

## **Draft Capitol Planning Commission Minutes**

January 06, 2016

Capitol Building - Conference Room G19

(1:00 pm – 1:52 pm)

### **Members Present:**

William Dikis, Chair

Janet Phipps, Secretary

Carol Grant

Matt Anderson

Representative Dan Kelley

Representative John Landon

Senator Matt McCoy

### **Members Absent:**

Scott Weiser, Vice-Chair

Elizabeth Isaacson

Senator Charles Schneider

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

Charlee Cross, DAS/GSE

Caleb Hunter, DAS

Scott Gustafson, DAS/GSE

Suzy Trotter, DAS/GSE

Tim Ryburn, DAS/GSE

Jennifer Moehlmann, DAS/GSE

Barbara Bendon, DAS/GSE

Emily Narayan, DAS/GSE

### **Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting**

Mark Willemsen, Legislature

Theresa Kehoe, Legislature

Brian Guillaume, Legislature

Jace Mikels, Legislature

Dan Gannon

Robert King, Iowa Department of Veteran Affairs

Jennifer Acton, Legislature

Brian Guillaume, Legislature

Adam Broich, Legislature

Joan Arnett, Capitol Tour Guide

Scotney Fenton, RDG

### **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:** Janet Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda. Carol Grant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2015 Meeting**

**MOTION:** Carol Grant made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Representative Dan Kelley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Update**

#### ***Master Plan***

Chair Dikis noted the 2015 Master Plan update has been completed and is available on the DAS website.

### ***Site Features***

Carol Grant advised the Site Features Committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed several items:

1. Application for a new site feature: Robert King from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs summarized the monument proposal for a new memorial plaque in recognition of Iowans who have suffered from their participation in the Vietnam War. The plaque will use the same stone as the current Vietnam War Memorial and will be set near the path to the existing Memorial. It will be set in a position for morning sun and afternoon shade. Proposed dedication date is Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day in Iowa. With Commission approval, Mr. King will move forward with the construction and dedication on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Carol Grant made a motion to approve the addition of the Iowa Vietnam War Memorial Plaque. Chair Dikis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Monumental Journey application submitted in 2014 by Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation: Carol Grant reported that the artist had visited Des Moines to view potential locations. The proposed location is near the Judicial Building. The main difference is in the construction materials. The initial proposal had the drums constructed from fiberglass but members of the Commission expressed concerns about longevity and upkeep of a fiberglass outdoor sculpture. The artist has now changed the material to brick. Ms. Grant said guardrails will be necessary since visitors will walk around the monument. The monument is now scaled at 37 ft. high from the sidewalk elevation. The Site Features Committee will study the structure to make sure it is properly scaled. Half of the required funding has been obtained. Treatment of the bricks is currently under review.

Director Phipps expressed concerns about placing a heavy, massive structure on the slope of the west hill because water seepage is occurring on the hill. Chair Dikis noted he was pleased with the change of fiberglass to brick, the scale, and the way they engaged the hillside. Regarding support of the monument, that can be resolved with proper footings. There are some technical issues, but a good architect from Substance Architecture is involved to determine construction details. Matt Anderson asked Chair Dikis about the roof or the top of the monument. Chair Dikis said he was told it is sheet steel. Some of the technical issues discussed were how to enclose the structure with respect to the brick and not utilize some different material that will penetrate the structure as brick is not waterproof. Ms. Grant said the Site Features Committee will evaluate the scale to ensure it does not interfere with any Capitol lines of site. Chair Dikis said the biggest unresolved issue is the guardrail, where it would protrude out over the embankment, and visual impact. It could have a negative effect if not handled properly. Chair Dikis asked if they've stay in touch with the Judicial branch. Ms. Grant responded "yes".

3. Updated Version of Capitol Complex Monuments: Current condition of the monuments. Carol Grant reviewed the updated handout showing monument maintenance funding. Janet Phipps reviewed the statutory provisions for income tax checkoff program and potential applicability to the monument funding. Carol Grant asked the amounts raised by these checkoffs. Director Phipps said the Fish and Wildlife Fund about two years ago

raised \$132,000 with low amounts totaling \$65,000 - \$70,000. Chair Dikis drafted a white paper to capture, discuss, and summarize the monument revenue within DAS. Chair Dikis said we have parallel avenues to explore funding. One would require legislative authority to seek checkoff authority and the other would be determine an effective way to seek donations. Chair Dikis asked for Commission member comments, especially legislators, regarding outreach and the checkoff.

