



Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Commission Meeting
May 29, 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

Steve Mikesell for Wayne Donaldson
Melodi Andersen for Nancy Lenoil
Luis Sanchez

Commissioners Absent

Visitors

Ann Cavanagh, Department of General Services
Donna Mangine, Department of General Services
Teresa Kaneko, Department of General Services
Burnett Miller, CA Capitol Historic Preservation Society
Dan Visnich, CA Capitol Historic Preservation Society
Tina Polley, The Foundry
Alan Osbourne, The Foundry
Terese Zilke, CA State Parks
Kendra Dillard, CA State Parks
John Ochoa, CA Mexican
Robert Ruiz, CA Mexican

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 10:06 am. The recording secretary read the roll.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Sanchez
2nd: Ms. Anderson
Approved: Yes

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Action: To approve the January 2009 meeting minutes

III. Special Presentation

John Ochoa, Executive Officer, and Robert Ruiz, committee member provided a presentation on the California Mexican American Memorial Project. Mr. Ochoa gave a brief history of the memorial. The five member committee (The California Mexican American Veterans' Memorial Beautification and Enhancement Committee) has been meeting since 2008 to develop a plan of action to enhance the memorial. They are working on the final selection of design plans but it has not yet gone out to competition. They have met with the Department of Finance and General Services. Part of the design will include a computer kiosk where visitors can search names (this will be updated, but memorial will remain static). Landscape is important to the design of the memorial; the committee hopes it will be a model to other states. They will incorporate the existing memorial in the new design, which will also include the names of the original mothers (they plan to keep the footprint small). It must be ADA compliant. Ms. Cavanagh added that the Department of Veterans Affairs is in charge, but DGS is assisting with the ad for an architectural advisor. The Committee will also meet with SHPO. Legislation sunsets in 2014 (SB599). Marilyn Nelson is the DGS contact person.

IV. Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Capitol Repository

Ms. Benoit provided an update on the CRP files. Mr. Visnich asked about past CRP meeting tapes. Ms. Benoit will have staff look in Archives files.

2. Maintenance Manual

No movement.

3. Annual Report

Ms. Benoit will have draft report for next meeting. There were suggestions to make the report shorter.

4. Communications

Members discussed possible Assembly appointees (Gerald Silva, Gray Breckin, Bill Haig, and Melissa Murkas). Mr. Cowan will check AIA list for landscape architects.

5. Capitol View Protection Plan

Members approved draft letter to Bill Crouch, and requested a workshop be planned after the next Commission meeting.

B. Department of General Services

1. Infrastructure Study

There is \$5 million available, but no additional funds for next fiscal year. DGS plans on requesting \$5 million every year until project is complete. DGS is working on studies of the East annex architecture and is almost done with a clean set of drawings. Next week they continue on the 4th floor with mechanical drawings (5th and 6th floors are complete). East Annex lighting and corridor ceiling tiles will be redone/replaced. Carey & Company is working on emergency repairs to the east end doors. Window screens may be replaced; stainless steel frames are in good condition. Electrical repairs are 1st priority as system is overtaxed (original equipment, old wiring). LOB questionnaire approved but will wait before sending out.

2. Roof Replacement

Project is complete.

3. Capitol Park Master Plan

DGS has met with Joint Rules within the last two months and all have agreed to move forward. It is a three month process to hire a private consultant after Joint Rules approves, so will be 4 months before work actually begins. UC Davis is interested in project; students may conduct history of plants, do research, etc. then feed their part to private consultant.

4. Greening

DGS is compiling a 'green' list of all projects that have been completed. Bass legislation (AB1327) aspires to make the Capitol as green as possible, and encourages the Master Plan to be completed. DGS is looking at Federal stimulus funds for greening projects and is working with SMUD on smart metering. They are doing a test project in the Assembly Chamber with relamping fixtures with compact fluorescents.

5. New Projects

The First Lady's vegetable garden took a current round flower bed and replaced the annuals with flowers and vegetables (approx. 800 sq. feet).

V. New Business

A. State Capitol Museum

Terese Zilke provided an update on planned State Capitol informational kiosk in the old phone alcoves. There will be 2 screens per alcove (3 alcoves, 6 screens total) with lock down software; no access to the Internet. Parks will keep one computer in

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storage for repairs. DGS will change out the cabinetry. The software will also allow access to the Senate, Assembly and Parks web sites. The screens will be ADA accessible.

Parks is also updating their Capitol Park brochure. Ms. Benoit suggested she speak with Senate Rules concerning adding it to Publications' offerings.

Parks is working on a lighting upgrade.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.