

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Commission Meeting
January 14, 2011

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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 14, 2011 at approximately 9:33 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Stacey Aldrich
Jay Correia (for Wayne Donaldson)
Lizzetta LeFalle-Collins
Nancy Lenoil
Luis Sanchez
Janie Schwartz

Visitors

Marilyn Nelson, Department of General Services
Viletta Campbell, Department of General Services
Teresa Kaneko, Department of General Services
John Ochoa, CA Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee
Robert Ruiz, CA Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee
Mike Luna, CA Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc.
Pedro Hernandez, CA Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc.
Beno Acosta, CA Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc.
Cathy Taylor, State Parks
Casey Hayden, State Parks
Ty Smith, State Parks
John Feliz, Assembly Rules Committee

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 9:33 am. The recording secretary read the roll. Mr. Cowan asked Ms. Schwartz, our new Assembly appointee, to say a few words. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ms. Aldrich
2nd: Mr. Sanchez
Approved: Yes
Action: Approve October 2010 meeting minutes.

III. Special Presentations

A. California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial

Committee Chair Robert Ruiz distributed copies of his prepared remarks in which he thanked the Commission for allowing him to speak and provide an update, as well as a copy of Secretary Brautigan's letter. The State Treasurer's Office is taking an active role in the development of the memorial.

Preliminary drawings are to be delivered Tuesday, January 18. The Committee has funds to take them through the working drawing phase. Marketing and fundraising activities will be coordinated through the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the CDVA. A marketing video has been developed to be used via the Internet and public service announcements.

The Committee plans on requesting approval from Joint Rules to formally present the design to the public at the State Capitol. Final budget figure is \$800,000 with an additional 20% for ongoing maintenance. The goal is raise the funds by June.

B. California State Parks

Cathy Taylor, Capital District Superintendent, Casey Hayden, Director of the Stanford Mansion, the State Capitol Museum, with oversight of the Governor's Mansion, and Ty Smith, Museum Operations Manager, introduced themselves.

Ms. Taylor provided a schedule of planned year-long exhibits: WWI flags, opening June 14, Women Suffrage (in coordination with the Center for Sacramento History) opening in September, and History of State Parks, running through August.

Ms. Taylor provided a background on the State Parks Foundation, a nonprofit organization that operates separately from Parks (not a cooperating association). The Foundation raises funds for major programs for Parks statewide and performs advocacy functions. The Foundation is a major coordinator for Earth Day activities and helps establish major corporate sponsorship relationships.

The State Capitol Museum has decided against installing four informational kiosks in the empty first floor phone booths. They would like to see them used as mobile information stations within an exhibit. Ms. Taylor also informed members of Beta testing of QR codes at the Railroad museum to be used with smart phones. Parks hopes to use them at other locations.

Ms. Aldrich suggested working collaboratively with the State Library and State Archives on future exhibits. Ms. Aldrich also provided members with a brief history of the October 10, 1911 special election in which many of the initiatives changed the face of California, including women's suffrage, initiative referendum recall, and state control over regulation of weights and measures.

IV. Old Business

A. Department of General Services

1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Master plan – Ms. Kaneka reported that Kathleen Jacobson, a DGS landscape architect, is working on the history of the trees and shrubbery in Capitol Park. The mapping will be done by end of January and the 2nd layer (with botanical names and other technically accurate information) by end of 2011. She is working with the City of Sacramento, as well as ARC and UC Davis students. DGS wants to get a complete historical picture of the Park – a “living” document - which will assist with further development of what species need to be replaced, where, etc.

Infrastructure – Ms. Durham reported on the following projects:

1. Electrical – contract with Collins Electric let through the Assembly; will be putting new equipment in the electrical rooms.
2. Mechanical – work is proceeding on mapping equipment in each room.
3. Water Intrusion – DGS is working on how to solve the water intrusion issues in the South Light well (leaking windows).
4. East Doors – contract to be awarded by the Senate; work to be completed over 3 weekends.

