

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 17, 2014

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 Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 9:02 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Nancy Lenoil (Melodi Andersen attending)
Greg Lucas
Carol Roland-Nawi
Luis Sanchez

Commissioners Absent

Cathy Garrett
Janie Schwartz

Visitors

Dan Visnich, California Capitol Historic Preservation Society
Donna Durham, Department of General Services
Diane Elliott, Department of General Services
Kathy Jacobson, Department of General Services
Robin Libby, Department of General Services
Pella McCormick, Department of General Services
Bob Ruffner, Senate Facilities
John Feliz, Assembly Facilities
Christopher Sneed, State Treasurer's Office
Alex King, President, State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
John Allen, State Parks
Matt Bellah, State Parks
Trish Fontana, Senator Roth's office

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

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

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. RECOGNITION OF JOHN WORSLEY

Chairman Cowan took a moment to recognize the recent passing of John Worsley, who served as the Capitol Restoration Project manager. Ms. Benoit stated that she has been in touch with the family concerning any materials that might be transferred to the Archives.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Roland-Nawi
2nd: (None made)
Approved: Yes
Action: To approve the January 2014 meeting minutes

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Capitol Park Tree Tags

Kathy Jacobson informed members that the California Federation of Women's Clubs have raised \$8,269 to date. DGS will coordinate the installation of the tags.

B. State Treasurer's Office Security Upgrades

Chris Sneed provided an update on the security upgrade for the Unruh Building. The contract for the update of the access control system is to be executed within the next 30 days. The contractor is scheduled to start in early May and should be done by end of June. Mr. Sneed also mentioned that there are new tenants in the building due to reorganization by the Governor: Transportation, Finance Authority, Government Ops, and Business Consumer Services Housing Agency. All are onboard with the security upgrades.

C. State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association

Association President Alex King informed members of several completed projects, including the refinishing of the countertop in the historic Treasurer's Office, new volunteer chairs and replacement carpet runners in the historic Secretary of State's office. Mr. King reported that volunteers gave over 12,000 hours last year, the volunteers' first living history day is May 4th (Governor's Day), and he is working with Ms. Benoit on interpretive signage for the Mathews murals. There was a brief discussion on having the association help with funding the tree tag project and update the various Capitol Park brochures. Mr. King provided a brief update on the association for Mr. Lucas' benefit.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Department of General Services (DGS) Project Management Development Branch

1. **Capitol Park Master Plan** – Ms. Elliott confirmed that funds are still lacking to move forward.

2. Memorials

a. American-Portuguese Veterans Memorial - DGS met with Senator Correa and Assemblywoman Olsen to discuss the new bill (AB 146) for the memorial and the status of the master plan. Ms. McCormick provided a brief update on the master plan for Mr. Lucas. There is concern about moving forward with those memorials that have been chaptered if there is no foreseeable master plan.

b. Mexican-American Veterans Memorial – Ms. Benoit reported that Senator Correa's new bill (SB 722) would extend the revision of funds date until July 1, 2016.

Motion: Mr. Lucas
2nd: Ms. Roland-Nawi
Approved: Yes

Action: To send a letter of support in extending the ability of the Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee to achieve its funding.

c. Firefighters Memorial – Ms. McCormick reported on the meeting with the California Firefighters Foundation. They are running out of wall space to list fallen firefighters' names and are looking to expand the existing memorial. Those who attended will put together a list of concerns, and Ms. Benoit will obtain a Legislative Counsel opinion on whether new legislation is needed to expand the memorial. Ms. Benoit informed members that there is legislation for a new memorial – SB 1324 (Anderson) – which would make DGS responsible for planning and constructing a monument in Capitol Park to honor the contributions, history and culture of Native Americans in California.

3. Infrastructure – Ms. Durham reported that the fan room replacements in the southeast fan rooms are complete. They plan on starting in the northeast fan rooms after the first of July.

