

Minutes
Capitol Preservation Commission
3:00 p.m. – October 18, 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: Brian Downs
Linda Edmondson
Richard Ellwanger
Doug Kellogg
Mark Liotta
John Morrison
James Pickel
Trait Thompson
Louis Trost
Larry Warden

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lou Kerr
Duane Mass
Paul Meyer

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beverly Hicks – OMES/Division of Capital Assets Management
Kim Baker – Oklahoma Arts Council
Dedra Blackwell - OMES
Michelle Day – Secretary of State Office
Linda Ellis – OK CityScape
Charles Ford – OSSAPF
Lyzanne Gann – Blackthorne Associates, LLC
Ron Jenkins – OMES
Karl Kramer - Assistant Attorney General
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council
Clint Stone – Oklahoma Arts Council
Dana Webb – OMES

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

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

Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the August 16, 2012 Meeting

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Warden seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous aye votes. None opposed.

Discussion and possible action on approving meeting dates for 2013

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

Discussion and possible action approving updated patio grill plans for the Governor's Mansion

Mr. Morrison shared information regarding the approved landscaping area for a patio grill for the Governor's Mansion. Amendments to the plans have been made and the Capitol architect has approved them. The primary amendment will add a permanent stonework structure in the plaza area.

Mr. Pickel made a motion to accept the updated plans. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; Mark Liotta - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on moving the Oklahoma State Constitution display from the 2nd floor Supreme Court hallway to the 1st floor rotunda

Ms. Day, from the Secretary of State Office, explained the reason for wanting to move the Constitution. The current display for the Constitution has several security/temperature/humidity monitoring issues and doesn't work properly. And it is difficult to find vendors who can work on the current system.

To maintain the display in its current location, curators have to go through one shared office and one private office. The first floor would be a place of prominence and would allow for a more updated system and easy access to necessary maintenance for that system.

Several members of the committee shared their concerns regarding the move (location, materials being used, etc.).

It was recommended that the committee vote only on the location of the move, that being to the 1st floor rotunda. The Secretary of State's Office can then come back with more information regarding the system for protecting the Constitution.

Mr. Morrison made a motion to accept the move of the display. Mr. Downs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - no; Doug Kellogg - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - no. Motion carried.

Mr. Ellwanger requested that John Morrison, Doug Kellogg, and Linda Edmondson work with Michelle Day on the project.

Discussion and possible action on public communication strategy

Item #6 was inadvertently omitted.

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

The Arts Standards Committee recommends that the portrait from the Senate Historical Preservation Fund be accepted by the state under the CPC rules for donated artwork with a no-restrictions Deed of Gift drafted by the Arts council and our Assistant Attorney General. The Committee further recommends that the portrait be placed opposite the southeast elevator on the Senate side of the fourth floor, with committee room signs moved and replaced beside the hallway to the rooms.

A motion and second were not taken. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action on the watercolor sketch, "Pro Patria"

The Committee recommends that the watercolor be accepted on annual loan from Woolaroc with an explicit loan agreement drafted by the Arts Council and the Assistant Attorney General that explains the high risk of placing watercolors in the Capitol. It is also recommended that the watercolor first be specially reframed by the Senate Historical Preservation Fund in consultation with the light conservator using a sealed frame with UV glass and silica gel to provide the best possible protection. And that the watercolor is placed near the Frank Phillips portrait opposite the southeast elevator on the Senate side of the fourth floor.

A motion and second were not taken. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Committee recommends that the model of the Capitol be accepted for temporary display on the first floor from November 1 to December 31, with the Arts Council signage. This will be pending upon finding a suitable and safe place for the display.

A motion and second were not taken. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - no; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - yes. Motion carried.

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Discussion and possible action on the temporary exhibition of the Combat Paper Project on the 2nd floor

The Committee recommends that the Combat Paper Project be accepted for temporary display starting in February of 2013. The display will be for a three- to four-month period in the State Treasurer's hallway on the second floor. The display is subject to the Arts Council review for safety issues when the display is available for viewing in Wewoka.

A motion and second were not taken. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs - yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Richard Ellwanger - yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; John Morrison - yes; James Pickel - yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes; Larry Warden - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding Conservator Lyzanne Gann's availability for questions regarding the light assessment and the proposed solutions for the dome windows; Conservator's report and discussion regarding the Capitol dome light assessment. (Item's 11 and 12 were discussed as one item)

Ms. Gann was in attendance at the meeting today and was able to answer questions regarding light assessment in the Capitol. The concern is not only for UV light, but also visible light. Installed scrims are more expensive, but will reduce UV light and also visible light on the artwork. Acrylic is less expensive, but will deteriorate over time and will not address the visible light on the artwork. A blackout screen would be the next step beyond the scrims, but it is just not practical for the Capitol.

The Commission members will do more research on this subject and see if a solution can be brought to the next meeting in December.

Collections' Manager Report

Clint Stone has accepted the position as the Collections' Manager. Right now this is a part-time position, but hopefully it can be upgraded to a FTE position and be housed at the Capitol to address issues of cataloging, updating, etc. first hand.

New Business

Mr. Morrison shared information that OETA wants to do a documentary on the Capitol building. He suggested that a member of the CPC be appointed to work with OETA. Mr. Ellwanger informed the group that Trait Thompson has agreed to be the CPC representative.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.