

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Commission Meeting
April 18, 2008

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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 113, Sacramento, California on Friday, April 18, 2008, at approximately 10:00 am PST.

Presiding: Julie Cerra, Chair

Commissioners Present

Wayne Donaldson
Susan Hildreth
Nancy Lenoil
Luis Sanchez

Commissioners Absent

Dick Cowan

Visitors

Marilyn Nelson, Department of General Services
Anne Cavanagh, Department of General Services
Dan Visnich, California Capitol Historic Preservation Society
Bill Crouch, City of Sacramento
Greg Taylor, City of Sacramento

Koren Benoit, Executive Director/Curator and recording secretary

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Donaldson

2nd: Ms. Lenoil

Approved: Yes

Action: To approve the November 2007 meeting minutes with one amendment.

III. Presentation

Bill Crouch and Greg Taylor presented a PowerPoint presentation on the city's proposed urban design plan for Sacramento: General City Urban Design Guidelines and Plan. The city is updating their 20-year plan, which originally focused on the downtown area, with few plan elements. The update coincides with the general plan update as well. There are 2 parts to the plan: Part One contains guidelines and

principles; Part Two is application of these policies and more in-depth discussions on height and transition zones, as well as moving forward with the downtown EIR. The plan also includes the rail yard redevelopment, Township 9 and the River District redevelopment area. The plan's far-reaching statement is to become the most livable city in America, to create a sustainable city. Mr. Taylor recommended going to the city's website, www.cityofsacramento.org, hot topics, for more information. Public comment is ongoing; deadline is 4/24. They hope to present a final document to the City Council by summer.

IV. Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Capitol Repository

Ms. Benoit reported that items identified at the Archives should be moved to Legislative storage by end of June 2008 (the Archives is completing an inventory project and preparing space for museum items that will be coming off display), pending Rules approval. Ms. Benoit will coordinate with the Archives and DGS on bringing over the south portico salvage material from the yard. Old commission meeting tapes will be sent to the Archives.

2. Maintenance Manual

Rolled over to July meeting (Mr. Cowan absent).

3. Annual Report

The draft of the 2007 report was previously provided to members. Members opted for the cover featuring the Columbus and Isabella statue. Members are to provide comments to Ms. Benoit by 5/25 in order to vote on a final draft at the July meeting.

4. Communications

Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Benoit reported on their meeting with Assemblyman Jones; Ms. Cerra reported on her meeting with Assemblywoman Karnette, and Ms. Benoit reported on her meeting with Senator Kehoe. Mr. Cowan needs to schedule a meeting with Senator Wyland.

5. Capitol View Protection Plan

Motion: Mr. Donaldson

2nd: Ms. Hildreth

Approved: Yes

Action: For Mr. Donaldson to draft a memo on behalf of the Commission supporting the City's proposed urban design plan.

Mr. Visnich inquired as to the Commission's input on height limitations. Ms. Cerra reported that letters had already been sent.

6. Park Memorials

Mr. Donaldson reported that nothing has been done to date. According to Ms. Cavanagh, there is no complete map of Capitol Park, but it is included in the scope for the master plan.

B. Department of General Services

1. Memorials

SB599 (Mexican-American Veterans Memorial) has requested an extension on their funding deadline. There is a new victim's memorial being considered, but Ms. Cavanagh had little information on it. Firefighters need to expand the existing memorial to allow for additional names, but DGS met with them and they are now looking at other solutions.

2. Master Plan

Ms. Cavanagh reported that DGS is waiting on scope approval from Joint Rules.

3. Infrastructure Study

Ms. Cavanagh recapped the study – it identified what work needs to be done in the building for the next 20 years. The projects were given a priority and DGS is working their way down the priority list. She reported that DGS has advertised and selected the architectural team for the 2nd set of projects, which includes mechanical systems, elevators/lifts, window improvements, an electrical study and ADA. There was a cut in funding for next year; some items will be put off until the following year. Mr. Donaldson asked to be advised when DGS begins window improvements so that he can advise on sustainable products.

4. Greening

'Greening' is threaded into everything DGS does. DGS is upgrading the central plant by conducting a detailed HVAC study. They are working with SHPO and SMUD on re-lamping parts of the Capitol Building to increase electrical energy efficiency. They will identify test areas. Mr. Donaldson will give a presentation at the July meeting on Historic Buildings U.S. Green Building Council.

5. Roofing Project

This \$7 million project expected to be complete by September. The project replaced the roof on both buildings and also reduced some of the roof structure to all better drainage. Conduits and mechanical equipment on top of the roof were also being replaced, as well as the window washing system.

6. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.

V. New Business

Ms. Cerra received guidelines on conducting oral histories from the Archives.

Mr. Visnich distributed copies of the 1981 "Proposed Capitol Art Program" to members and asked them to consider revisions. Ms. Benoit will look for the final program text. The non-profit voted to permit its artwork, painted after 1910, to be hung in the East Annex, in response to a Joint Rules request. A formal response has not yet been sent; a trustee has contemporary regional paintings that may be offered to the Society pending their appropriateness in the Annex.

Mr. Visnich also inquired as to the status of Linda Ackerman's non-profit organization. Ms. Benoit informed everyone that it has 501 (c) (3) status but it is still in the planning stages.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Donaldson
2nd: Mr. Sanchez
Approved: Yes
Action: To adjourn meeting at 11:57am.