

Minutes
Historic State Capitol Commission
Commission Meeting
August 17, 2011

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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 Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at approximately 9:35 am PST.

Presiding: Dick Cowan, Chair

Commissioners Present

Stacey Aldrich
Mark Huck (for Wayne Donaldson)
Nancy Lenoil
Luis Sanchez
Janie Schwartz

Commissioners Absent

Lizzetta LeFalle-Collins

Visitors

John Ochoa, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial
Robert Ruiz, California Mexican-American Veterans Memorial
Chris Sneed, State Treasurer's Office
Susan Scotch, Department of General Services
Charlie Howell, Security Consultant, State Treasurer's Office
Roxanne Yonn – Sacramento Association of Museums
Casey Hayden – California State Parks
Bob Ruffner – Senate Operations
Dan Visnich- California Capitol Historic Preservation Society

Koren Benoit, Executive Director/Curator and recording secretary

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

Mr. Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The recording secretary read the roll. All visitors were asked to introduce themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Schwartz
2nd: Ms. Aldrich
Approved: Yes
Action: To approve the April 2011 meeting minutes.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. California Mexican-American Veterans Committee

A brief video was shown, shot at the VA facility in Westwood, depicting individuals supporting the memorial. The video was paid for through a donation; it appears on the memorial's website. Chairman Robert Ruiz provided copies of his written comments in which he informed members that in order to gift the memorial to the state, 3 things must occur: (1) raise \$850,000 - \$950,000 in construction funds; (2) Department of Finance must certify that the committee has sufficient funds; and (3) long-term maintenance of the memorial must be addressed. CDVA is responsible for addressing the maintenance needs of the Vietnam and All Vets memorials. Mr. Ruiz reviewed progress highlights, including the environmental impact review with a negative impact, Marketplace Communications assisting the committee in implementing a marketing and fund development plan (being done in partnership with the VetFund Foundation) and the designation of the State Library as the repository for Latino veteran memorabilia. Mr. Ochoa provided an update on fundraising efforts. Ms. Aldrich asked about day-to-day maintenance concerns versus repairs. The Department of Finance requires 20% of the total budget be set aside for on-going maintenance. CDVA is investigating an insurance policy for all 3 veteran memorials, which would remove the need for raising additional funds and relieve CDVA of the responsibility. Ms. Nelson clarified that DGS is responsible for yard maintenance, replacement of light bulbs, etc. while the individual group is responsible for the memorial itself.

B. State Treasurer's Office

Chris Sneed provided members with a report on security assessments currently underway at the State Treasurer's Building. Six general assessments have been completed since 1995. The current assessment addresses the security of the building and all employees and would add security cameras to all 4 sides of the building, additional lighting and creating a paved walkway on the 10th Street side (reverse of the Earl Warren Walk). These elements would benefit the beautification of the Mexican-American memorial. DGS will maintain the landscaping, below 18" and above 7' for security measures. They are also considering installing a card reader at the public entrance for after-hours access and additional readers on each of the foyer floors. A security booth is being designed to house the executive office receptionist. Mr. Sneed assured members that he would be consulting with SHPO for approval on various elements. There was discussion about maintaining the same standard at the Library and Courts building.

C. Sacramento Association of Museums

Chair Roxanne Yonn provided members a report on the Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM). She is also the Executive Director of the Aerospace Museum at McClellan. SAM consists of 27 museums - local, county and state museums and non-profits - and is established as a committee under the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau. The organization is comprised of two committees: the leadership committee, which is made up of all the directors, and the marketing committee. The main purpose of SAM is to promote other

museums and their educational programs (there is no criteria to join except to be open and operating). One of their most successful activities is *Museum Day*, when many of the museums are open for free. The event has grown from 40,000 to 108,000 in 2011. Ms. Yonn informed members of the Discovery Museum's powerhouse science center and the new Sacramento Children's Museum. There was a discussion on partnerships with libraries and archives, something SAM is interested in exploring, as well as coordinated exhibits. Ms. Lenoil informed members of the October 1st Archives Crawl, in which four host institutions will be open, along with 16 other repositories with exhibits. Ms. Lenoil mentioned that grant agencies look kindly on collaborative efforts.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Department of General Services

1. Project Management Branch

Project Management Branch staff was not in attendance- rolled over to next meeting.

2. Building and Property Management

Building and Property Management Branch staff was not in attendance – rolled over to next meeting.