2. BUILDING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Ms. Benoit reported that Les Strike contacted the City re: trimming the trees at 11th street. They have placed it on their schedule but could not provide him a timeline.

B. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Ms. Benoit distributed photos and provided an update on new office signage in the Annex. The signage is more consistent, less cluttered and the design is in keeping with the architectural elements of the Annex.

John Feliz updated members on proposed Assembly signage in the Annex. They intend to institute a policy that would not allow signs or art on doors or walls. If members want to include language about not accepting gifts, it would be incorporated in the new signage. The Assembly is also considering a blank sign (same size, framing, etc.) to be used with a colored Assembly seal or for posters, etc. (to be covered with a magnetic glass cover). Ms. Kaneko brought up fire code issues with paper (flammable) materials in hallways.

Mr. Feliz also reported on a request from the Speaker to temporarily install graphic images in select areas of Annex corridors (images from when the building was built, State Fair posters, etc.). Ms. Schwartz requested seeing the images they consider – Mr. Feliz will forward them to Ms. Benoit. Mr. Feliz stressed that they are not modifying or changing the historic

fabric; the images will be removable. Members expressed varying degrees of concern from historical preservation viewpoints. Ms. Durham and Ms. Kaneko mentioned that the Annex is getting to the point where the next step will be a full gut.

Chair Cowan thanked Mr. Feliz for informing the Commission and asked that it be kept involved on a regular basis.

C. Goals/Subcommittee Reports

1. Maintenance Plan – nothing to report.
2. Communication - Ms. Benoit distributed the introductory letter that went to all Members; Assemblyman Achadjian scheduled a briefing. A similar memo will go out after each quarterly meeting; Mr. Cowan has been reappointed; Mr. Cowan will continue to check with Jerry Woolledge about the CAC vacancy.
3. Capitol View Protection Plan – Mr. Sanchez had nothing to report, but hopes to have something at the April meeting.
4. Park Memorials – Ms. Benoit reported on the process of finding out about pending bills that propose a memorial for Capitol Park (check the Senate File on Monday for the Rules Committee agenda). Ms. Benoit reported that she has not received any feedback from Greg or Jon re: the November 3, 2010 letter recommending that the West, North and South entrances be considered "off limits" to proposed memorials.

D. 9149 Amendment – Draft language was provided to Greg on 12/13.

E. Capitol Art Program – Ms. Benoit provided an update on the new contemporary show, installation of the new governor's portraits labels (completed except for two) and various leadership office moves.

F. Other

1. Painting study funding sources – Mr. Cowan to draft a letter to Parks foundation.
2. Historic Capitol corner pillars – nothing to report.
3. CRP materials at the State Archives – Ms. Benoit is working on a letter to Greg and Jon recommending transfer of CRP materials from the Legislature to the Archives (Ms. Lenoil provided draft language and Deed of Gift forms). Ms. Benoit is also working with State Parks staff on CRP materials still stored in the museum vault (possible duplicates?) and Archives staff on categorizing CRP materials in Archives storage that were transferred from the Museum vault (some are owned by the Legislature, some were loaned or transferred, some were donated). Members discussed selectively removing restrictions and transfer of ownership issues.

G. 35 year anniversary

Mr. Cowan suggested February 22nd at 4pm. Ms. Benoit will check with Anita in ARC re: use of the 2nd floor rotunda or the basement cafeteria and the Senate Sergeants for catering recommendations. Senate Reprographics can design a flyer to be distributed to all members, with a handwritten note to leadership and Rules members. Mr. Cowan suggested pro Tem Steinberg and Speaker Perez say a few comments. Mr. Correia suggested having their office (or Wayne) prepare remarks. NEED TO CONFIRM THIS

V. New Business

Future presentations – members discussed options for future presentations (Museum consortium? Ms. Aldrich and Ms. Lenoil will check their sources). Members were asked to make suggestions at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44am. The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2011 at 9:30.