigle, who has written us a letter about it this morning, and we also discussed the emergency that has arisen because of the presence of so many negroes at Millersylvania Park and Rainbow Park, and other parks."

Mr. Martin: "Just a moment. May I interject? Why don't we apply this negro situation to all our parks?"

Chairman Hutchinson: "As the same situation is apt to arise at all the parks, a letter was written at the suggestion of Mr. Martin, by me and with a few amendments which will be made and approved by Mr. Martin, sent to all the Congressmen, and most particularly to Martin Smith, with whom rests a measure of responsibility greater than the others at the two most important camps. A letter to the other Congressmen will be written, calling their personal attention to the letter written Mr. Smith and a copy of that enclosed. This was all approved by Mr. Martin."

"Mr. Martin, I had this letter this morning from Mr. Weigle relating to the offices they wish to rent."

Mr. Martin: "Is one room all they want?"

Chairman Hutchinson: "No, they want three rooms."

Mr. Martin: "Each \$35.00?"

Chairman Hutchinson: "No, for all three."

Mr. Martin: "I move we go ahead and rent this office space."

Chairman Hutchinson: "In view of the evident confusion that so many people there in Mr. Tomlinson's office created, I approve of that, and it is therefore entered in the minutes, a copy of the minutes to be given to Mr. Case as soon as possible, and we will then have, Mr. Martin, a proper form of lease drawn up before Weigle goes away today, and have him go ahead with their arrangements. We approve of what he has done."

"There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned."