

**Minutes**  
**Capitol Preservation Commission**  
3:00 p.m. – August 15, 2013  
Room 412C  
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:** Michelle Day  
Judy Johnson  
Doug Kellog  
Lou Kerr  
Mark Liotta  
Duane Mass  
Paul Meyer  
James Pickel  
Emmy Stidham  
Trait Thompson  
Louis Trost

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Edmondson

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Beverly Hicks – OMES/DCAM  
Karl Kramer – Office of Attorney General  
Clint Stone – Arts Council  
Amber Sharples – Arts Council  
Mike Ervin - OCS  
Shawn Ashley – eCapitol  
Jim Walker – Walker, Ferguson, and Ferguson

**Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

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

**Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the June 20, 2013 Meeting**

Mr. Liotta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta – yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer - yes; James Pickel - yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and possible action on the resignation of Trait Thompson as the CPC Vice-Chair**

Mr. Thompson stepped down from his position for this action item, and Mr. Liotta stepped in as temporary Chair. Mr. Thompson then announced his resignation as CPC Vice-Chair in order to run for the position of CPC Chair.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept Mr. Thompson's resignation as the CPC Vice-Chair. Mr. Trost seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta – yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer - yes; James Pickel - yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and possible action on the appointment of Trait Thompson as the CPC Chair**

Mr. Liotta, again as the temporary Chair, opened the action item for discussion.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept Mr. Thompson as the new CPC Chair. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Doug Kellogg - certainly; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta – yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer - yes; James Pickel - yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson moved into position as the new CPC Chair.

**Discussion and possible action on the appointment of a new Vice-Chair**

Mr. Thompson announced that Mr. Trost has agreed to run for the position of CPC Vice-Chair.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept Mr. Trost as the new CPC Vice-Chair. Mr. Pickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta – yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer - yes; James Pickel - yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion on the constructional standards for the Capitol**

Duane Mass, our Capitol architect, addressed the need for setting high standards for the renovation and restoration of the Capitol building. Within the next two months, Mr. Mass will put together a draft document of ideas for the constructional standards. Also addressed would be a phasing plan and a schedule for the displacement of employees within the Capitol. The process will take about 4 months total to come up with a finished document. The Commission will also be working with the Long Range Capitol Planning Commission.

**Collections Manager's report**

Mr. Stone reported that 5 pieces of artwork were successfully relocated to a temporary location due to construction. Also, located in the East Tunnel, there is a piece of artwork entitled "Oklahoma Proud" by

Sherry Harig. The Oklahoma Arts Council and the Capitol Building Superintendent oversaw the cleaning of that piece as part of the renovations of the East Tunnel.

In preparation for the impending renovations, the Capitol Building Superintendent and the Arts Council have begun research in locating possible conservators and companies that can inspect and clean "The Guardian" by Enoch Kelly Haney. Due to its location on top of the dome, they have had little success, but will continue the search.

With the recent rains, the "Tribute to Range Riders" by Constance Whitney Warren has been under close inspection. This is the oldest exterior sculpture on the Capitol grounds. The holes discovered on the sculpture were found to be mineral deposits around the drainage holes that were added 12 years ago.

A grant request was made to and approved by the Friends of the Capitol for funds to clean and wax the busts in the Hall of Governors, and also the two exterior works "Tribute to Range Riders" and "As Long As the Waters Flow."

Tracy Harris has been contracted to produce the portrait of Ralph Ellison. As of August 9<sup>th</sup> almost half of the needed project funds have been raised.

Governor Mary Fallin is currently reviewing the work of potential artists regarding her bust for the Hall of Governors.

A multi-phase project has begun regarding the signage for artwork in the Capitol. The first phase will be to create signage for those pieces which are not labeled and for those that have paper labels. The second phase will include artwork on the second floor and remainder of the fourth floor. The third phase will cover the House and Senate lobbies and all other artwork not addressed. This project will take approximately 16 months.

The Allan Houser Centennial will take place March 12, 2014 through the end of December 2014. Five sculptures will be displayed throughout the Capitol to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Allan Houser's birth.

The Friends of the Capitol are working with the Chickasaw Nation regarding the loan/gift of *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'* by Mike Larsen.

### **New Business**

Mr. Trost wanted to acknowledge Amber Sharples as the new Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council.

It was proposed that a letter be written and sent to Larry Warden and Richard Ellwanger expressing the CPC's gratitude for their service on the Commission.

The Friends of the Capitol would like to bring forward a proposal to the CPC. They would like to replace the fire extinguishers in a couple of areas (or niches) near the stairwells with pieces of artwork. The extinguishers would be moved to a more secure location.

The touch-screen monitor at the south east entry, which is used as a directory search for visitors, is highly exposed to outside elements by way of the door located near it. It is currently inoperable and needs to be moved to a position across from the door.

Mr. Pickle made a motion to move the monitor. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Judy Johnson – yes; Doug Kellogg - yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta – yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer - yes; James Pickel - yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes; Louis Trost - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pickle requested clarification regarding the Governor's Mansion. The question is who is the approving body for changes to the grounds, pavilion, exterior, and first floor of the Governor's Mansion? The Commission will have to do research as to whether that falls under the CPC or the Long Range Capitol Planning Commission.

### **Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.