



How the Commercial Club helped the city purchase the Mini-Met

According to City Council minute books.

December 9, 1971

“Earl H. Hedstom, Commercial Club Representative, requested the City Council’ permission to have the Club’s Committee check into the fairground property. (Now the Min-Met). Alderman Juergens moved to approve the request of the Commercial Club, seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried.”

May 22, 1972

“Wayne Ediger, John Breimhorst, Edmund Deutsch from the Mini-Met Committee, appeared before the Council. They made the City the following offer. Approx. 7 ½ acres of park with the buildings (EXCEPT the 4-H building) for \$30,000 - Terms offered \$5,000 a year not to exceed 5 years at 6.5%. NO Action was taken at that time.”



February 1973

“Gerald Sandey appeared before the Council as chairman of the steering committee composed of various organization in Jordan who had been contacted for financial help in purchasing the fairgrounds. Mr. Sandey stated that the steering committee had recently met and came up with the following proposals:

Mini-Met Steering Committee Proposal:

That rather than compromise their efforts they prefer to devote their single effort to the upcoming “Project 73”, Which is the 50th Anniversary State Baseball Tournament, And that 30% of the profits be used towards the purchase Of the Mini-Met Park.”



The Commercial Club has been the sponsoring organization of all the State Baseball Tournaments hosted in Jordan so 30% of the funds raised went to purchase the park. Later in the minutes the purchase agreement was set at \$5,000 down and \$24,000 to be paid in installments. The City didn’t have the money or the bonding ability since they were bonded to the max at the time. So the Commercial Club stepped forward to help with payments.

“Gerald Sandey Chairman of the steering committee, for the Fairgrounds Park Purchase now appeared before the City Council, Mr. Sandey read a letter from the Commercial Club President, Edward Breunig stating payment terms had been negotiated by a personal note with Northwestern State Bank.” “Alderman Eischens moved to accept the donation from the Commercial Club of \$5,000 donation to apply for the first payment towards the purchase of the park from Scott County Agricultural Society for \$24,000. seconded by Ald. Schultz. Vote taken Ayes, 5-0”

