

Draft Capitol Planning Commission Minutes

April 20, 2016

Capitol Building - Conference Room G15

(1:00 pm – 1:26 pm)

Members Present:

William Dikis, Chair

Janet Phipps, Secretary

Carol Grant

Elizabeth Isaacson

Scott Weiser, Vice-Chair

Matt Anderson

Representative Dan Kelley

Representative John Landon

Members Absent:

Senator Charles Schneider

Senator Matt McCoy

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

Tami Wienczek, DAS/GSE

Dave Heuton, DAS

Charlee Cross, 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

Jennifer Acton, LSA

Scotney Fenton, RDG

Steve King, DCA

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 January 6, 2016 Meeting

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

Committee Update

Master Plan

Scott Weiser reported there is no annual update on the Master Plan yet, work will begin once the legislative session has concluded.

Site Features

Monument Maintenance Funding

At the last meeting, the Commission identified a two-prong strategy to raise funds for maintenance of monuments without dedicated endowments: pursue legislative action and solicit funding from related groups. Chair Dikis reported he created a white paper and presented it to the RIIF legislative committee meeting in early February. The white paper concentrated on a three year funding request of \$525,000. The RIIF Committee members were supportive of the presentation. Director Phipps added that the RIIF appropriation bill, SF2324, was still a work in progress. Current appropriation language indicates \$100,000 of the major maintenance funds would be

allocated for monument maintenance, subject to a two to one match so there would have to be some fundraising to draw-down the \$100,000. Carol Grant noted that along with the public funding possibility, the Commission also wanted to look at groups within the State that may have a particular interest in one or more of the monuments to provide assistance with fund-raising. Tim Ryburn and Ms. Grant met with Col. Robert King, Director of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs, on March 23rd. Ms. Grant identified three organizations that specifically indicate they may fund upkeep of monuments: 1) Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 2) American Legion Department of Iowa, and 3) Veterans of Foreign Wars. Col. King is familiar with these organizations and organizational leadership. Col. King permitted Ms. Grant to use his name to assist in scheduling meetings in advance of the funding application process. The funding amounts available may be very modest, in the range of \$1,000.

“Iowa A Place to Grow” Symbol

Director Phipps reported she received a note from the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) that the symbol dates back to 1970. DCA said the work has historical significance, but they already have similar items depicting the symbol and slogan. Placing the monument in the museum collection is a possibility, but the size of the object is a challenge. DCA is taking the issue to their internal collections committee. When feedback is received from DCA, Director Phipps will communicate the results to Commission members. Steve King noted it is not eligible for the national register, since it doesn't meet the 50-year mark.

Capitol Building Exterior Lighting

Jennifer Moehlmann reported there was a test of LED exterior lighting for the Capitol Building on April 4th and 5th. Representatives from the Governor's Office and members of the legislature attended. Three different lighting colors were tested: 4000K, which is fairly cool white and the standard lighting color for the rest of the Capitol Complex, a medium warm white (3500K) and a very warm white (3000K). The matter is still under discussion. Director Phipps noted Musco Lighting has made a generous gift to donate the lighting. They did a remarkable job of light placement so they are not as bright when you walk outside at night. The State would have to pay for the installation, which is about \$225,000. Representative Dan Kelley asked what the savings would be for the LED lighting as opposed to sodium lighting. Ms. Moehlmann noted LED lighting generates energy savings of 60%; the cost savings are about \$5,000/year due to low power rates at night. Chair Dikis noted the new LED lighting showed off the 3 dimensional qualities of the building and the dome much better than sodium lighting. The coloration and contrast of the Capitol Building came up pretty well. Representative Dan Kelley requested an invitation to any future lighting test.

Staff Reports/Project Updates

Legislative Update

Dave Heuton reported SF2324 includes \$11.25 million for Major Maintenance, with \$100,000 for monuments with the two for one dollar match. SF2324 also includes \$9.99 million for the Capitol Dome project. Scott Weiser asked what is involved in the Capitol Dome project. Charlee Cross reported OPN Architects completed a basic study of the dome and what needs to be done. Further detailed evaluation is required. Director Phipps noted there has been some water infiltration from the exterior, causing corrosion and interior and exterior damage.

Construction Update

Ola Babcock Miller Entryway Stone Replacement & Basement Waterproofing

Mr. Ryburn reported work is expected to start April 25th on the exterior stone replacement. The basement waterproofing project is still in design.

Capitol - West Steps Repair, West Drive Repair, Windows and Dome

Mr. Ryburn reported vendors will be working with building occupants to ensure the west side repair schedules are acceptable. Final approvals for the windows and dome are pending legislative action.

Parking Ramp Repairs

Mr. Ryburn reported the repair to the damaged stone is underway.

Court Avenue South Hillside Repair

Mr. Ryburn reported 29C20 approval has been received and work is expected to begin in the summer. Chair Dikis asked what would be the approach to repair the hillside. Tim Ryburn said that it appears dirty fill was used when the Court Avenue Bridge was demolished, so they will remove the existing fill and build it back up. Director Phipps noted the site conditions will need to be kept in mind if the new monument near the Judicial Building moves forward. Chair Dikis noted that the monument area may need a deeper foundation.

Oran Pape – Window Repair and Exterior Drainage Improvements

Mr. Ryburn reported the project is in the early design stages, the project will be repairing the leaking windows and resolving some drainage issues on the north side of the building and dock area.

Capitol Complex Events

Suzy Trotter reviewed a list of upcoming 2016 events on the Capitol Complex. For more information regarding upcoming events, please visit the DAS website at <https://das.iowa.gov/general-services/capitol-complex-events>.

Adjourn

MOTION: Janet Phipps made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 pm. Carol Grant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings:

- July 20, 2016
- October 19, 2016