

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
January 24, 2013

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, January 24, 2013, at 9:32 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Debbie Newton (for Gerald Maginnity)
Cathy Garrett
Nancy Lenoil
Janie Schwartz

Commissioners Absent

Carol Roland-Nawi
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
Marilyn Nelson, Department of General Services
Jim Beasley, Department of General Services
Charles Lawlor, Speaker's office
John Feliz, Assembly Facilities
Chris Sneed, State Treasurer's Office
Curtis Raulinaitis, Assemblyman Hagman's office
John Cooper, Masonic Grand Lodge of California
Phil Hardiman, Masonic Grand Lodge of California
Adam Kendall, Masonic Grand Lodge of California
Robert Ruiz, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee
Pedro Hernandez, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

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

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Schwartz

2nd: Ms. Lenoil

Approved: Yes

Action: To approve the October 2012 meeting minutes,

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony

John Cooper, Deputy Grand Master for the Masonic Grand Lodge of California, along with Phil Hardiman and Adam Kendall, provided a brief history of the Grand Lodge. Free Masons have inherited the tradition of laying cornerstones for public buildings (cornerstones are always placed in the NE corner of a building, the first stone around which everything else is built). In 1861, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for the State Capitol. The ceremony was reenacted in 1961 and again in 1978; the Lodge is proposing another reenactment on June 21, 2014. During the month of June, the Lodge will be celebrating Free Masonry in the Gold Rush Country. The Lodge is also proposing a memorial bench be placed near the cornerstone. Mr. Cooper asked for the Commission's support, endorsement and active involvement in the ceremony. He provided copies of his power point presentation and architectural drawing. Ms. Benoit provided information on park permits and the process for installing a plaque and/or a bench in Capitol Park. There was discussion about a historic display and possible locations. Ms. Lenoil suggested a possible collaborative effort with the State Library and State Archives as well as the California Museum. Ms. Garrett expressed concern about adding elements to the landscape, but approved the ceremony and exhibition. Department of General Services (DGS) expressed concerns about the bench.

Motion: Ms. Lenoil

2nd; Ms. Garrett

Approved: Yes

Action: To support the idea of the cornerstone reenactment and possible historic display and leave for a future date any discussion of a permanent bench.

B. State Treasurer's Office

Christopher Sneed updated members on the ongoing security project at the State Treasurer's building. Due to budget issues, the project is now being phased. The first phase will encompass the access control system, which includes the replacement and addition of card readers in the building, on the perimeter and at the interior doors. The Division of the State Architect (DSA) has approved the phase and staff is working with DGS to hire a contractor. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Fire Marshall are involved. As funds become available, they will start the second phase, which will entail installing exterior and interior security cameras. The proposed security booth has been removed from the first phase. There will be an administration change in two years which may affect the project. The Treasurer is still committed to supporting the beautification of the Mexican-American Veterans memorial and improving the mud pathway and exterior lighting.

C. Ronald Reagan Statue

Curtis Raulinaitis from Assemblyman Hagman's office provided a status report on the proposed Ronald Reagan statue. A large group met recently to walk the Annex to discuss locations. Several were considered, and a possible one identified in the east/west corridor of the East Annex. The group discussed the need to handle the project correctly, with discretion, and with the recognition that it will set a precedent for future statuary. The sculptor, Douglas Van Howd, is preparing several maquettes for review. The statue will be full-length, have a small, but heavy base, and any descriptive text or plaque will be part

of the design. The funding will be through the Ronald Reagan Centennial Capitol Foundation, a 501(C) (3).

D. Tree Tags

Ms. Benoit reported that the California Federation of Women's Clubs is still working on funding. Chairman Cowan inquired as to where one could donate.

E. California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial

Robert Ruiz, Chairman, and Pedro Hernandez, Historian, provided a status report. The committee is debt free. Department of Finance (DOF) has determined that the committee needs \$850,000 in the bank before they will approve breaking ground. The group is looking into purchasing an insurance policy to cover damage or vandalism. DGS has informed the committee that they may hire a private contractor to complete the beautification (either the committee or CDVA will sign off on it). The committee is now completely staffed (7 members). Mr. Hernandez gave a brief update on gathering materials concerning the history of the Mexican-American mothers and veterans. Mr. Cowan raised the issue of 'value engineering'. Mr. Ruiz reported that nothing has been determined or voted upon by the memorial committee.

F. Library and Courts Renovation

Pella McCormick reported that Shelly Whittaker has taken over the project (Pella had to reclude herself due to her husband working for one of the onsite contractors). Personnel are expected to move back on the 1st of April. They will provide an update at the April meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Department of General Services

1. Project Management Branch

Ms. Durham, Ms. McCormick and Ms. Jacobson provided an update:

- A. Capitol Park Master Plan - There is little to no funding for the Capitol Park Master Plan. Originally funded at \$2 million, the plan had an ambitious scope and was all-encompassing. DGS intends to repackage the scope, break it up into smaller parts and spread it out over several years. It is their hope to get something of value accomplished and then have a logical next step. Chairman Cowan asked about budgeting procedures. Joint Rules helps establish budget priorities.
- B. Memorial Update – Several meetings have been held concerning the Portuguese-American memorial and the Ronald Reagan statue. Ms. Benoit updated members on the Portuguese-American memorial. There has been discussion whether to first establish an overall scope for the All Veterans Memorial or complete the Portuguese-American memorial then determine the overall scope. Mr. Cowan emphasized the importance of an All Veterans Memorial Development Plan.
- C. Infrastructure
Mechanical – DGS will soon be signing the contract with Lawson Mechanical to start on the fan rooms. They expect to start May-June with the 1st fan room (SE 5th floor). The remaining 8 rooms will follow. The product is quiet, energy-efficient and clean.