B. California State Parks/State Capitol Museum

Casey Hayden, Director of the State Capitol Museum, the Stanford Mansion and the Governor's Mansion, provided an updated exhibition schedule: "State Parks in the 21st Century" ends in August; "Women's Suffrage" runs October 2011 – October 2012, and the WWI exhibit will continue through next June (an informational kiosk is being used in this exhibit; two others are in B-27, one focusing on the park and the other as a server for the website). Parks will be meeting with Assembly Chief Administrative Officer Jon Waldie to renew their interagency agreement (done every 2 years). Mr. Hayden also shared visitor statistics for the 2010/11 fiscal year (shared between school groups, tours and volunteer interpretive): 639,000 visitors.

C. Senate and Assembly Facilities

Ms. Benoit reported that there has been no movement on the wallpaper project. Members agreed to leave the issue alone.

D. Goals/Subcommittee Reports

1. Maintenance Plan – Nothing to report.

2. Communication – Nothing to report.

3. Capitol View Protection Plan – Mr. Sanchez updated members on the Capitol Mall design competition. The Sacramento AIA chapter has moved this project forward. Awards will be given in October; Wayne Donaldson is one of the jurors. A key component will be the view corridor; successful submissions will respect the view corridor while enhancing and/or

reinforcing the linear nature of the mall. Go to www.sac.catalyst.com for more information. It was suggested that the jurors and winner speak to the Commission at the January meeting.

4. Park Memorials –Ms. Benoit reported on a proposed memorial that would recognize the military contributions made by American Portuguese in California. There is no legislation at this point, although they would like something in place by next June, California Portuguese Heritage Month. After some discussion, members agreed to send a letter to those legislative members previously contacted about the memorial and Mr. Cowan will contact the American Portuguese Club. Mr. Cowan reported that he was now the Senate representative to the Capitol Area Committee and had mentioned the memorial district at his first meeting. Mr. Cowan will also draft a letter to Sacramento-area legislators and introduce them to the idea of the memorial district, recognize their importance to the issue and invite them to the 2nd meeting or provide a personal briefing.

E. 9149 Amendment

Mr. Cowan reported that there has been no comment from Greg or Jon regarding the revision, so he will discuss it with them at their follow-up meeting. The amendments take into account the non-historical parts of the Annex, and specify the Commission's interest in only those areas identified in the infrastructure study as having historic significance.

F. Capitol Art Program

Ms. Benoit provided members with copies of the current contemporary show catalogue and gave a brief update on the program. Ms. Benoit agreed to send copies of past catalogues to the State Library.

G. Other

1. Painting study funding sources – Nothing to report.

2. Historic Capitol corner pillars – Nothing to report.

3. CRP materials at the State Archives – Members reviewed the draft letter and Deed of Gift, and agreed to send separate agreements for the truck incident materials and other collections owned by Joint Rules not covered in the first agreement.

Motion: Mr. Sanchez

2nd: Ms. Aldrich

Approved: Yes

Action: To approve sending the letter and Deed of Gift to Greg and Jon.

G. 35 year anniversary

2012 is the 150th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone (May 15, 1861). Mr. Visnich suggested checking the Archives for documents from former Archivist Dr. Davis. Members discussed coordinating the event with Preservation Month (being coordinated by the Office of Historic Preservation).

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Future presentations – Ms. Benoit informed members of her upcoming attendance at the Sacramento Area History Network Consortium. She hopes to have one of their members attend a future Commission meeting. It was suggested that Pella McCormick, Building manager for the Library and Courts building, attend and give members a report on the building project. Ms. Aldrich will provide Ms. Benoit with contact information.
2. Annual Report – Members reviewed the draft 2010 report. It was agreed to remove Bylaws as a committee. Members will send any comments to Ms. Benoit and it will then go to print.
3. CalTrans Letter –Members were provided a copy of a letter, sent from Joint Rules to the director of the Department of Transportation, recommending that the photo negatives be transferred to the State Library. Ms. Aldrich will follow-up with CalTrans. Ms. Lenoil voiced several concerns: If CalTrans has an historical library, why aren't they going there? Why are state agency records not going to the Archives? Normally, published material goes to the Library, unpublished material goes to the Archives.
4. Obituary - Members discussed the passing of Leroy Lemke and Mr. Cowan shared a brief story.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.