

Minutes  
Historic State Capitol Commission  
Commission Meeting  
October 11, 2012

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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 Thursday, October 11, 2012, at approximately 9:30 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Debbie Newton (for Stacey Aldrich)  
Jay Correia (for Wayne Donaldson)  
Cathy Garrett  
Nancy Lenoil

Commissioners Absent

Janie Schwartz  
Luis Sanchez

Visitors

Bob Ruffner, Senate Facilities  
Pella McCormick, Department of General Services  
Donna Durham, Department of General Services  
Robin Libby, Department of General Services  
Angela Verbaere, Department of General Services  
Kathy Jacobson, Department of General Services  
Les Strike, Department of General Services  
Casey Hayden, State Parks  
Charles Lawlor, Speaker's office  
John Feliz, Assembly Facilities

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

**II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSEMBLY APPOINTEE**

Cathy Garrett, the new Assembly appointee, spoke briefly about her background.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion: Ms. Lenoil  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Newton  
Approved: Yes  
Action: To approve the July 2012 meeting minutes

#### **IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Library and Courts Renovation**

Pella McCormick, Supervising Project Director with the Department of General Services, provided an update on the infrastructure upgrade of the 1928 Library and Courts building. The project is 85% complete with an expected finish date of December 2012. Tenants are due back in early 2013. The exterior restoration has been slightly delayed due to the terra cotta replacement. Quality Lighting in Grass Valley is doing all the light fixture restoration; LED lamps are being used in some of the fixtures. Beate Bruhl is redoing the stencil work. There are several issues currently being dealt with: restoration of the 90-year old historic unit lock sets, paint adhesion problems, replacement of defective terra cotta blocks, restoration of large leaded glass windows, ongoing Fire Marshal inspections, and rerouting the landscape irrigation. DGS is experiencing 18% on change orders, due to the discovery of inconsistencies within the structural system and construction types. Chairman Cowan requested a list of subcontractors.

##### **B. Memorial Update**

DGS has established one office within the Building and Property Management Branch to handle memorial requests. Angela Verbaere provided an update on memorials:

SCR 82 (Blakeslee) replaces an existing wooden bench with an iron bench and a plaque to honor Iraq veterans. The resolution states that there will be future legislation sought to create a larger memorial to honor veterans of both Iraq and Afghanistan.

AB 1652 (Olsen) proposes a memorial to honor American Portuguese veterans. DGS does not plan on moving forward due to the current moratorium, unless they receive direction from Joint Rules.

AB 2358 (Hagman) proposes a statue of Ronald Reagan in the State Capitol. A location in the East Annex has not yet been identified.

Ms. Benoit raised the issue of a request from Senator Steinberg's office for a park bench and plaque on behalf of the Baha'i community. Ms. Verbaere will look into it.

##### **C. Capitol Park Tree Tags**

Kathy Jacobson, DGS landscape architect, updated members on the project, sponsored by Assembly member Butler and the California Federation of Women's Clubs. Approximately 1,100 trees in Capitol Park will receive new tree tags. To meet ADA minimum requirements, the common name of the tree will comply with the 5/8" text. It is not a directional sign, so braille is not a requirement. The tag will be placed at a 60" height. Ms. Jacobson passed around a sample created by Precision Signs. DGS has met with the State Historic Preservation Office. The Women's Club is working on financing and will be contracting out the installation. Ms. Jacobson will alert the Commission once installation has begun.

Motion: Mr. Correia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Garrett

Approved: Yes  
Action: Approval of tree tag sample as provided

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Department of General Services**

#### **1. Project Management Branch**

Ms. Durham and Ms. McCormick provided an update:

- A. Capitol Park Master Plan - There is little to no funding for the Capitol Park Master Plan.
- B. Infrastructure
  - 1. Mechanical – DGS is preparing working drawings to replace the next 9 fan rooms in the East Annex. DGS expects to go out to bid in November on a five-part plan. They have replaced the hydronic riser in the SE stack, so work will commence on fan room equipment that hooks up to it. The second part will be to replace the hydronic riser in the NE stack and replace the equipment in those fan rooms. The last two sections of the bid package will be to replace old isolation and hydronic control valves in the West and East wings.
  - 2. Water Proofing – DGS has recaulked and reskinned the south light well as well as installed new sun controls.
- C. New Projects
  - 1. DGS is working on a large renovation project for the East Annex. They have drafted several chapters of the planned multi-chaptered project. Once the scope is defined, they will establish a budget. DGS will need to get up above the ceilings, so they will be consulting with SHPO concerning any impact to the historic fabric. DGS may have to do an historic structures report.

