

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
April 9, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of the Historic State Capitol Commission, held pursuant to due notice, at the Legislative Office Building, 1020 N Street, Room 100, Sacramento, California on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 9:05am PST.

Commissioners Present

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair
Roberta Deering
Cathy Garrett
Nancy Lenoil
Greg Lucas
Carol Roland-Nawi

Visitors

Jeff Tsuruoka, Department of General Services
Karen Lott, Department of General Services
Leslie Sakai-Nesley, Department of General Services
Viletta Campbell, Department of General Services
Joan Armstrong, Department of General Services
Matt Bellah, State Parks/State Capitol Museum
John Allen, State Parks/State Capitol Museum
Alex King, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Bob Dreyer, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Bill White, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Bob Ruffner, Senate Facilities
John Feliz, Assembly Facilities
Geanie Hollingsworth, Assembly Facilities
Curtis Raulinaitis, Assemblyman Wilk's office
Christopher Sneed, State Treasurer's Office
Shelly Willis, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

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

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves. The new Senate appointee, Roberta Deering, provided a brief background on herself.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Garrett
2nd: Ms. Roland-Nawi
Approved: Yes (with one abstention from Ms. Deering)
Action: To approve the January 2015 meeting minutes.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Ronald Reagan Statue

Curtis Raulinaitis, with Assemblyman Wilk's office, provided an update on the Reagan statue. The fundraising is complete and the statue is in the final stage of bronzing. The Reagan Legacy Foundation is working with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library and the Joint Rules Committee on a June unveiling ceremony and is covering all associated costs. The Reagan statue will be placed in the lower level rotunda; the existing statue of Columbus as a Young Man will be relocated.

B. Shelly Willis

Shelly Willis, Executive Director and Public Art Program Director for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, provided members a background on the Art in Public Places program. There is a "percent for art" program that reserves a portion of construction dollars from City, County or Redevelopment projects for public art. Since 1977, the program has grown to include more than 700 works of art. Staff is working on a comprehensive inventory. Ms. Willis also spoke of the "Our Town" National Endowment for the Arts grant applied for by the West Sacramento City Council. The grant would focus on bringing art pieces to the city's Washington District and along the future streetcar route. Partners include the Crocker Art Museum, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and the City of Sacramento.

C. Roberta Deering

Roberta Deering, in her Preservation Director, City of Sacramento Community Development Department role, provided members an update on the I-5 Riverfront Reconnection Project. The proposed construction of various elements would extend the local grid to provide better access to the riverfront and between Old Sacramento, Capitol Mall and the Crocker Art Museum. The construction includes a new connection of Capitol Mall to 2nd Street/Neasham Circle into Old Sacramento, as well as the closing of the L Street to Capitol Mall ramp. Ms. Deering also provided an update on the Capitol Mall Street Light Project. The City is replacing elements of the original Capitol Mall design, including lighting. The project will replace existing lighting fixtures with more efficient and brighter lights (two of the original light fixtures will be saved, one going to the Street Lamp Museum). The California Register of Historical Resources evaluation has determined the mall to be of historic social and cultural significance and appears eligible for listing.

D. California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association

Bob Dreyer, Volunteer Association President, reminded members of the association's "penny smasher" souvenir machine proposal. Mr. Allen shared that there is historic precedence for the machine; a similar one was at the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. "Earthquake Day" is the next living history event scheduled for April 18. A new training session will start in June/ July.

Motion: Mr. Lucas

2nd: Ms. Garrett

Approved: Yes

Action: To approve the proposal and recommendation of placement of the penny smasher machine in the lower level near the coffee cart.

Minutes

Historic State Capitol Commission

Quarterly Meeting/ April 9, 2015

Page 3

E. State Treasurer's Office

Christopher Sneed informed members that the State Treasurer's security upgrade is complete. Thirty-two card readers were installed as part of Phase 1. Pending funding, Phase 2 will explore installing exterior cameras.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Senate and Assembly Facilities

John Feliz and Bob Ruffner reported on the Wi-Fi infrastructure update previously discussed at the October and January meetings. New Wi-Fi access points are being installed in the Legislative Chambers, 1st floor committee rooms, leadership offices and basement to provide better coverage and more secure and faster service.

Mr. Feliz informed members that two historic pillars are scheduled to be relocated to the West entrance in June 2015. The State Historic Preservation Office received a low-impact CEQA report. There may be an "unveiling" ceremony. Up-lighting will be included.