D. New Projects

1. DGS is working on a renovation project for the East Annex. They have drafted several chapters of a planned multi-chaptered project, based on a 2006 list of infrastructure system needs. DGS is working out how to complete the projects without impacting staff. A scope and budget still need to be determined.
2. Joint Rules has established a need to accommodate at least 50 more bikes. For security purposes, the new racks should be enclosed. There are existing enclosed racks on the North side and open racks on the South side. DGS provided an exhibit that details an expansion of the North side rack, and a new enclosed rack and second open rack on the South side. A small apple tree would have to be removed for the open rack. Ms. Garrett asked about permeable concrete.

B. State Parks/Capitol Museum

Mr. Hayden was not in attendance. Ms. Benoit reported on the establishment of a dusting schedule for the Columbus and Isabella statue using Parks personnel. The sculpture will be dusted quarterly. The Dust Bowl exhibit is planned for June 2013 – June 2014, with a proposed PPIE exhibit planned for June 2014 – June 2015.

C. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Mr. Ruffner and Mr. Feliz reported on the two phases of the greening of the Capitol project: HVAC system upgrade and lighting. The fans are being upgraded, and DGS will have the ability to control the speeds and turn them off and on (as determined by Joint Rules). Members were asked to view sample LED bulbs of different lumens (all energy efficient) in the 1st floor rotunda wall fixtures. Replacement lighting in the Senate Chamber is still under consideration. Some of the bulbs in west wing office chandeliers have been reduced to 50 watt (originally 150 watt halogen bulbs). Senate Rules is still working on the chandelier bulbs in Rooms 112 and 113 (televising problems). The Assembly is running a test on their committee room wall sconce bulbs. They have also converted to LED lighting in the fixtures on the Assembly Chamber East wall (behind the dais). The same bulb is being used in the Governor's Mansion.

Mr. Feliz reported on a successful installation and positive comments on the 'beautification' of the 3rd floor East Annex hallway. The images of the three grids will be framed with a blonde mahogany trim and underneath will be placed a 1940s blond mahogany bench. There are plans to continue the 'beautification' on the other floors of the Annex.

Ms. Benoit raised the issue of the 2011 proposed transfer of Caltrans historic photo negatives to the State Library. Ms. Lenoil and Ms. Newton agreed to look into it. Ms. Benoit also informed members that the Senate chamber and gallery carpet is being replaced. The seismograph machine has been moved from the East entrance to just outside the basement tour office.

Mr. Ruffner reported a leak on the 1st floor south portico that was seeping through the arch and down the column (2nd floor dry). Ms. Durham agreed to review old research.

D. Goals/Subcommittee Reports

1. Maintenance Plan – nothing to report.
2. Communication – Chairman Cowan reported on the two main efforts: quarterly memos to members and follow-up meetings with Greg and Jon.
3. Capitol View Protection Plan – Chairman Cowan reported on behalf of Mr. Sanchez, who said that the City of Sacramento is in bad shape, staff and budget-wise. There is very little being done by the planning department.
4. Memorials – already covered with DGS; nothing else to report.
5. Monument District – nothing to report. Chairman Cowan will look into a draft city charter clause or zoning code clause to get the project started.

E. Capitol Art Program

Ms. Benoit provided an update on the Profile in Courage display. A location in the East Annex entrance has been identified. Legislative Counsel is reviewing the contract. The design incorporates etched glass with brushed stainless steel. Legislative members will be sent a memo announcing the 2013-14 Contemporary Art Show (May 2013 - September 2014). Copies of the revised Capitol art policy were distributed. Members briefly discussed the draft statutory policy and were asked to forward comments to Ms. Benoit.

F. Other

1. Paint study funding sources – Ms. Schwartz reported that she had approached the California Federation of Women's Clubs as a potential source to fund a final, definitive report but was told that they do one project at time; they are interested but will wait until the tree tag project is complete.
2. Historic Capitol corner pillars – Chairman Cowan reported on the meeting with Christ the King Church concerning the return of two of the pillars at their retreat location to the State Capitol. Ms. Garrett is the point person for this project. Ms. Benoit will forward historic photographs. Chairman Cowan is getting a cost estimate from Granite Construction.
3. Capitol Restoration Materials – Ms. Benoit reported that Legislative Counsel is working on the Deed of Gift language.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2013. Members reviewed 2012 goals and discussed potential 2013 goals. Ms. Benoit agreed to circulate the draft goals among members for discussion. Chairman Cowan asked DGS to provide a cost loaded schedule for the proposed master plan that could be shared with Greg and Jon.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.