



Minutes  
Historic State Capitol Commission  
Commission Meeting  
January 30, 2009

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Historic State Capitol Commission, held pursuant to due notice, at the California State Capitol, Room 2040, Sacramento, California on Friday, January 30, 2009, at approximately 10:00 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Vice Chair

Commissioners Present

Wayne Donaldson  
Susan Hildreth  
Nancy Lenoil  
Luis Sanchez

Commissioners Absent

Visitors

Teresa Kaneko, Department of General Services  
Donna Mangine, Department of General Services  
Marilyn Nelson, Department of General Services  
Dan Visnich, CA Capitol Historic Preservation Society  
Robert Chase, City of Sacramento

Koren Benoit, Executive Director/Curator and recording secretary

**I. Call to Order; Roll Call; Introduction of Visitors**

Mr. Cowan called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. The recording secretary read the roll.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. Donaldson  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Sanchez  
Approved: Yes  
Action: To approve the October 2008 meeting minutes

Mr. Donaldson revisited the issue of park memorials and after discussion, members

agreed to draft an information sheet on memorials and meet with Senator Kehoe. Mr. Donaldson is interested in having legislation drafted that would put a temporary moratorium on memorials.

### **III. Special Presentation**

Robert Chase with the City of Sacramento gave a presentation regarding the concept of what could be done to Capitol Mall to enhance the Capitol Building and make better use of the space. The idea is to establish a design competition for Capitol Mall following AIA guidelines. Should the competition be local, regional, national or global? Mr. Chase showed a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the mall, followed by a short video which looked at other design competitions done around the world. Mr. Donaldson stated that one priority should be protection of the view corridor, and the other that a preservation landscape architect be part of the team. Mr. Donaldson also suggested thinking outside the competition area and include recommendations for future development, possibly 2-3 blocks back from the mall corridor. Mr. Chase agreed, stating that the plan could be the beginning of an ultimate master plan or modification to the downtown urban plan. SHPO would need to review any EIR documents. It was established that Capitol Mall is not an historic district. Mr. Visnich recommended putting in for city infrastructure funds and commended the AIA for doing something. Ms. Kaneko suggesting Mr. Chase speaks with Paul Schmidt of CADA regarding similar suggestions from his October meeting presentation.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Subcommittee Reports**

##### 1. Capitol Repository

Ms. Benoit provided a brief update. Rules staffer is still working on boxes and scanning project slides (approx. 8,000). Ms. Benoit worked with Archives staff and DGS Building Manager Vito Sgromo to examine a collection of boxes that had been transferred from the Museum vault in 2000. 47 additional boxes were identified as project files which have now been added to the CRP collection; some boxes will be returned to DGS, some will remain in the Archives and some were identified as Assembly Chief Clerk files. Ms. Benoit also reported that the Archives do not have a collection of files named for Ray Girvigan. His files are part of the other restoration materials.

##### 2. Maintenance Manual

Mr. Cowan will work on a kick-off meeting that would include Senator Kehoe.

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3. Annual Report

Members discussed then agreed to move the distribution date up to May or June. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Sanchez will speak with Greg and Jon about arranging an oral presentation to both Rules Committees; then hard copy distribution will take place.

4. Communications

Mr. Cowan will schedule a meeting with Senator Wyland. Members discussed incorporating local representatives and doing a "meet 'n greet" in April (with the meeting on the same day). Mr. Visnich suggested considering Senator Liu, who is highly preservation – minded. The Commission needs to consider a replacement for Assemblywoman Karnette; Ms. Benoit to check with Jon Waldie for suggestions.

5. Capitol View Protection Plan

Mr. Sanchez and Koren will draft a letter concerning trim trimming. Members agreed to send a letter to Mr. Chase, thanking him for his presentation and requesting a seat as a stakeholder in the Capitol Mall design process. Mr. Donaldson would like acknowledgement that our previous letter to the City of Sacramento was received. Ms. Benoit will pull letter. Members also agreed to raise the issue of height limitation in the letter.

6. Park Memorials

Mr. Donaldson would like to see a good topographical map of Capitol Park. Ms. Kaneko indicated that it is to be part of the Master Plan. Mr. Visnich raised the issue of placing memorials along Capitol Mall. Ms. Kaneko agreed to provide a copy of their legislative language template for memorials.

**B. Department of General Services**

1. Infrastructure Study

Ms. Mangine provided an update. The study is moving forward to develop actual projects, starting with mechanical surveys (electrical, HVAC systems, plumbing, elevators, bathrooms, etc.). DGS is also looking at replacing window screens in the East Annex, per Joint Rules recommendation. Mr. Donaldson suggested she look at the SHPO website for resources on 'green' window replacements, and also revisit the greening of the Capitol and those recommendations. DGS has completed accurate plans for the West Wing and East Annex. DGS is also putting together a questionnaire for building tenants concerning hot/cold issues, smells, sounds, lights, leaks, sinks, windows, etc. There is money available to take care of immediate needs.

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2. Roof Replacement

Ms. Nelson provided an update. The project is nearly done; working on the punch list now. The as-builts and the O&M manuals have been turned in. Training is ongoing on the mechanical systems for the window washing and sod access equipment.

3. Capitol Park Master Plan

Ms. Nelson indicated that the plan is on hold until the scope can be further delineated and they receive Rules approval to move forward. The plan has had 3 difference scopes (1998, 2000-01, and 2009). The scope has basically remained the same, but some priorities are changing. Funding is still in place. Members discussed the frustration of the master plan constantly being put aside. Mr. Donaldson offered Commission support in case more pressure is needed to get the plan moving forward.

4. Memorials

The Mexican-American Memorial project is still pending. The design may possibly mimic that of the Peace Officers Memorial. The DGS legislative language (i.e. can't proceed until the Capitol Park Master Plan has been approved) was left out of the Mexican-American memorial bill language, as well as with a new memorial - Purple Heart (which is a proposal to add something to the existing Veterans Memorial).

5. New Projects

Ms. Kaneko reported that several Capitol Area projects have been suspended due to the current budget situation, particularly as they relate to the PMIB (Pooled Money Investment Bond). One such project is the Library and Courts Building. Working drawings are to be completed, and then the project put on hold. Staff is still moving out. Ms. Kaneko will consider the prequalification issue to ensure the quality of the restoration work. The twin Towers (OB8 & 9) is also a suspended project. DGS has suspended 50 projects in design, approx. 30 in construction.

**V. New Business**

**A. State Historical Resources Commission**

Ms. Benoit reported that on January 27, 2009, the Commission was presented a resolution from the Resources Commission.

**B. Elections**

Motion: Mr. Sanchez

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Donaldson

Approved: Yes

Action: Mr. Cowan will serve as Chair, Mr. Sanchez as Vice Chair.

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Ms. Benoit will check the files concerning the presentation of resolutions (or certificates of appreciation) to outgoing Commission members.

**C. 2009 Meeting Schedule - April, July and October**

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.