

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 26, 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 Friday, April 26, 2013, at 9:30 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Cathy Garrett
Nancy Lenoil (Melodi Anderson attending)
Jerry Maginnity
Carol Roland-Nawi
Luis Sanchez

Commissioners Absent

Janie Schwartz

Visitors

Bob Ruffner, Senate Facilities
John Feliz, Assembly Facilities
Pella McCormick, Department of General Services
Donna Durham, Department of General Services
Robin Libby, Department of General Services
Dana Jones, State Parks
Casey Hayden, State Parks
Robert Ruiz, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee
Julie Skidmore, Verizon Wireless
David Keck, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Alex King, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

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

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Anderson
2nd: Ms. Garrett
Approved: Yes
Action: To approve the January 2013 meeting minutes.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Library and Courts Renovation

Pella McCormick provided a final update on the renovation of the historic Library and Courts building. Replacement of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire suppression systems was completed, and the security system upgraded. A major retrofit of the historic light fixtures, replacing with LEDs and compact fluorescents, resulted in a decrease of energy consumption by three quarters. The light wells were opened up, allowing for more natural light. Approximately 60 terra cotta blocks were replaced, made by Gladding McBean, the original supplier. DGS discovered that the granite on the first level has an iron component, so no chemical cleaning was done to the building façade. Ms. Roland-Nawi complimented on the project and recommended DGS apply for the California Preservation Foundation award and offered the services of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Mr. Maginnity stated that the library will host a grand reopening ceremony in the fall, with plans to conduct public tours. Mr. Cowan raised the question of finding smaller, less obtrusive camera housings for the exterior security cameras. Ms. Benoit will provide information to DGS and SHPO on the security cameras proposed for the State Treasurer's building.

B. California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial

Robert Ruiz, Chairman of the Mexican American Veterans memorial provided a status report. The memorial will benefit indirectly from the added security cameras to the Treasurer's building. Mr. Ruiz read from prepared remarks. A Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing was held in February in which progress updates were provided and questions/concerns from community members were addressed. As a result, the committee will meet with the new Veterans committee chair (Senator Hueso) and a new Veterans subcommittee to work on completing the project. The non-profit Mexican-American Veterans Memorial, Inc. will also be included. The Veterans Committee will work to extend the legislation sunset from 1-2 years. Committee members have had discussions with Prison Industry Authority (PIA) regarding the use of inmate workforce on the Memorial, value engineering in the use of granite quarried by PIA and PIA being the general contractor. At the March meeting in Los Angeles, members met with the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) to request their assistance in identifying a member that could draw attention to the memorial. The committee is short their Assembly appointee. Senators Correa, Hueso and Knight are encouraging the completion of the memorial. Mr. Cowan asked about fundraising. The current design requires \$870,000 to complete, although cost savings have been identified to lower the cost to \$550-\$650,000. The committee has \$130,000 in the bank.

C. Tree Tags

Ms. Benoit reported that the California Federation of Women's Clubs is still working on fundraising.

D. Verizon

Julie Skidmore with Verizon Wireless apprised members of a proposed change to the Capitol's wireless system. Currently, all phone carriers have their own systems (T-Mobile, Sprint and Verizon). DGS has proposed combining all three into one system. Verizon would run a

"Neutral Host System", and one set of cabling would carry all three signals. The existing systems will be removed and new cabling installed. Sac Valley Electric will do the 'rip and replace' work. The project has been submitted to SHPO for review.

