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OPPOSITION TO CLUB CULTURAL COLONY HOLDS MEETING AND PETITIONS THE CITY COUNCIL

MOVE TO GET LAND BACK OF SUNMOUNT RESULTS IN MASS MEETING AT WHICH SPEAKERS SAY PROJECT IS NOT DESIRABLE OLD SANTA FE ASSOCIATION FORMED

The move to secure land as a site for the proposed cultural colony, or Chautauqua, in the cove in the foothills just east of Sunmount Sanitarium resulted in a mass meeting at Sunmount last night, which petitioned the City Council for a special meeting at which objections and protests against the establishing of the colony here could be heard. At the meeting attended by between 60 and 75 persons, tentative organization was also effected of the Old Santa Fe Association.

TO PRESERVE THE BEST OF OLD SANTA FE

The brief statement of purposes to which the organizers attached their signatures, in order to get the tentative association going, was as follows:

“We, the undersigned, do hereby organize ourselves into a permanent body to be known as the Old Santa Fe Association, for the purpose of working for the preservation of Old Santa Fe, and of guiding new growth and development and advancement in material welfare, in such a way as to sacrifice as little as possible of the unique charm and distinction of this city, born of age, tradition and environment, and which are Santa Fe’s most priceless assets.”

THE PETITION

Santa Fe, New Mexico - April 23, 1926

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Santa Fe:

We, the members of the Old Santa Fe Association, desire an opportunity to register our emphatic disapproval of the proposal to establish a so-called Cultural Colony or Chautauqua here; and our protest against the City Council’s conveying any land for this purpose. We respectfully request that a special public meeting of the City Council be called within a week, for the purpose of hearing our objections and the reasons therefore; and we further respectfully request that pending such special meeting, no action be taken by the Council covering this matter.

Signed: Frank E. Mera, Robert O. Brown, Frank F. Gormley, Alice Corbin Henderson, James A. Massie, John Zook, Hubert Galt, Mrs. Ashley Pond, Cassius D. McCormick, Gustave Baumann, B.J.O. Nordfeldt, Mrs. Burton Thompson, Mary Austin, K. M. Chapman, Sara W. McComb, Elizabeth E. Massie, Marie C. Robinson, Howard Huey, Florence Davey, Margaret McKittrick, Theodosius Meyer O.F.M., Mrs. F. Gormley, A.F. Field, Edwin Brooks, Isabel L. Eckles, Vera E.W. Johnson, Kate Chapman, Mary V. Conkey, H. P. Mera, William Penhallow Henderson, Francis C. Wilson, Margaret D. Nordfeldt, Helen B. Stevens, John Meem, Kate G. Rolls, Mary H. Eckles, Teresa Dorman, Raymond Jonson, Marjorie C. Holmes, Josef G. Bakos, Madeline Galt, Edna R. Mera, Janet Lewis, G..D. Holmes, F. G.. Applegate, Charles J. Little, Louise Leigh Hunt, Theodore Van Soelen, Anna V. Huey, Adelina Otero Warren, Carlos Vierra, Ida Rauh, Mrs. H.P. Mera, Mrs. Edwin Brooks, Grace Johnson, Lewis Riley.