

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
July 13, 2017

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, July 13, 2017 at 10:00 am PST.

Commissioners Present

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair
Cathy Garrett
Nancy Lenoil (Melodi Andersen attending)
Greg Lucas
Paula Peper
Julianne Polanco (Jay Correia attending)

Commissioners Absent

Roberta Deering

Visitors

Luis Salinas, Assembly Facilities
John Allen, State Capitol Museum
Bob Dreyer, State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Jeff Tsuruoka, Department of General Services
Leslie Sakai-Nesley, Department of General Services
Kathy Jacobson, Department of General Services
Les Strike, Department of General Services
Jack Striegel, Department of Veterans Affairs
Sergio Mondragon-Lopez, Department of Veterans Affairs
Dan Visnich, California Capitol Historic Preservation Society

Koren Benoit, Executive Director and recording secretary

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

Chairman Cowan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Garrett
2nd: Ms. Andersen
Approved: Yes
Action: Approval of April 2017 meeting minutes.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Mexican-American Veterans Memorial update

Jack Striegel and Sergio Mondragon-Lopez with the Department of Veterans Affairs updated members on the memorial's beautification project. The project is at 95% completion. The pre-cast Medal of Honor wall and the concrete plaza have been installed. They have finished the landscaping. Several new sidewalks have also been created. Future phases will address additional landscaping and walls, based on the amount of funds raised. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for September 6, 2017.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Luis Salinas with Assembly Facilities reported that a new website for the East Annex project is up and running: <http://annex.assembly.ca.gov/>. The next public hearing is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at 10am in Room 4202. An architectural firm has been selected, but the name has not yet been released.

Construction work is slated to begin in the basement restaurant in mid-August. During the summer legislative recess, the Assembly will take care of several housekeeping projects in Member offices.

Ms. Benoit agreed to follow up with Geanie Hollingsworth on the status of the pillar plaque and scheduling a presentation for Assemblyman Cooley of Ms. Peper's PowerPoint on Capitol Park trees.

B. Department of General Services (DGS)

1. Project Management Development Branch

a. Memorials

Mr. Tsuruoka reported that the dedication of the American Portuguese Veterans Memorial (AB 1652 Olsen and Valadao) took place on June 10, 2017 and was very successful; over 100 attended the ceremony.

Ms. Benoit reported that the California Fire Foundation has confirmed/selected representatives for the Board's Memorial Modification Committee re: AB 1980 (Irwin). She will follow up for a list of names.

Ms. Benoit distributed copies of several *Sacramento Bee* articles that reported on a proposed committee of artists, business leaders and others that would explore how a large monument could be funded and built at Front and K Streets, and how it would relate to a broader idea of monuments along the riverfront. Ms. Benoit agreed to draft a letter to the city's riverfront manager that would discuss the Commission's proposed monument district idea.

b. Pending Projects

Ms. Jacobson will obtain the final list of trees from ECORP for the tree tag project. Ms. Peper observed that several of the tags need to be loosened and some of the smaller trees should have tags that hang, not screwed in.

Motion: Ms. Garrett

2nd: Ms. Andersen

Approved: Yes

Action: Send a letter to the California Federation of Women's Clubs recognizing the value of the project, but advising on correcting the tight tags and those on the smaller trees. Also recommend maintenance and regular adjustment. Copy ECORP and Ms. Jacobson.

Working drawings will be completed soon for the central plant re-use water project, with a hard bid expected in 3-4 months. The project involves reusing cooling tower blow down water for irrigation at Capitol Park. The treatment will occur at the central plant, and then blended at the park.

The contract has been awarded for work in the Insectary public bathrooms. The project is due to start in August.

c. New Projects

DGS will be completing a deep cleaning of the Capitol building exterior, followed by exterior window washing of both the Capitol and LOB buildings, during the summer legislative recess.

2. Facilities Management Division

FMD staff was not in attendance; update will be rolled over to the October 2017 meeting.

3. Capitol Park

Mr. Strike reported that they are conducting preventative measures in the park by pruning heavy limbs and repairing underground water leaks. DGS has received approval to reactivate the fountains, which will take place once all the equipment has been checked and repairs made (if necessary). DGS should have an arborist contract in place by fall. Mr. Strike agreed to forward the arborist reports to Ms. Benoit to share with Commission members. Ms. Garrett recommended increasing the diameter of mulching around trees in lawn areas. Mr. Strike reported that re-mulching was taking place that weekend. Ms. Peper will be working with Mr. Strike on a plan for removal and replacement of trees in Capitol Park.

C. California State Parks/State Capitol Museum

John Allen reported that they are keeping busy with summer visitors. They are updating their closed-circuit security cameras in the museum rooms and looking at updating the alarm systems as well. In April 2018, a new exhibit will open: "The Automobile and its Impact on California." 2019 will see the 150th anniversary of the 1869 occupancy of the newly-built Capitol building in Sacramento. Staff is planning to meet to discuss the next five-year exhibit plan.

D. California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association (CSCMVA)

Bob Dreyer reported that the Association is working on an event in September to celebrate California's birthday. Ice cream and cake will be served. They are planning a November 12th "Governor's Day" living history event, where several vignettes will take place throughout the Capitol. The Association will be participating in a special WWI event on November 11, 2018, honoring the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice.

V. 2016 GOALS

A. Achievement and Adoption of a Tree Management Plan for Capitol Park

Members: Cathy Garrett, Paula Peper

Ms. Garrett and Ms. Peper will work on a one-page letter to Joint Rules requesting funding for a tree management plan for Capitol Park.

B. Achievement of the Completion of the Capitol Park Master Plan

Members: Dick Cowan, Roberta Deering

C. Assist and Advise on the East Annex Study

Members: Dick Cowan, Roberta Deering, Cathy Garrett

D. Continue Collaboration with Other Agencies on Capitol View Protection and Creation of a Monument District

Members: Dick Cowan, Roberta Deering (only as liaison with city folks), Greg Lucas

Mr. Lucas has had discussions with the Arts and Culture staff in the Mayor's office. There is interest on behalf of the city. Members discussed how to coordinate a meeting with the new Sacramento Arts Commission Manager Jonathan Glus, CADA, and the city. Mr. Cowan will forward the memo to Greg from the initial 2011 walkthrough with city council members.

VI. Curator's Report

Ms. Benoit reported that she will be installing the contemporary art show at the end of July. The paintings inventory has been updated and the art insurance policy has been renewed for fiscal year 2017-18.

VII. Miscellaneous

Ms. Benoit reported that the Commission website is coming along. It should be ready for final approval by Danny Alvarez and Debra Gravert. It will then be sent to Commission members for review.

Interested parties still need to get together to review the conservator's report on the historic flag collection and discuss the next steps.

Dan Visnich, Executive Secretary for the California Capitol Historic Preservation Society, provided a handout to members addressing John Worsley's manuscript.

VIII. New Business

Commission member Dick Cowan has been reappointed by the Senate. His new term ends in 2023.

Ms. Garrett informed members that the California Preservation Foundation will be holding their annual conference in Palo Alto in spring 2018. She asked that a Commission member attend and participate in their "3 minute success story" and recount the pillar project.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56am.