

Capitol Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2007

9:00 a.m. to Noon
Public Safety Building, Capitol Complex, Des Moines

This regular meeting of the Capitol Planning Commission began with a tour of the newly renovated Public Safety Building, and the business meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Brice Oakley, Chair	Molly Clause	Senator James Seymour
Catherine Brown, Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Isaacson	Representative Ralph Watts
Paul Carlson, Secretary	Carl Voss	Representative Mark Davitt

Members Absent

Scott Brown	Senator Matt McCoy
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Dept. of Administrative Services (DAS) Staff Present

Mollie Anderson, Director—DAS
Dean Ibsen—DAS, General Services Enterprise, Vertical Infrastructure Program
Patricia Lantz—DAS
Deb Madison-Levi—DAS
Laura Riordan—DAS
Tim Ryburn—DAS, General Services Enterprise, Capitol Complex Maintenance
Nicholas Smith—DAS, General Services Enterprise, Vertical Infrastructure Program
Nancy Williams—DAS, General Services Enterprise

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting

Jerry Addy—Workers Monument
Matt Carlile—Brian Clark & Associates
Joan Conrad—Dept. of Commerce, Iowa Utilities Board
Graham Cook—Shattering Silence Memorial.
Ruth Cooperider—Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman
Stuart Crine, Building Code Commissioner—Dept. of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division, Building Code Bureau
Bill Dikis—Architectural Strategies
M.J. Dolan—Iowa Association of Community College Trustees
James Ellwanger—Shattering Silence Memorial
Scotney Fenton—RDG Planning and Design
Jason Ferguson—Dept. of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division
Todd Garner—Substance Architecture Interiors Design
Rebecca Greco—HGA Architecture
Tom Hilton—BNIM Architects

Anna Hyatt-Crozier—House Democratic Staff
Theresa Kehoe—Senate Democrats
Rod Kruse—BNIM Architects
Mike Lewis—Durrant Architects Engineers
Paul Mankins—Substance Architecture Interiors Design
Gene Meyer, Commissioner—Dept. of Public Safety
Dave Reynolds—Legislative Service Bureau
Roger Riley—WHO-TV
Kelly Ryan—House Republican Caucus Staff
Eddie Sauls—Iowa Workforce Development
Jim Saunders—Dept. of Public Safety
Don Seymour—Durrant Architects Engineers
Nikki Syverson—Des Moines Symphony
Mark Willemsen—Legislature
Bruce Williams—Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Arts Council
Sharon Worthington—Dept. of Education, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Summary of Proceedings

Tour of Public Safety Building

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Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by staff and Commissioners were advised that election of a new chairperson was in order.

Recognition

New commission members were recognized.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Capitol Planning Commission

Staff member Dean Ibsen opened nominations for Chair of the Capitol Planning Commission.

MOTION—Carl Voss moved to nominate Brice Oakley as Chair. Mollie Clause seconded the motion. Hearing no further nominations, Carl Voss moved nominations close. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion for nominations to close. All were in agreement for nominations to cease. No comments or questions.

CALL FOR VOTE—Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Brice Oakley as the Chairman for the Capitol Planning Commission. Brice Oakley declined to vote.

MOTION—Cathy Brown moved to delay the appointment of a Vice-Chair until the October meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION—Elizabeth Isaacson moved to nominate Cathy Brown as Vice-Chair of the Capitol Planning Commission. Molly Clause seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION—Carl Voss moved nominations cease. Motion carried.

CALL FOR UNANIMOUS BALLOT—The Chair directed that a unanimous ballot be cast for Cathy Brown as Vice-Chair asking if any expression to the contrary – hearing none – so ordered.

Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2007 Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Director Anderson's Report

Director Anderson addressed the Commission on a number of proposed projects.

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West Capitol Terrace

Mercy Capitol

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MOTION—Carl Voss moved to approve the site plan as submitted, which will be made a part of the minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth Isaacson.

CALL FOR VOTE—Motion carried unanimously (Brice Oakley abstained).

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Preparation for FY2009 Infrastructure Offers for Capitol Complex

The preliminary DAS 5-Year Plan and FY2009 budget requests were reviewed briefly.

Comments from Legislators/Commission Members

Commissioners, staff and the public commented briefly a variety of topics.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Next Meetings

October 17, 2007 Capitol Complex—Location To Be Determined

January, 2008 Capitol Complex—Location To Be Determined—Joint meeting with Vertical Infrastructure

Minutes of Proceedings

Tour of Public Safety Building

Commission members toured the newly renovated Public Safety Building.

Public Safety Commissioner Gene Meyer welcomed the Capitol Planning Commission to the new Public Safety Building (formally the Records & Property Building). Jim Saunders gave a very informative tour of the Public Safety Building, answered questions, etc.

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by staff and Commissioners were advised that election of a new chairperson was in order.

DAS staff member Dean Ibsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated that former chair Karen Polking is no longer on the Commission and referred to the Code requirement for the Planning Commission to hold an election every two years. Voting members include all public members and the Department of Administrative Services Director's designee, Paul Carlson, who also services as secretary of the Commission. The Legislative members are non-voting.

Recognition

New commission members were recognized.

Dean Ibsen recognized new commission members Brice Oakley and Molly Clause, who are replacing Karen Polking and Ron Feilmeyer. Ibsen also announced that Scott Brown has been re-appointed to the Commission.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Capitol Planning Commission

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MOTION—Carl Voss moved to nominate Brice Oakley as Chair. Mollie Clause seconded the motion. Hearing no further nominations, Carl Voss moved nominations close. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded the motion for nominations to close. All were in agreement for nominations to cease. No comments or questions.

CALL FOR VOTE—Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Brice Oakley as the Chairman for the Capitol Planning Commission. Brice Oakley declined to vote.

Brice Oakley thanked the members for the opportunity to chair the Commission. He identified what he believes to be three key responsibilities of the Chair:

- 1) Run the meetings on time unless the members negotiate more time.
- 2) Value public comment, which is an important part of this process. He said he would routinely ask if there is anyone who wished to comment, and he would accommodate those requests within the available time. He said he would allow for comment on each agenda item being appreciative of the time allotted to those making presentations.
- 3) Reach out as an advocate. He said he and the other members appointed by the Governor have a responsibility to the Governor, and the legislative members have a responsibility to the Legislative Leadership that appointed them.

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Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2007 Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the minutes, the Chair called for the minutes to stand approved as submitted.

Director Anderson's Report

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Capitol Complex Overview

A booklet about the Capitol Complex with maps and pictures was distributed to the members. It is also available on the DAS website. Members were encouraged to view a DVD that has been developed relating to the Capitol Complex and its history, also available on line at

mms://video2.state.ia.us/das/2006/061024_Looking_Back_high.wmv. The State is about to embark on the largest increase in square footage on the Capitol Complex, the largest expansion of land since the early 1900's and this should be an exciting time for everyone on the Commission. The booklet highlights a number of current and proposed projects on the complex, and each was discussed in more detail:

West Capitol Terrace

Approximately 125,000 people attended the Yankee Doodle Pops Concert and it was an exciting opportunity for people to see the beauty of the Capitol. People reported that it was much easier to get around and the Symphony was delighted to have more space. The HyVee Triathlon aired on NBC Sports on Sunday, July 15, and there have been requests for many more events to be scheduled there.

Progress on park construction was summarized: Phase 1, the backbone of the park, has been completed on time at a cost of \$2.7 million and the contractor performed well. Work on Phase 2, with \$1.6 million in funding, will begin soon. Phase 3 and the fountain will complete the project and are not yet funded. Cathy Brown is working with a sub-committee to consider the fountain and Director Anderson has had conversations with a number of people who would like to contribute to the fountain. She has also had conversations with the State Fair Board regarding their interest in establishing a presence on the West Capitol Terrace to promote the State Fair and to operate a food concession at the site, which could also provide restroom facilities for the park.

Mercy Capitol

Mercy Hospital now has the "green light" to move its Mercy Capitol operations to West Des Moines and DAS is in final negotiations for purchasing the property. It may not be possible to acquire all ten acres of the site. It is the intention of the to department to utilize the 300,000 square feet hospital as an auxiliary building for offices, storage functions, a cafeteria to serve the north side of the complex, a wellness center and fleet operations. Rental of the space to tenant agencies should create a positive cash flow for repayment of an acquisition loan and this proposed financing mechanism has been presented to the Legislative body. Two buildings on the site, the Ladco Building and privately owned East Des Moines Osteopathic Clinic, may not be part of the acquisition. The Ladco facility is a valuable asset to the citizens of the area.

