

Capitol Planning Commission Minutes

April 15, 2015

Conference Room 1, Iowa Utilities Board/Office of Consumer Advocate Building
(1:00 pm – 1:32 pm)

Members Present:

William Dikis, Chair	Elizabeth Isaacson
Janet Phipps, Director	Matt Anderson
Carol Grant	Allison Dorr Kleis

Members Absent:

Scott Weiser, Vice-Chair	Representative Dan Kelley
Senator Matt McCoy	Representative Ralph Watts
Senator Charles Schneider	

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

Dave Heuton, DAS	Tim Ryburn, DAS/GSE
Caleb Hunter, DAS	Jennifer Moehlmann, DAS/GSE
Charlee Cross, DAS/GSE	Emily Narayan, DAS/GSE

Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting

Mark Willemsen, Legislature

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Dikis, followed by roll call and introductions.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Elizabeth Isaacson made a motion to approve the agenda. Janet Phipps seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2014 Meeting

MOTION: Matt Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Carol Grant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Update

Master Plan

No update.

Site Features

Carol Grant advised the Site Features Committee met on April 7th and discussed the following topics:

- **Monumental Journey:** The artist, Kerry James Marshall, visited Des Moines on March 30th and 31st and to review potential sites. The artist selected two sites (the Judicial Building and the Hanson Triangle) for further development and proposed material and

fabrication changes. The Des Moines Public Art Foundation (DMPAF) agreed to move forward with design development for both sites and will be in touch with the Site Features Committee when they have more information on the proposed design for the Judicial Building site.

- Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) Lighting: DAS presented a proposal to replace the High Pressure Sodium soffit lighting at 1000 East Grand with LED lamps. The new LED lights use less energy and are more cost effective but would be a whiter color than the current orange-hued lights. IWD was concerned about the difference in lighting color and wanted to make sure it would not be a problem by conflicting with the State Capitol lighting. The Site Feature Committee agreed with the new LED lamps, suggested DAS keep all lighting along the Grand corridor similar in color and recommended eliminating the additional building downlighting at 1000 East Grand.
- Memorial Bench and Trees Program: DAS presented an updated proposal to modify the current Memorial Bench and Tree Program for the Capitol Complex. The Site Feature Committee will review the program and report back at the July meeting.
- Annual Maintenance Funding for Monument/Artwork: DAS presented a spreadsheet containing current funding available, monument conditions, and future funding needs for each structure. Most monuments and art works lack sufficient funding to support upkeep and care. Tim Ryburn noted DAS has made efforts over the years to find groups that would help restore and create an endowment for some monuments, such as the Statue of Liberty and Japanese Bell, but we don't have enough of that. Chair Dikis asked if any of the other monuments have a constituency, such as the VFW, that might be interested in raising funds for monument maintenance. DAS doesn't have any current initiatives to reach out to constituencies for a project like this. Chair Dikis advised the Commission may want to think about an outreach initiative.

Staff Reports/Project Updates

Legislative Update

Caleb Hunter advised the Governor has issued his budget recommendations. A little over \$4 million was recommended for Major Maintenance in FY16 and a little over \$2.5 million was recommended for FY17. The Governor recommended about \$65 million over the next several years for the Historical Building renovation, including a little over \$6 million for FY16. The House and Senate have not yet moved a bill for infrastructure projects. Deliberations will begin in the next few weeks as they work out the RIIF funding.

B-Cycle Station

Tim Ryburn reported the B-Cycle Station pad is in place. The equipment is expected to be installed and ready for use by May 18. B-Cycle has given DAS space for messaging on one side of the B-Cycle Station sign and DAS will put a map of the Capitol Complex in that space, per the Capitol Planning Commission's original intent.

Ola Babcock Miller Entryway Stone Replacement

Tim Ryburn reported stone replacement research is still occurring. The team is looking at the correct density to replace the stone. Once a decision is made, the stone will be replaced.

Fleet Fuel Pump Replacement

Tim Ryburn reported the upgrade to the fuel station is complete and the pumps are back in operation.

Hoover Electrical Switchgear Replacement

Tim Ryburn reported Waldinger has been selected as the vendor to work on the transformer project. Preliminary work is expected to start in May 2015 and the final phase is expected to be completed by January 2016.

Mercy Annex and 1025 Des Moines Street

Tim Ryburn reported notifications have gone out to close part of Lot # 12A/12B effective April 20 to allow for demolition work. The project is expected to be largely complete by the end of June 2015.

Parking Ramp NW Stairwell Repair & Enclosure

Tim Ryburn reported vendors have been selected and work will begin when Session concludes.

Capitol West Steps & Landing Repair

Tim Ryburn reported DAS is developing a plan to repair the deteriorating stone caps.

Capitol Complex Events

Refer to handout for a list of events. Director Phipps reported Nancy Williams will be retiring June 30th and DAS will invite the Commission to her retirement celebration. The Commission wished Nancy well.

Other Business

Chair Dikis reported that Allison Dorr Kleis will not be renewing her seat on the Commission. The Commission thanked Allison Dorr Kleis for her service.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting:

- July 15, 2015 1–4pm (Grimes, 2nd Floor State Board Room)
- October 21, 2015, 1-4pm (Location TBD)