IV. 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. DGS has approached the Department of Veterans Affairs about completing a master plan for the All Veterans Memorial. DGS is looking at breaking out the master plan into smaller phases.
Motion: Ms. Garrett
2nd: Mr. Sanchez
Approved: Yes
Action: To send a letter to Joint Rules Committee urging funding of the master Plan in the 2013/14 budget.
- B. Memorial Update – the American Portuguese Veterans Memorial committee has been formed; waiting on SHPO appointee. Ms. Benoit provided information to Ms. Roland-Nawi concerning other memorial committees requiring a SHPO appointee.
- C. Infrastructure – Lawson Mechanical is under contract for the SE/NE fan rooms. Work will begin June 1st on the fifth floor SE room. Construction time is approx. 6 weeks for each fan room with work to be done at night and on weekends.
- D. New Projects
 - 1. 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 plans on expanding the north rack and adding a new rack on the South. The proposed location is along the East side of the South visitor pavilion where conduit repairs are currently being completed. By adding precast concrete panels, the area can be extended to 12 feet, and would hold 40 bikes. The Commission encouraged DGS to move forward with that location.

2. Building and Property Management

Mr. Strike updated members on activity in Capitol Park. A tree dedication for Senator Boatwright is scheduled for Saturday. At the Library and Courts Building, the traffic circle project is complete – sod replacement, irrigation upgrades and new roses planted. A ten-year anniversary dedication of the Rose Garden will be held on May 5. The irrigation system has been expanded to include Cal Trans, Department of Agriculture and Veterans Affairs. Mr. Strike reported on a new green program, held in conjunction with the Governor and Lt. Governor's offices, utilizing coffee ground composting.

B. State Parks/Capitol Museum

Mr. Hayden introduced their new district superintendent, Dana Jones. The Dust Bowl exhibit is scheduled to open on June 17th and run through June 2015. The volunteer association recently held their 1906 living history reenactment.

C. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Mr. Ruffner and Mr. Feliz reported on two phases of the greening of the Capitol project. The HVAC system is now on a schedule rather than running 24/7. The Assembly has completed the LED change-out in their chamber, but they are still working on dimmer issues. 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 Senate is replacing the Senate Chamber and gallery carpeting. Mr. Feliz reported that the Assembly Chief Clerk is interested in putting together a brochure on the 3rd floor East Annex hallway decorations. Assembly member Skinner is looking to introduce art into Assembly Committee Room 4202.

D. Goals

Member discussed goals proposed for 2013. After much discussion, members chose 5 goals with membership:

- (1) Develop a Practical and Appropriate Mechanism to Achieve the Completion of the Capitol Park Master Plan (Ms. Garret, Ms. Roland-Nawi)
- (2) Sustain Outreach and Visibility of Commission (Mr. Cowan)
- (3) Continue Collaboration with Other Agencies on Capitol View Protection and Creation of a Memorial District (Mr. Sanchez)
- (4) Complete and Appropriately Circulate Draft Guidelines for Statuary Project (Mr. Maginnity, Ms. Benoit)
- (5) Assist CDVA in Drafting Policy for all Veteran's Memorial (Mr. Cowan)

Motion: Mr. Cowan

2nd: Ms. Roland-Nawi

Approved: Yes

Action: To adopt the aforementioned goals for 2103.

E. Capitol Art Program

Ms. Benoit provided an update on the Profile in Courage display. The final text is close to being approved; Joint Rules is looking at an install date in the next several months. More than half of the Senate members are participating in the 2013-14 Contemporary Art Show. Ms. Benoit is working on a 2nd draft of the statuary policy. In regards to the Reagan statue, Joint Rules is waiting to hear back from the family concerning the proposed design.

F. Other

1. Paint study funding sources – Mr. Cowan reported that the California Federation of Women's Clubs is interested in this project but will wait until the tree tag project is complete.
2. Historic Capitol corner pillars – Ms. Garrett distributed copies of her report, recommending that the two pillars be situated at the West Entrance. Mr. Cowan provided cost information, estimating that the project could be completed for under \$20,000. Legislative Counsel will need to draft a Deed of Gift between Christ the King Retreat and the Legislature. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Sanchez will meet with Joint Rules for direction.

3. Capitol Restoration Materials – Ms. Benoit reported that Legislative Counsel approved the Deed of Gift language and there is now an official signed deed on file.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The next meetings are scheduled for July 18 and October 17, 2013.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.