

Minutes
Capitol Preservation Commission
3:00 p.m. – August 16, 2012
Room 412 C
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Meeting Notice was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Warden
Linda Edmondson
Lou Kerr
Mark Liotta
Duane Mass
Paul Meyer
John Morrison
James Pickel
Trait Thompson
Louis Trost

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Downs
Doug Kellogg
Richard Ellwanger

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beverly Hicks – OMES/Division of Capital Assets Management
Karl Kramer – Office of Attorney General
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council
Charles Ford - Senate
Dana Webb – OMES
Karen Douglas - OAC
Erin Boeckman – E Capitol

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Warden. The roll was taken and it was ascertained that a quorum was present.

Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Liotta made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous aye votes. None opposed.

Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the July 31, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Mass made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Trost seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous aye votes. None opposed. However, Mr. Liotta abstained from voting.

Discussion and possible action on the relocation of the Mrs. Lamar Looney and Rep. Bessie McColgin portraits

Vice-Chairperson Warden expressed that the Arts Standards Committee had met that day regarding this action item and the next three items. The consensus was that there is not enough information on these items for a decision. The original proposal was to move Mrs. Looney's portrait and Rep. McColgin's portrait to the 5th floor, and to move Miss Robertson's portrait and Woody Guthrie's portrait into the spots vacated on the 4th floor.

Senator Ford made the original observation that if the portraits were moved to the 5th floor as stated above, then they would possibly be exposed to direct sunlight during the winter months.

And so the recommendation of the Arts Standards Committee was that items 4-7 need to be delayed until the next meeting. The committee will meet before the next CPC meeting and will be able to come up with some alternative suggestions.

No votes were taken.

Discussion and possible action on the relocation of the Miss Alice Robertson and Woody Guthrie portraits

Item action is deferred until the October meeting.

Discussion and possible action on the relocation of the Frank Phillips portrait by Wayne Cooper

Item action is deferred until the October meeting.

Discussion and possible action on the proposed temporary loan and location of the Pro Patria sketch

Item action is deferred until the October meeting.

Discussion and possible action on the renewal of the Pawnee Bill and Lucille Mulhall paintings on the 5th floor north hallway

Ms. Sharples explained that the dates for the dates for the temporary display of the Pawnee Bill and Lucille Mulhall paintings are up for renewal. The new dates for the display would be August 19, 2012 to August 18, 2013.

Mr. Pickel made the motion to renew the loan of the paintings. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous aye votes. None opposed.

Discussion and possible action on the temporary display of a Lego model of the Capitol on the 1st floor east rotunda

The proposal to display a Lego model of the Capitol building came to the Department of Central Services by way of Capitol Reservations. The owner of the item wants the model to be displayed during November and December, and was informed that to display anything over 15 days would require the approval of the CPC.

Since Mr. Kellogg has all of the pertinent information regarding this display, and because he is absent, it was decided to table this item until the October meeting.

Discussion and possible action on the Allan Houser Centennial project at the Capitol in 2014

Ms. Sharples passed out information regarding the project. She explained that the Arts Council has been approached by the Oklahoma Museum Association regarding a state-wide celebration of Allan Houser's collection of work, both interior and exterior.

Ms. Kerr made the motion for the board to pursue the project. Mr. Mass seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous aye votes. None opposed.

Discussion and possible action on the development of a public communication strategy for Capitol repairs

At the request of the Commission from the last meeting, Mr. Thompson presented several ideas for consideration in regards to making the public aware of the needed repairs for the Capitol. Suggestions include: supplying the newspapers across the state (both large and small areas) with articles regarding the Capitol repairs; offering to give the media a tour of the Capitol, especially the areas needing repair; commission members speaking at citizen groups such as Lions Clubs, chambers of commerce, etc.; commission members speaking before professional organizations for contractors, architects, etc.; setting up Capitol tour dates for legislators; and visiting with the appropriations chairs in the Senate and the House, along with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

Chairman Ellwanger, when he returns, will be in charge of making assignments for follow-up.

Mr. Liotta believes that pictures will have the most impact on the public, and proposed creating a PowerPoint presentation showing the problem areas of the Capitol. Ms. Edmondson suggested that maybe the House and/or Senate Media Office could help in targeting newspapers, etc.

Mr. Thompson did want to strongly advise the Commission against suggesting how the project should be funded, whether by appropriations, or bond, or other means. He suggested that the Commission express their concern and their commitment to the repairs, but to let the legislature decide how that should be financed. There was no further discussion, and no action taken at this time.

Collections Manager Report

Ms. Sharples spoke regarding the dome windows and artificial light issues. At the last meeting, she presented the overview of the recommendations by Conservator Lyzanne Gann who came in and did a light assessment. It was found that the level of heat intensity is 22,000+, which is way above the limits of where it needs to be.

The Arts Council then met with D.W. Russell of Russell Interiors. They are experienced in reducing UV and actual light levels. They were hesitant to give an estimate for motorized shades to be used inside the dome, and made a recommendation to put something on the outside of the dome. The Arts Council did not feel that this would be an appropriate solution given Oklahoma's fluctuating weather.

The Arts Council also met with Ms. Nguyen, the interior designer, who presented the possible solution of using custom built acrylic sheets which would attach to the inside of the dome windows with magnets. The cost would be roughly \$500 to \$1000 per window (and there are 16 windows), which is much cheaper than the solution presented by Russell Interiors. However, installation will be the biggest cost. The sheets would provide approximately 35% to 50% energy cost reduction, and reduce UV rays by 95%. The Council is still waiting to hear feedback from Conservator Lyzanne Gann regarding this proposal.

Ms. Sharples noted that the acrylic sheets will have to be monitored for eventual replacement.

New Business

Mr. Morrison congratulated Mr. Meyer on his appointment from the Governor for another term.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.