West Capitol Terrace Properties

The row house at 709 E. Locust has been acquired and negotiations are underway for acquisition of the Community College Building at 707 E. Locust through a land trace. The State and the owners of 711 E. Locust cannot reach an agreement on price—\$865,000 vs. \$585,000. An appraiser has been selected as part of the negotiation process.

Representative Watts asked about the historical significance the properties and Director Anderson said the Department of Cultural Affairs believes that only 709 E. Locust (the row house) would be eligible for listing in the National Register. At only 1,000 square feet per floor, however, the building is not large enough to be functional. DAS's current plan is to demolish all three properties as identified in the master plan and construct the entrance features that have been designed for the West Capitol Terrace project. If someone is interested in moving the row house, that could be discussed, although early indications are that this in not feasible.

Representative Watts said he is concerned the State is being charged too much for acquisition. Director Anderson responded that at one time the State was two weeks away from buying the property 707 E. Locust for \$250,000, but DAS lacked the Legislative authorization to do so, and by the time DAS received the authorization the property had been sold. Chairman Oakley noted demolish of these buildings will have to come before the Commission as an Action Item.

City-Owned Rights of Way on Capitol Complex

The City has a number of “rights of way streets” (map handout), they are streets the City is willing to vacate and give to the State. We have not yet determined if they will be charging us for these; however, these areas provide us with the opportunity to have green space for some of our buildings. We think we can control our own traffic flow on the Capitol Complex which is important to us. Various areas were discussed in detail. The City has been receptive to the ideas presented.

New State Office Building Buildings

An early conceptual drawing of the new State Office Building envisioned an above-ground parking structure between the new office building and Mercy Capitol, with skywalks connecting the structures. As design work begins other options will be considered to meet the parking requirements and provide connections between the facilities on the north side of the complex. The proposed site for the new IUB/OCA Building is identified in the handout.

Fleet Building and Courtyard at the Base of the West Capitol Terrace

DAS intends to move the fleet garage out of the building at the foot of the West Capitol Terrace to the Mercy Capitol site. The Department of Banking is interested in evaluating conversion of the existing Fleet Building into an office building to meet their needs.

Banking has agreed to consider incorporating restrooms and a courtyard (north of the building) into their plans. As part of this concept, the courtyard would serve the needs of food vendors for events on the grounds and this area would house the State Fair concession.

Iowa Vision Center

The Historical Building is considered by many to be an interesting building on the inside but not inviting on the outside, hard to get to and with the terraces are very functional. In order to make the best usage of the square footage, Cultural Affairs has proposed construction of a glass box on the southeast corner of the building that would offer views of the West Capitol Terrace and the Capitol. A portion of it would serve as a Visitor Center and a portion of it would be rented to various organizations for conferences, weddings and other activities. Rental of the facility would create a revenue stream to finance the project.

Wallace Building

The Legislature has directed DAS to demolish the building but DAS has given some consideration to saving the glass wall, which is one of the most photographed walls in Des Moines. The R. A. Bloch Family, who wants to build a Cancer Survivors’ Park in the vicinity of the Capitol, may agree to give a \$1 million donation to build a park in the front of the mirrored wall tying into their theme—“reflections.” For this concept to work the State would probably need to deed the southeast corner of the Wallace site to the City. The City would then receive the

\$1 million from the family and build the park. The State could retain the remainder of the site and possibly use it for a parking structure.

Carriage House

The visitor center concept for the Carriage House has been abandoned and the building will need to be demolished unless another use for it is identified.

Court Avenue Bridge

A new Court Avenue Bridge would serve as a link between the central complex and the Judicial Building south of Court Avenue. DAS has repeatedly requested funding but has been unsuccessful. The current request, at just over \$6 million, is intended to re-create the original design.

Natural Amphitheater

The hillside south and west of the Judicial Building forms a natural amphitheater that could be used for concerts and other events. Development of this area of complex should be given consideration.

Comments from Director Anderson's Report

The Chair noted it would be important for DAS staff to identify required action items in advance of each meeting so that the Commission members can better prepare themselves. He said this will also be useful to others coming to these meetings.

