

Minutes  
Historic State Capitol Commission  
Commission Meeting  
April 13, 2007

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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 112, Sacramento, California on Friday, April 13, 2007, at approximately 10:00 am PST.

Presiding: Eric Nelson, Chair

Commissioners Present

Julie Cerra  
Richard Cowan  
Wayne Donaldson  
Susan Hildreth  
Eric Nelson  
Luis Sanchez  
Nancy Zimmelman

Visitors

Marilyn Nelson, Department of General Services  
Teresa Kaneko, Department of General Services  
Maria Flores, Department of General Services  
John Mello, State Capitol Museum  
Kelly Smith, Office of Assemblywoman Karnette

Koren Benoit, Executive Director/Curator and recording secretary

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

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. The recording secretary read the roll. Visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Mr. Cowan  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Cerra  
Approved: Yes  
Action: To approve the January 2007 meeting minutes.

**III. Budget Presentation**

Mr. Nelson reported that he met with Senate Rules Deputy Executive Officer Cindy Lavagetto to discuss the budget and how it's allocated to various Capitol resources.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### A. Subcommittee Reports

###### 1. Capitol Repository

Ms. Benoit reported that the salvaged items had not yet been transferred to the Archives, so she will set up another visit to re-identify pieces. Mr. Donaldson requested that Ms. Benoit locate a drawing that Carey & Co. made identifying the salvaged pieces. The Commission asked that any remaining DGS files from the truck incident be transferred to the Archives. Ms. Benoit reported that the Breinas oral histories are in the Archives. Mr. Cowan referenced the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Architect Office, and suggested conducting oral histories of those who were active in the Restoration Project and are still alive. Ms. Cerra agreed to be the interviewer. Ms. Cerra indicated that because of her proximity, she would conduct the oral history for Mr. Girvigian (video and tape), but would need guidelines. Ms. Zimmelman will provide contact information for the Archives oral history program coordinator.

###### Maintenance Manual

Mr. Cowan will send an email to proposed attendees with suggested dates for a workshop. Mr. Sanchez wants to discuss issues and work in tandem with other agencies. Mr. Donaldson asked about the material gathered by the Rocky Mt. Institute during the 'greening' charette.

###### 3. Annual Report

Mr. Cowan suggested rolling over the 2006 goals to 2007. There was discussion on how to successfully achieve each goal – have monthly conference calls, include updates on the quarterly “to do” list, and establish milestone dates. Ms. Benoit will provide a draft 2006 report for review at the next meeting.

###### 4. Communications

Mr. Cowan and Mr. Sanchez would like to establish a standing meeting with Greg and Jon following each Commission meeting. Ms. Benoit will schedule meeting time and day. It was decided to send letters to Senators Kehoe and Wyland on the issue of liaisons. Members were asked to provide other recommendations. The subcommittee will determine the best way to move forward with meeting liaisons face-to-face. Ms. Benoit will create one-page bullet updates to send to liaisons following each meeting.

##### B. Capitol View Protection Plan

Mr. Cowan asked if there was a forum for the Commission to act in beginning to expand the Capitol View Protection Corridors. Mr. Sanchez indicated the city was working on a new urban design plan, but that the Commission could focus on the state's Capitol View Protection Act and how it impacts the city

ordinance. Mr. Cowan inquired about putting monuments considered for Capitol Park down Capitol Mall. Ms. Benoit will send copies of the ordinance and act to members, and will look for the planning group study done in the early '90s.

C. Governors' Portrait Signage  
No action to date.

D. Department of General Services

Ms. Benoit was asked to send all meeting announcement to Ms. Kaneko and Ms. Nelson (in addition to Ms. Cavanagh).

Memorials

Ms. Kaneko reported that the Sisters of Mercy sculpture is in process. Construction is slated to begin in September with a formal presentation on 9/29/07. Mr. Donaldson asked to see drawings before construction begins to see if the Commission's recommendations were addressed. Ms. Nelson agreed to send documentation to Ms. Benoit. The other pending memorial is the Mexican-American Memorial (SB599, Negrete McLeod). No further information was available on the chaptered International Genocide memorial (AB1210), or the search and rescue memorial (it may have died in committee).

Security Update

Ms. Nelson reported that, for the most part, the project is complete. The bollard caps still need to be installed.

Master Plan

Ms. Nelson reported that the plan is still on hold until additional funding is allocated (probably through 2007-08 budget), but due to time lapse, DGS may have to re-advertise.

Infrastructure Study

Mr. Nelson reported that Mr. Cowan received a copy of the study.

Roofing Project

Ms. Nelson reported that the roofing project is still on time and more or less on budget. DGS has added changing out the mechanical AC units, as well as adding the Opus System for the dome (a life safety operating system for window washing and light bulb changing maintenance). The project will go out to bid in mid-May with construction planned for July/August. There will be 8 phases. Ms. Nelson explained that there are two roofs on the building – one from the '70s, which has asbestos, and the trocal roof, installed on top of the first, in 1982. Mr. Donaldson added that SHPO has signed off on the roof project.

Members discussed the 'greening' of the State Capitol. Mr. Donaldson stated that 12 states have adopted the 'greening' principals and 7 are mandated to do LEED certifications on their state buildings. Big ground swell. Ms. Benoit will research whether other state Capitols are 'green'.

Ms. Nelson informed members that the Library and Courts Building will be closed for 18-24 months for a complete architectural retrofit. Staff relocation funding should come from the '08-09 budget. DGS is also working on a study of the Jesse Unruh Building. DGS is going for LEED Silver in both buildings.

#### **V. New Business**

State Capitol Curator John Mello introduced himself and discussed the necessity of identifying miscellaneous materials in the Archives that came to the museum after the restoration project but were never catalogued. A determination needs to be made as to how much of the material belongs to Joint Rules. Ms. Benoit will arrange a meeting with State Archivist Zimmelman to view the items.

Mr. Mello offered his assistance with conducting oral histories.

Ms. Hildreth indicated that the State Library is in preliminary talks with the non-profit regarding the display of the Piazzoni murals in another State building. She indicated that the DeYoung does not seem interested in having the murals returned, but would prefer to have them permanently assigned to a nonprofit or a foundation.

Ms. Benoit had members comment on draft business cards.

It was agreed that Mr. Girvigian would receive the meeting announcement and agenda, and following the meeting, the one-page bulletin.

Mr. Nelson suggested that the request for funding for the paint study should be approached in a face-to-face manner. Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Cowan will address it in their meeting with Greg and Jon next week.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7/13/07.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:47am.