#### **2. Building and Property Management**

Les Strike reported that they are in the process of fall planting. They are replacing pathways and walkway asphalt. The majority of the work will be done on the southeast side of the park. DGS is also reseeding the West lawn in preparation for the Christmas tree. Overall, the trees are in good shape.

### **B. State Parks/Capitol Museum**

Casey Hayden reported that the WPA exhibit will be open soon and will run through May. The Dust Bowl exhibit will open in June 2013. The WWI exhibit will close in January. Next will be a contemporary Maidu Native American art show.

Mr. Hayden reported on missing newel post pieces that need to be replaced. Ms. Benoit agreed to complete an inventory.

District Superintendent Cathy Taylor has transferred to the Archeology, History & Museum Division.

### **C. Senate and Assembly Facilities**

Mr. Ruffner reported on the upcoming test fan shut down in the West Wing and East Annex to determine how much energy can be saved during a shutdown. Humidity monitors are being placed in critical exhibit/West Wing areas and temperature gauges are being placed in the mechanical rooms. Humidity levels will continue to be read throughout the year.

Blue Line Engineering is completing the West and South monumental door repairs. As part of the SMUD energy study, occupancy sensors will be placed in the East Annex (not a cost savings to switch from fluorescent to LED). In the West Wing, different LED lamps are being studied for the wall sconces, chambers, and leadership offices.

John Feliz provided an update on the proposed 'beautification' of the East Annex hallways. He is using peel 'n stick vehicle wrap that leaves no adhesive residue. The installation is to be temporary. Mr. Feliz is looking at possible framing materials. Ms. Garrett raised the issue of the streamlined, clean look, but liked the reversibility aspect.

Motion: Ms. Newton

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

Approved: Yes

Action: Endorse the concept of East Annex hallway decoration in sympathy with East Annex history

#### **D. Goals/Subcommittee Reports**

1. Maintenance Plan – nothing to report.
2. Communication – Chairman Cowan reported on his meeting with Greg and Jon.
3. Capitol View Protection Plan – Mr. Sanchez has agreed to forward the Commission's stand on protecting the view corridor to any steering committee that may follow up on the Capitol Mall competition.
4. Memorials – Chairman Cowan asked for suggestions on how to better assist CDVA on developing a master plan for the All Veterans Memorial. Ms. Garrett raised the point that it would be hard to plan if the number of future memorials is infinite.
5. Monument District – Chairman Cowan provided a brief summary on the proposed district that would allow Legislators to direct constituents to other pre-selected locations other than Capitol Park.

#### **E. Capitol Art Program**

Ms. Benoit reported on the Profile in Courage display. A location in the East Annex entrance has been identified. State Parks museum exhibit designer has designed the display, using similar materials as in the East Annex. In the process, the East entrance vestibule will be cleaned of old displays and clutter.

The Contemporary Art Show will be de-installed and the pieces returned to the artists. The next show will run from May 2013 through September 2014.

#### **F. Other**

1. Paint study funding sources – Chairman Cowan reported that the Commission has approached the California Federation of Women's Clubs as a potential source to fund a final, definitive report. Ms. Benoit provided a brief history on the paint studies. The Club is interested but will wait until the tree tag project is complete.
2. Historic Capitol corner pillars – Christ the King Church is meeting to discuss the Commission's request to have two of the pillars at their retreat location returned to the Capitol.
3. Capitol Restoration Materials – Ms. Benoit reported that Legislative Counsel is working on the Deed of Gift language.

4. AB 2445 – Chairman Cowan reported that the Governor signed AB 2445, clarifying the Commission's role in East Wing and Capitol Park issues.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Benoit reported on Chester Lummen's death and consequential donation by his daughter of his personal restoration materials to the State Archives. Mr. Lummen served as the safety engineer on the West Wing restoration project.

Ms. Lenoil informed members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sacramento Archives Crawl. 536 visitors were recorded at the Archives (in comparison to 400 last year). After a long hiatus, the Archives' newsletter, *California Originals*, is back online.

Ms. Benoit reported that future presentations would include the Treasurer's Office, the Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee and a final report on the Library and Courts project.

Carol Rowland has been appointed the new SHPO. There has not been an official appointment for State Librarian.

Ms. Lenoil informed members that she has been elected as a Fellow in the Society of American Archivists (178 fellows out of a membership of over 6,000).

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.