
Iowa Capitol Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Iowa Utilities Board - Office of Consumer Advocate Building
Conference Room 1
(1:00 – 1:13 p.m.)

Members Present

Brett Seelman, Vice Chair
William (Bill) Dikis
Carol Grant

Tracee Knapp
Representative Bruce Hunter

Members Absent

Annette Renaud, Chair
Malcom Hankins
Director Adam Steen, Secretary

Representative Jacob Bossman
Senator Craig Johnson
Senator Janet Petersen

Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Staff Present for All or Portions of the Meeting

Charlee Cross
Tami Wiencek

Matt Durand
Suzy Trotter

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting

Adam Broich, Legislative Services Agency
Joan Arnett, Legislative Services Agency

Mike Guanci, Department of Management
Mark Willemsen, Legislative Facilities

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Seelman.

Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2022

MOTION: Bill Dikis made a motion to approve the minutes. Carol Grant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting Overview and Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Tracee Knapp made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Dikis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee Updates

Master Plan

Vice Chair Seelman reported the Master Plan Committee will review the Master Plan for the preparation of the Annual Report to Legislature. Vice Chair Seelman invited other Capitol Planning Commission members to join the Committee.

Site Features

Vice Chair Seelman acknowledged Carol Grant's resignation as Chair of the Site Features Committee and thanked her for her dedication to the Committee. Tracee Knapp accepted the invitation to lead the Committee.

Tracee Knapp reported as of July 12, 2022, the Legislative Gift Shop sales, public donations along with the legislative match deposited into the Monument Conservation Fund totaled \$191,257. In addition, the fund accrued \$3,938 in interest over the past six years. Conservator fees totaling \$162,324 to restore the monuments most in need of repair have been drawn from the fund thus leaving a balance of \$32,871 to be used for future projects.

House File 2579, an Act relating to the appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the Department of Administrative Services was signed into law by Governor Reynolds on June 17, 2022. The amount of \$500,000 was deposited into the Monument Maintenance account as created in section 8A.321 for purposes of maintenance of State monuments on the Capitol Complex. Tracee expressed the Capitol Planning Commission's appreciation to Senator Johnson and Representative Bossman for serving as floor managers for this bill in their respective chambers.

The Commission received an invitation from Dan Stevenson, Executive Director of Music Under the Stars, to be a part of their 75th Anniversary Celebration concert on Sunday, July 3, 2022, held on the West Mall of the Capitol Complex. Chairwoman Grant attended and provided remarks on behalf of the Commission to congratulate the organization for their long tenure providing free concerts and to thank Music Under the Stars for the memorial tree planted near the Bicentennial Fountain in gratitude for the use of the Capitol Complex for the past 75 years.

Staff Reports/Project Updates

Legislative Update

Tami Wiencek did not have additional updates to provide beyond the report from Tracee Knapp regarding House File 2579.

Construction Update

Charlee Cross reported targeted Capitol Complex sidewalks and parking lot repairs will continue throughout the summer. State Historical Building skylight replacement is on schedule to be completed in the fall of 2022.

Mark Willemsen reported Ola Babcock Miller Building exterior project is 98% complete. The Capitol Building contractors continue to work on the north side of the building including the brick replacement in the corner domes, tuckpointing, reworking the gutter system and maintenance to the windows. Mark reported a deterioration of the skylights was identified and included in the project while the contractor's crane was on site.

Other Business

Charlee Cross reported the monument conservator would be on site in August to complete the 2020 Site Feature Committee Strategy for Monument Conservation plan. In addition, Charlee Cross reported a consultant is reviewing the Holocaust Memorial and the WWII Memorial Wall for restoration with the Monument Maintenance funds from RIIF as a result of House File 2579.

Vice Chair Seelman announced Representative Bruce Hunter's plan to retire and ending his service to the Capitol Planning Commission.

Upcoming Meeting:

October 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Seelman called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Tracee Knapp made a motion to adjourn. Carol Grant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.