Senator McCoy said the monument maintenance checkoff is a good idea but will compete with child and domestic abuse checkoffs. The State Fair checkoff was successful because it is an Iowa tradition. The public generally believes that since the monuments were donated to the State, the State should maintain them. Checkoffs are difficult and political. Representative Dan Kelley said he agrees with Senator McCoy regarding the difficulty related to obtaining an appropriation. He supports an outreach effort to the public because ultimately public property is being protected. If the public supports an appropriation and contacts legislators, an appropriation may be possible.

Chair Dikis said if the Commission wants to pursue the donations track and legislators are supportive, he would modify the white paper further based on Commission comments and mention the other two possibilities we would like to pursue. Ms. Grant asked about the most effective way to request funds from the Legislature for monument maintenance. Senator McCoy recommended breaking up the funding need into thirds over a three year period. Representative Landon asked if we need to request funding for a larger endowment than 10%? Ms. Grant said it was increased to 15% last year due to need. Senator McCoy suggested that Chair Dikis and Carol Grant attend a legislative committee meeting with Representative Landon and himself to provide an overview. Chair Dikis and Ms. Grant said they would be pleased to attend.

**MOTION:** Carol Grant made a motion to approach the Governor and the Legislator for approximately \$500,000 in funding over three years for monument maintenance and also to conduct a public relations campaign to raise additional funds for monument maintenance. Matt Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Iowa Place to Grow Monument: Located north of the Grimes building, this monument requires funding \$5,000 worth of maintenance. The Site Features Committee would like to remove the monument in lieu of performing maintenance. Carol Grant said she contacted the Iowa Tourism office and was told they were not the owner. Carol Grant would like to do due diligence to make sure there would not be opposition to removing the monument. Director Phipps volunteered to reach out to Mary Cownie with the Department of Cultural Affairs to start. Based on those results, the Commission may consider removal at the next meeting.

## **Staff Reports/Project Updates**

### ***Legislative Update***

Caleb Hunter advised the Legislature convenes next week. The Governor's budget will be released at the same time as the State of the State address. The Governor's budget will include

recommendations related to Capitol Complex projects and major maintenance funding. Legislature will begin its budgetary process which will conclude in the spring.

### ***Construction Update***

#### ***Ola Babcock Miller Entryway Stone Replacement***

Mr. Ryburn reported stone replacement report was generally positive regarding quarry stone. However, some of the quarry stone may not be large enough and smaller sections may be used.

#### ***Parking Ramp Repairs***

Mr. Ryburn reported work is in process to remove granite veneer for safety concerns.

#### ***Capitol West Steps & Landing Repair***

Mr. Ryburn reported the project is currently in the design stage. The project will consist of two phases. Phase one will be done before the National Governor's Conference. Phase two will occur after the National Governor's Conference and will conclude before the World Food Prize event.

#### ***Court Avenue South Hillside Repair***

Mr. Ryburn reported evaluation/repair activities are in process.

#### ***Capitol West Drive Repair***

Mr. Ryburn reported stones are deteriorating in the dock area. The stones will be replaced before the National Governor's Conference.

#### ***Waterproof Ola Babcock Miller Basement***

Mr. Ryburn reported we're in the early stages of evaluating the waterproofing.

#### ***Repair Capitol Building North and South Face Windows***

Mr. Ryburn reported work is currently being done on the windows located on the north side and south side of the Capitol Building. He is working with Mark Willemsen on stone coating of the windows. The two phases of the project will be occurring both before and after the National Governor's Conference in Des Moines.

#### ***Repair Parking Lot #4***

Mr. Ryburn reported construction is scheduled to correct the issues in lot 4 (east of the Judicial Building).

### ***Capitol Complex Events***

Suzy Trotter reviewed a list of upcoming 2016 events on Capitol Complex.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

### **Upcoming Meeting:**

- April 20, 2016 (Capitol Building)
- July 20, 2016
- October 19, 2016