The lower level cafeteria is being gutted and redesigned, including the eating areas, and will include new furniture and carpet. Joint Rules is looking at a "Farm to Capitol" theme. The new vendor will provide catering services for the building's occupants. The changes will incorporate a more bistro feel with seating pockets, communal tables, barn doors to close off areas for private events and provide noise reduction, etc. The current vending machines will be relocated.

Secretary of the Senate Daniel Alvarez and Assembly CAO Debra Gravert are meeting with Legislative Counsel to establish the Commission as an account holder for funding of the Master Plan.

B. Department of General Services (DGS)

Jeff Tsuruoka provided an update on various memorials, including the bench for the American Portuguese Veterans in the All Veterans Memorial and the Search and Rescue Memorial. Ms. Benoit updated members on the March 30th meeting held with the Firefighter Foundation concerning the proposed expansion to the Firefighter's Memorial. Representatives from the California Fire Foundation agreed to look at options that would not include additional vertical elements.

DGS is completing another lighting mock-up in response to the Governor's office request for energy efficiency in the horseshoe and Department of Finance. They have received approval from SHPO in regards to historic fabric.

Mr. Tsuruoka reported on behalf of Kathy Jacobson regarding the California Federation of Women's Clubs tree tag proposal. They are still raising funds but are considering reducing the number of tags to perhaps only those trees that line main walkways. He will follow up with Ms. Jacobson for clarification. Members discussed whether the plan for tagging trees should be in the Master Plan, as they prefer a

Minutes

Historic State Capitol Commission

Quarterly Meeting/ April 9, 2015

Page 4

comprehensive plan rather than one that is accomplished piecemeal.

Mr. Tsuruoka also told members of his meetings at UD Davis regarding the genetic integrity of the Capitol Park trees and the feasibility of genetically reproducing the historic trees (i.e. a nursery for future replacement trees). DGS is continuing its research into drought measures.

Ms. Lott reported on the repairs to the 2nd floor West portico doors by Blue Line Engineering. Work will be done on site and should take approx. two weeks.

Ms. Campbell reported on behalf of Les Strike in regards to the replacement Liberty Bell plaque, which will be installed in three weeks.

Ms. Benoit asked about future governors' portraits conservation work; Ms. Campbell is looking at funding in fiscal year 2015/16.

C. California State Parks/State Capitol Museum

Matt Bellah reported on the new exhibit scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend: "Called to Action: California's Role in WWII." The Panama Pacific International exhibit is scheduled to close soon. Some of the materials will be loaned for display to the MH De Young Museum in San Francisco. Other material will be loaned to the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

V. Goals

1. Develop a practical and appropriate mechanism to achieve the completion of the Capitol Park Master Plan – Chair Cowan reported that the Master Plan effort is pending clarification of the Commission's procurement role.
2. Sustain outreach and visibility of the Commission – Ms. Benoit will continue to send out quarterly memos to members.
3. Continue collaboration with other agencies on Capitol View Protection and creation of a Monument district –Chair Cowan reported that Assemblyman Ken Cooley is passing around bill ideas.

VI. Capitol Art Program

Ms. Benoit updated members on various projects. At the behest of the pro Tem, the Rose Ann Vuich Room (Room 2040) was rededicated in March as part of Women's History Month, and photo collages honoring all women Senators have been placed on permanent display in the room. An exhibit of 24 watercolors and pastels from State Parks is displayed in Senate Committee Room 3191. The loan focuses on a WPA project from 1937-1942 that documented the flora and fauna of Mount Diablo. Joint Rules staff is working with the State Archives on a 'clean-up' project relating to Capitol Restoration Project materials stored at the Archives. The Nevada Museum of Art is taping the de-installation of a

loan painting in the State Capitol that will be part of their Lake Tahoe exhibit. The de-installation will be part of a PBS documentary being filmed on the exhibit.

VII. Miscellaneous

Mr. Cowan reported that he has not been able to identify a state agency that could publish John Worsley's manuscript on the restoration project, but the American Institute of Architects has agreed to take it to their board. Mr. Lucas offered to discuss the project with the California Historical Society.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lenoil and Ms. Benoit raised the issue of dealing with Capitol Restoration Project materials, originally obtained for use in the first floor museum rooms that have since found their way to be stored at the State Archives. After much discussion among members, it was decided that a separate meeting with State Archives, Parks, Library and Joint Rules staff be scheduled for further debate.

Ms. Lenoil provided an update on the historic flag collection issue. Legislative Counsel has been asked to opine on the ownership of the collection. There was discussion regarding whether Joint Rules has a scope of collection. Ms. Benoit agreed to draft a scope; Ms. Lenoil will provide suggestions/templates.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2015.