4. Projects

a. Governor's Office – The office is interested in doing their own energy assessment, focusing on lighting and plug loads. The project would also include the Department of Finance and the Governor's protective detail.

b. DAS – The distributed antenna system (DAS) equipment has been installed and DGS is setting up the last of the equipment. The system should be up and running with Verizon within the next month; the additional carriers will be added every month or so.

c. Bike enclosure – The bid proposals came back considerably higher than planned, so DGS is scaling back the plans and repricing the project. Ms. McCormick agreed to forward the new sketches.

d. Pillars – Ms. Benoit provided an update for Mr. Lucas on the pillar project. Ms. McCormick reported on her discussions with the City of Folsom concerning transportation and installation of the pillars. Stakeholders need to agree on a final location, we will need to go through the CEQA process and planning process for the foundations, and there will be a SHPO consultation. DGS is looking for a funding source for the design fees and foundation costs. There was an understanding that Assembly Rules would accept the donation, take ownership of the pillars, and arrange for the transportation.

B. Department of General Services (DGS) Building and Property Management Branch

1. Governor's Portraits – Ms. Libby updated members on the conservation project for the governor's portraits. Twelve portraits have been dusted, photographed and any problems identified. After all the portraits are done, DGS will identify the neediest and the next round of conservation work will begin.

C. California State Parks/State Capitol Museum

Mr. Bellah reported on the new exhibit opening on May 23rd – the Pan Pacific International Exposition of 1915. The exhibit will be multi-media and installed in all three rooms. The staff has developed a 5-year exhibit plan with the State Library and State Archives. The 2015/16 exhibit will focus on California in WWII. Mr. Bellah provided handouts and discussed the proposed interpretive signage planned for the basement rotunda Mathews murals. Joint Rules has approved an exhibit in the 2nd floor rotunda niches showcasing the 150th anniversary of state parks.

Ms. Roland-Nawi added that, as part of the 150th anniversary celebration, the State Historic Preservation Office has initiated a program to landmark a number of cultural resources in the park system.

D. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Mr. Ruffner reported on several maintenance projects that the Senate is working on, including repainting the West Wing baseboards and the alcoves outside the restrooms. He is working with DGS and the Assembly to refinish all the stall doors and panels in the West Wing restrooms. Mr. Ruffner reported that all the lighting in the West Wing corridors is LED; the Senate is slowly working on their committee rooms and chamber. Since the chandelier lights in the committee rooms and leadership offices cannot be retrofitted, they are only lowering the wattage. The wall sconces will be LED.

E. Goals

Members discussed new goals for 2014.

Motion: Mr. Sanchez

2nd: Chairman Cowan

Approved: Yes

Action: To adopt the following goals for 2014:

1. Develop a practical and appropriate mechanism to achieve the completion of the Capitol Park Master Plan
2. Sustain outreach and visibility of the Commission
3. Continue collaboration with other agencies on Capitol View Protection and creation of a monument district
4. Complete and see adopted guidelines for a statutory policy

F. Capitol Art Program

There was nothing to report.

G. Other

1. Memorial District – Mr. Sanchez reported on meeting with DGS in March and the discussions of how to deal with the CEQA process as related to the city, county, state, and the private side. Councilman Hanson is interested in the project. The next step is to identify one or two test sites. Another issue still to be discussed is establishing the criteria and who decides it. Mr. Sanchez provided a brief background on the project for Mr. Lucas's benefit.
2. Cal Trans negatives - Mr. Lucas reported that the CalTrans negatives are at the library and the inventory work has begun.
3. Speaker's photo wall - Mr. Feliz provided members an update on the wall of Speaker portraits outside the 3rd floor gallery entrance. The exhibit is temporary; there are no nails and no damage being done to the historic fabric.
4. CRP material transfer – There was nothing to report.
5. Cornerstone rededication - Ms. Benoit reported that the ceremony is slated for Saturday, June 21, 2014 on the north lawn.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Benoit will forward to members cover samples for the 2013 annual report. Chairman Cowan asked Ms. Benoit to resurrect the “to do” list. Mr. Lucas, as the new State Librarian, provided members with a brief personal background.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.