Molly Clause said she liked the creative planning and options and the opportunity to discuss them. She said she liked the idea of a Wellness Center at Mercy Capitol and asked if a day care center was being considered. Director Anderson said there will be a lot of opportunities as planning gets underway with potential tenants; however, the first priority will be to develop the necessary cash flow to make the acquisition payments. She also noted that Cultural Affairs is opening a pre-school starting this Fall—somewhat like a science fair—where kids will learn every day in a museum setting. Director Anderson added that the Master Plan needs to be updated to reflect the activities now underway and new visions for the Capitol Complex. She said this will be a future action item.

Senator Seymour congratulated everyone who worked on the HyVee Triathlon, noting it was a great job. Director Anderson said that the 2008 Triathlon will be an Olympic qualifying event and will receive world-wide news coverage. She also said that Nancy Williams worked closely with HyVee on the event and said she deserves great credit for the work she does in managing all events on the Capitol Complex.

Representative Davitt also stated the Triathlon was a wonderful event. He said he has had comments from time to time that the public would like to have wireless internet access at the Capitol. Director Anderson responded that DAS wanted to install a wireless system for the West Capitol Terrace but ran out of time in Phase 1 and will try to do this as part of Phase 2. Representative Davitt said he would be satisfied with getting wireless access inside the building, noting Legislators do have wireless access. Director Anderson said she would update the Commission at another meeting on this subject.

REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION—The Chair asked the members if the meeting could be extended to 12:30. All members advised they could stay.

Proposal for Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (IACCT) Building

Representatives of the IACCT presented site plan concepts for the proposed building south of Court Avenue.

Chairman Oakley, who works with IACCT, advised he would exclude himself from any discussion or vote on this item in order to not present any question of a conflict of interest.

Director Anderson stated that the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees owns 707 E. Locust Street. The State is negotiating an exchange of a triangular, one Acre parcel of land at the base of the sledding hill south of Court Avenue for the property. IACCT intends to construct a building on this site that would be complementary to the Capitol Complex and acceptable to the Capitol Planning Commission. They intend to complete construction within a one year period of time. They are concerned about how tight it will be on the site; however, the State's offer is limited to 1 Acre. Based upon an independent appraisal of the properties, the exchange includes a cash payment of \$75,000 by IACCT to the State. Durrant, the architectural firm hired by IACCT, is in the initial planning stages of the project. Approval of the site layout and building design will be an Action Item for the Commission.

M. J. Doyle, Executive Director of IACCT, and Mike Lewis, representative for Durrant, introduced themselves. Lewis distributed a handout of the site design. He explained that Court Avenue drops off by about 18' from the top of the site to the lower end of the site. Parking will be located behind the building and the building will face the Capitol. The goal is to have the building constructed and completed in about one year; groundbreaking is scheduled for the beginning of October.

Paul Carlson advised the Commission members that they must at least approve the site plan to allow the designers to continue their planning work.

MOTION—Carl Voss moved to approve the site plan as submitted, which will be made a part of the minutes. Seconded by Elizabeth Isaacson.

Discussion followed regarding driveways, sledding hill safety and architectural character of the building. Mr. Lewis stated they would be in a position to present images of the building in mid-August. Chairman Oakley noted it is obvious that the frequency of the Commission meetings of four per year is not going to meet the needs of the Commission to do its job in the next three or four years. He said conference call meetings may be appropriate in order to meet some of these requirements.

Director Anderson stated the Commission would need to know the types of materials planned for the building. Cathy Brown said she wants to know about the architectural character and materials, the influences and inspiration for the design, and how the design fits within the context of the Capitol Complex. Paul Carlson noted the agreement calls for approval of the design DAS. This would include the site plan and the design of the building.

Bill Dikis asked about the trees that will be saved or lost and Mike Lewis noted they will save as many as they can but the trees on the southern side closer to the slope will be removed in order to provide for parking.

CALL FOR VOTE—Motion carried unanimously (Brice Oakley abstained).

Update on New State Office Buildings

The architects for the new State Office Building and for the Iowa Utilities Board/Office of Consumer Advocate (IUB/OCA) building were introduced and planning activities for the new buildings were reviewed briefly.

Substance of Des Moines, with consulting architect HGA of Minneapolis, has been selected to design the new State Office Building and parking structure. BNIM, with offices in Des Moines and Kansas City, has been selected to design the Iowa Utilities Board/Office of Consumer Advocate building. Representatives of both firms were in attendance to introduce themselves and discuss some of the issues to be addressed on these projects.

