

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Quarterly Meeting
July 18, 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, July 18, 2013, at 9:00 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Cathy Garrett
Nancy Lenoil
Jerry Maginnity
Carol Roland-Nawi

Commissioners Absent

Luis Sanchez
Janie Schwartz

Visitors

Bob Ruffner, Senate Facilities
Donna Durham, Department of General Services
Robin Libby, Department of General Services
Diane Elliott, Department of General Services
Kathy Jacobson, Department of General Services
Viletta Campbell, Department of General Services
Jim Beasley, Department of General Services
Arte Wasa, Department of General Services
Les Strike, Department of General Services
Matt Bellah, State Parks
Casey Hayden, State Parks
Robert Ruiz, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial Committee
Alex King, California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association
Kevin Lee – Assemblyman Gatto'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 9:00 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

Mr. Cowan and Ms. Benoit informed members of the passing of Michael Casey, artist in residence for the State Capitol Restoration Project.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Garrett

2nd: Mr. Maginnity

Approved: Yes

Action: To approve the April 2013 meeting minutes with an amendment under Item D.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial

Robert Ruiz, Chairman of the Mexican-American Veterans Beautification and Enhancement Project, provided a status report. Mr. Ruiz read from prepared remarks. The Memorial website has not been updated, revised or enhanced in some time, so the committee will be working with a website developer to give it a new face. At the conclusion of the Memorial Project, the website will be turned over to CalVet. The committee is also working with developers to convert El Soldado into an album of photos of military men and women, similar to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, which would be accessible through a computer or iPhone.

B. Tree Tags

Kathy Jacobson reported that she will be meeting with Julia Rosenberg and the California Federation of Women's Clubs at their October meeting in Sacramento. Members discussed updating parks brochures once the project is completed. Ms. Garrett suggested dovetailing the topographical map with the other publications.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Department of General Services

1. Project Management Branch

Ms. Elliott and Ms. Durham provided an update:

- A. Capitol Park Master Plan - There is little to no funding for the Capitol Park Master Plan. DGS is working with the Department of Veterans Affairs to identify a funding source for a development plan for the All Veterans Memorial and how to accommodate the American Portuguese Veterans Memorial. The idea is to look more globally at the area and plan for future veterans memorials within the space. The American Portuguese memorial committee opted against placing a temporary marker. Members discussed how the bill language regarding future memorials being incorporated within the boundaries of the All Veterans Memorial evolved. DGS hopes to develop a master plan, or interim plan, that would address no-change alternatives and other options.
- B. Memorial Update – The American Portuguese Veterans Memorial committee has been appointed. They are trying to move forward with CalVet and the non-profit group, and hope to have their first meeting soon.
- C. Infrastructure – Ms. Durham introduced Arte Wasa, a new member of the infrastructure team. Repairs are ongoing; work in the 5th floor fan rooms should be completed within the next month; the 4th floor rooms are next. DGS is repairing leaks in drinking fountain drain lines and on basement valves.
- D. New Projects
 - 1. The bike enclosure is well on its way. DGS hopes to get the bid package out soon and establish a date for breaking ground.
 - 2. The East Annex project is still in discussion phase.

2. Building and Property Management

Mr. Strike updated members on activity in Capitol Park. DGS is replacing many of the pathways on the east side of the park. When completed, they will add a slurry coat to increase sustainability. Fifteen to twenty-five percent of the new product is recyclable, 100% of the product coming out is recyclable, and the slurry coat is 85% recyclable. They are also dealing with summer limb loss.

Mr. Cowan raised the issue of borrowing from the State Treasurer's exterior security camera design to replace the more conspicuous cameras on the Library and Courts building. Mr. Wasa agreed to look into it and will follow up with the State Historic Preservation Office. Ms. Benoit provided an update on the State Treasurer's building security upgrade. They are proceeding with the access-control portion of the project; all of the existing card readers are being replaced, and an additional 21 installed. The panic button system is also being updated. The camera portion will be completed once more funding has been allotted to the project.

B. State Parks/Capitol Museum

Matt Bellah introduced himself and provided an update on their new exhibit, *Dust Bowl, California, and the Politics of Hard Times*. There was a brief discussion about finding a replacement painting to hang in the Senate staircase, 3rd floor landing, due to the return of a loaned painting to the Irvine Museum.

C. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Mr. Ruffner indicated that the Senate has no major projects going on, other than those already discussed by DGS. Ms. Benoit asked about the replacement lighting in the Senate Chamber and West Wing corridors. Senate Rules Committee has signed off on bulbs and they have been ordered. Spotlights around the Mathews murals have already been replaced. Mr. Ruffner updated members, on behalf of John Feliz, on the cellular antenna host system. A signed contract is in hand.

D. Goals

- (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)

E. Capitol Art Program

Ms. Benoit provided an update on the Profile in Courage display. Installation is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013. The display will be placed at the East Annex entrance. There may be an event; staff is working with the Pro Tem's office. The contemporary show is up in the Maddy Lounge and Cox Clubhouse and will remain so until September 2014. 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. Benoit reported that a letter was sent to Joint Rules recommending they support the funding for the return of the pillars. The Speaker is in support of the project. Ms. Garret is obtaining a letter of request/gift from Christ the King Retreat to submit. Mr. Cowan asked Ms. Garrett to keep the retreat apprised of our progress.
3. Memorial District – Mr. Cowan referenced Mr. Sanchez's memo concerning the memorial District. Ms. Benoit will forward to other members.
4. Annual Report – Members voted for a cover design. Ms. Benoit requested biographical updates for existing members and bios for new members.
5. Future Presentations – none suggested.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013.

Ms. Benoit reported on her project with State Parks and State Archives to identify materials no longer being used in the museum rooms and/or in State Archives storage and to return them to their rightful owners. Once this project is complete, a second letter can be sent to Joint Rules having them approve the transfer of ownership of materials identified as staying at the Archives. Ms. Lenoil mentioned the truck incident records and having ownership transferred to the Archives.

Alex King, President of the Museum Volunteer Association, advised members of the upcoming annual living history event on women's suffrage at the Capitol. Ms. Lenoil informed members of the 2nd annual Sacramento Archives Crawl, happening on October 5th, and Family History Day on October 12th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.