

Minutes
Capitol Preservation Commission
3:00 p.m. – December 19, 2013
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: Michelle Day
Linda Edmondson
Bruce Fisher
Judy Johnson
Lou Kerr
Mark Liotta
Duane Mass
Paul Meyer
Emily Stidham
Carolyn Thompson
Trait Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Kellogg
James Pickel

OTHERS ATTENDING: Beverly Hicks – OMES/Division of Capital Assets Management
Clint Stone – Oklahoma Arts Council
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council
Shawn Ashley – eCapitol
Karl Kramer – Office of Attorney General
Sean Murphy – Associated Press
Marie Price – Journal Record
Randy Ellis – The Oklahoman

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 October 17, 2013 Meeting

Mr. Mass made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Judy Johnson – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Carolyn Thompson - yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Discussion and possible action on recommended renewal of loan: *Study for Pro Patria* by Thomas Gilbert White from the Wollaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve and the Frank Phillips Foundation.

The artwork is located next to the portrait of Frank Phillips. This piece is only on a one-year loan and this would be the second loan extension.

Ms. Edmondson made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Ms. Day seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Judy Johnson – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Carolyn Thompson - yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Collections' Manager Report

Clint Stone gave an update on some of the current projects. The fabric walls in the temporary galleries will be changed out and completed before session starts.

The Allan Houser at the Capitol: A Legacy in Bronze exhibit will be held January 15 through December 15, 2014 on the ground of the Capitol. Five monumental works will be on display. There will be a dedication on March 10th with a tour led by Dr. Blackburn.

The Ralph Ellison portrait will be dedicated tentatively on March 6th.

Discussion and possible action on consideration of monument moratorium.

Chair Thompson read his motion in full as follows: Earlier this year the ACLU brought a law suit against the Capitol Preservation Commission regarding the placement of the Ten Commandments Monument on the north lawn of the Capitol. Since that time the CPC has received numerous requests from individuals and groups seeking to place additional monuments on the grounds. At this time, I believe action by the CPC on any of these requests would be premature given that the lawsuit has yet to be decided. Therefore, I move the CPC place a moratorium on consideration of all monument requests for the State Capitol and its grounds until the lawsuit has been adjudicated.

Chair Thompson stated that because there is a pending lawsuit, there can be no discussion or comments regarding the motion itself.

Ms. Edmondson wanted to remind the commission that a precedent was set a year ago when there was a moratorium placed on accepting new interior artwork for the Capitol.

Ms. Edmondson made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Michelle Day – yes; Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Judy Johnson – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Duane Mass – yes; Paul Meyer – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Carolyn Thompson - yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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New Business

Mr. Mass brought up an area of concern. In the Administrative Rules, there are items used when considering the acceptance of a piece of artwork. He would like to propose putting those items on the application so that applicants will know upfront what the Commission will be using as points for consideration of ideas and artwork.

Chair Thompson agreed that the forms need to be revamped, and would also like to see the website updated to be more user-friendly and informative.

Chair Thompson made mention of the updated subcommittee list that is available.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.