IUB/OCA Building

Rod Kruse with BNIM spoke to the Commission, thanking the selection committee for choosing the firm and noting that. He said they are very excited about the project. BNIM has a staff of about 100, with most of them in Kansas City and the balance in Des Moines and Houston.

He said that BNIM is considered one of the nation's leaders in sustainable design. Of the less than twenty buildings with LEED platinum ratings, BNIM has been involved with two, including the Department of Natural Resources building in Jefferson City, Missouri, which uses about 40% less energy than a typical building for the State of Missouri. Additionally, BNIM has been involved in a number of buildings recognized by the AIA Committee on Environment for top ten green buildings. BNIM is currently working on "living buildings," which capture and generate their own energy.

Kruse said that BNIM will provide programming services (how much, how many and how big), architecture design, the landscape architecture, interior design and sustainable design. KJWW will provide mechanical and electrical design and Charles Saul Engineering will provide structural design. He said the team will also provide civil engineering and cost estimating services.

Kruse said BNIM will first determine the quantity and quality of the project, including the amount of space needed, the types of space needed, the quality of the construction and the goals and aspirations of the users. This will then be tested against the budget. He said the equation he likes to use is "quantity times quality equals cost." He said one of the challenges of the selected site is the more than 30 feet of fill on the south side and the design team will need to determine whether using this area of the site will be cost effective. He said the building is to be a model for cost effective, energy efficient design that other institutions, whether public or private, can learn from. The mission, he said, is for this project to serve as a working laboratory in some respects, while still clearly meeting the functional needs of the occupants. When testing the budget they will also look at parking, the public/private entrances, office arrangements and building orientation. He said that orientation is fundamental to good design from an energy standpoint (natural daylighting instead of artificial lighting and reduction of solar heat gain) and because the

site runs north/south while the building should really run east/west there is a challenge in terms of the building dimensions. He also said they would consider water collection and water management (trying to capture all the site water to keep it from running downstream) and the potential for natural landscaping. Other features to be considered to make this building energy efficient and very comfortable for its occupants include: a displacement air distribution system (which delivers the air from below the floor rather than from the ceiling at eight to ten degrees below that needed for a ceiling system); the potential for geo-thermal and wind energy; materials with minimal potential for off-gassing (because of low levels of volatile organic compounds or VOCs); and recycled materials. He promised that the design team will test the budget many many times so they can stay on task.

State Office Building & Parking Structure

Todd Garner with Substance Architecture introduced himself to the commission as well as team members Paul Mankin of Substance, Rebecca Greco of HGA in Minneapolis and Matt Carlile of Brian Clark and Associates. He said the team's challenges include answering a series of questions: What does it mean to build on the north grounds of the Capitol Complex? What are the limits of the north grounds? What is the impact of this project on the north grounds? What is the impact of Mercy Capitol on this project? How will the traffic flow? What does it mean to create a piece of enduring architecture on the Capitol grounds? What is a 100 year building versus a 50 year building? What do each of these cost and how will the life expectancy of the building effect the size and the budget? He said the team is excited to work with the State to set the stage for this project and future development on the north side of the complex.

Chairman Oakley suggested preparation of a Gantt chart to identify milestones for use by the Commission over the coming months and years of the projects. Cathy Brown encouraged the use of the master plan for this newer expanded area on the north side of the complex for such things as views, character of the landscape, character of the site development and parking. Representative Watts noted the building should fit in with the over-all campus atmosphere and should not be outlandish in design.

Review of Preliminary Planning Issues

Dean Ibsen said that one of the components for these projects will be artwork and he invited Bruce Williams of Cultural Affairs to speak briefly about the Art in State Buildings Program. Williams said that Iowa is one of twenty-five states that have Legislation requiring a certain percent of money be spent on integrating art into projects. The challenge will be to select an artist as soon as possible for each project so they can work collaboratively with the design team to identify cost effective, innovative ways to integrate art into the projects. He also said the Commission may want to think about the role of public art and monuments in the master plan process.

Dean Ibsen stated that at the April meeting he had reviewed the various committees and groups that will be involved with these building projects, including working committees, agency advisory committees and a professional review committee. The timelines and milestones that will be developed over the next several weeks will need to mesh the work of these committees with the Capitol Planning Commission meeting schedule.

Miscellaneous Project Updates

Updates were provided on several projects:

Workers' Monument

Jerry Addy stated that the commission gave tentative approval to the concept after the artist's presentation to the Commission in April and that the Commission had previously given tentative approval to the selected site at the corner of East Grand Avenue and East Ninth Street. He said that on Monday, July 23, 2007, Lt. Governor Judge will hold a press conference (10:30a.m., West Capitol Mall) to announce that the State of Iowa has donated \$200,000 to the project, along with another major contributor. He said the contract with the artist is being finalized and Brian Clark & Associates (specifically Matt Carlile) has been hired for the landscape design. All work will be reviewed with Dean Ibsen. He said they will be required to contribute \$40,000 out of the fund to DAS for perpetual maintenance. Matt Carlile stated they would be using some of the same materials as the West Capitol Terrace for this project.

Shattering Silence Sculpture for West Capitol Terrace

James Ellwanger, the artist for the Shattering Silence Sculpture, presented a rendering of the sculpture on the selected site at the northwest corner of the Capitol grounds. He said he is looking for comments from the Commission and said he would like to proceed with the plan as presented. He said this sculpture is being done on behalf of the National Bar Association (NBA), which was founded in Des Moines. He introduced Grant Cook, who is heading up the non-profit organization that has been formed for development of the sculpture, along with Liz and Michael Gartner. The target date for installation is spring of 2008.

Chairman Oakley asked for the specific historical reference that is associated with this work. Ellwanger said the African-American collective group of attorneys was formed because they were not allowed to participate in a white dominant bar association. He said there were 30,000 of them; they have changed more laws than we will probably ever know and they need an acknowledgement.

Director Anderson asked about the materials for the sculpture. James Ellwanger said the shards will be of high quality stainless steel, polished almost to a mirror finish; the base will be Dubuque limestone and the orb, or sphere, will be gold in reference to the gold on the Capitol. He said a maintenance fund representing 10% of the construction cost will be established and added that in ten years the sculpture will need to be polished again. He said the piece will be thirty feet tall

Representative Watts said he was unable to attend the last meeting and was not aware that this site has been chosen. He said his reaction is that it is right at the entrance to the Capitol coming up E. Grand Avenue and it would take the eye, rather than the Capitol, in his estimation. He said he thought somewhere around the Judicial Building would be a better location for it. Chairman Oakley asked if the Commission has recommended this location for the sculpture and Director Anderson said this was considered as a possible site but a final decision has not been made. Oakley said he looked through the minutes and did not see any approval of the site. James Ellwanger said there was approval to place the sculpture on the grounds and this was thought to be a perfect location, except for some hesitation about the size. He said he believed that as long as the sculpture was kept below the tree line it would be okay. Matt Carlile said he and others

walked the site with Ellwanger and looked at three or four different sites around the Capitol grounds. He said they agreed on this site, but he agreed the site is open to further discussion.

Chairman Oakley asked Ellwanger to provide the same drawings for a site near the Judicial Building for the October meeting (or a special meeting before that time). He said the Commission will make a decision on a site at that meeting. He said he would like to see more site options. He said he personally thinks it is a magnificent piece.

Representative Watts said he didn't have any problem with the piece but he isn't sure it is in the right location in the context of the West Capitol Terrace. He said the West Capitol Terrace focuses on the Capitol and a thirty foot sculpture may capture the focus more than the Capitol. Chairman Oakley noted this is a prime location on the Capitol West Terrace.

Graham Cook asked for clarity from the Commission and said an additional rendering incurs a cost. He also noted that by waiting until October for a decision the installation date will be delayed. Director Anderson suggested one of the architectural firms working on the complex may have a site model that could be used for preparation of a rendering or other visuals.

Chairman Oakley stated he was less concerned about the size than he was the location and that the Commission will make a decision at the October meeting. He asked the artist to provide drawings and plans to the Commission for alternative sites in advance of the meeting. Director Anderson stated she wanted to send a strong message to the contributors of this project that DAS believes it should be on the Capitol grounds and that we need to be comfortable with its location.

Cathy Brown stated she had not seen the idea of the "story walls" before. She said she believes the Capitol Complex lacks a wayfinding system for visitors and she is concerned this story wall could conflict with a future directional signage. Ellwanger said the wall location can be adjusted.

APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC MONUMENTS COMMITTEE—The Chair appointed an Ad Hoc Monuments Committee, Carl Voss and Cathy Brown, to work with DAS on a brief survey of peer groups and other states that have established criteria for monuments on other capitol grounds to identify monument planning criteria and best practices. The Chair asked the committee to prepare for a discussion item in October on how we should proceed, within the master plan, on developing a formal monument approval process.

Parking Lot Improvements

Work has just started on Lot 6 (South of the Capitol). Work is underway on Lot 19 (east of the Capitol) including installation of an ADA accessible walkway between the Capitol and Lucas. Construction will be starting on Lot 14 (east of the Capitol) within the next several weeks. Lot 2 (West of Hoover) work is underway. Lot 3 (South of Hoover) work is nearly complete. Lot 1 (East of Hoover) work is complete. An additional appropriation for parking lot work is in place DAS is working with the engineering consultant to identify additional parking lot projects.

East Steps of the Capitol

The east steps have been removed in preparation for replacement of the steps and installation of electrical equipment beneath the steps.

Preparation for FY2009 Infrastructure Offers for Capitol Complex

The preliminary DAS 5-Year Plan and FY2009 budget requests were reviewed briefly.

Dean Ibsen explained the 5-Year Plan process, the Capitol Planning Commission's role in reviewing it, and the established schedule for submitting budget requests to the Department of Management by the end of September. He said this schedule is another reason why an additional meeting before October is necessary.

He distributed the Preliminary FY2009 5-Year Plan for DAS, reviewed it briefly and asked members to spend some time thinking about it over the next few weeks and return comments to him.

Comments from Legislators/Commission Members

Commissioners, staff and the public commented briefly a variety of topics.

Dates for the next meeting, either at the end of August or in early September, were discussed. Staff will send a calendar to all Commission members for possible meeting dates.

Capitol Rotunda (closing the circle). Dean Ibsen stated he didn't believe we had the funding for this project; however, that will be in the next round of funding. Chairman Oakley advised he had an old postcard showing the rotunda closed on 1st floor.

Carl Voss stated that when he traveled to the St. Paul, Minnesota, Capitol grounds he noticed all of their parking lots had paid parking. He wondered how many other Capitol Complexes have paid parking, and whether, with the addition of the parking ramp, free parking on the Capitol Complex should continue.

Carl Voss said he and Dean Ibsen had looked at space in the Lucas Building in March or April as a possible location for inside parking for bicycles. He wanted to know what the progress is on this.

Chairman Oakley said he made a list from previous meeting minutes of action items not yet addressed by the Commission and commuter bicycle parking came up in January and April. He said he would like to develop a schedule for resolving these items one way or another. He said the Commission has a really full plate of action items and he offered the following suggestions:

- 1) Address proactively the Commission's meeting frequency, with the possibility of meeting six or seven times a year if necessary,
- 2) Develop an expanded agenda that shows action items so Commission members and the public will know when decisions will be made,
- 3) Provide enough copies of handouts so they can be made available to everyone at a meeting, and
- 4) To the extent possible, provide on-line availability of some of the materials such as minutes and provide more information about the activities of the Commission on a web site.

He said he hopes these changes would result in more efficient meetings

Carl Voss said the State of Iowa has spent more money on smoking huts than on bike racks, which cost about \$100.00 for two bikes. He said the Hoover Building does not have enough bike racks, and that he thinks the State would want healthy employees bicycling to work, but this can't be ensured if they don't have a place to park their bikes. He said that in reviewing the April 18th minutes it says that DAS was going to study the issue and come back to the Commission with a recommendation, but it hasn't happened. Tim Ryburn said that DAS did install new bicycle racks on Complex but usage is higher than anticipated. He said inside space for bicycles is still on DAS' agenda. Carl stated we need more bike racks.

Laura Riordan said that in the last few months the DAS website has been redesigned and the Capitol Planning Commission is on the web.

Elizabeth Isaacson asked that the dates for upcoming meeting be provided as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Next Meetings

*October 17, 2007 Capitol Complex—Location To Be Determined
January, 2008 Capitol Complex—Location To Be Determined—Joint meeting with Vertical Infrastructure*

Respectfully submitted,

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