

**Minutes**  
Capitol Preservation Commission  
3:00 p.m. – February 20, 2014  
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:** Linda Edmondson  
Bruce Fisher  
Vickie Hicks  
Lou Kerr  
Mark Liotta  
Paul Meyer  
James Pickel  
Emily Stidham  
Trait Thompson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michelle Day  
Judy Johnson  
Doug Kellogg  
Duane Mass

**OTHERS ATTENDING:** Beverly Hicks – OMES/Division of Capital Assets Management  
Karl Kramer – Office of Attorney General  
Cara Rodriguez – Office of Attorney General  
Barbara Hoberock – Tulsa World  
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council  
Clint Stone – Oklahoma Arts Council

**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 December 19, 2013 meeting**

Ms. Edmondson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Chair Thompson spoke to Mr. Mark Liotta earlier regarding the open position of Vice-Chair, and Mr. Liotta was willing to accept the position if approved.

Chair Thompson made a motion to appoint Mark Liotta as the new Vice-Chair for the CPC. Mr. Pickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie

Hicks – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Presentation by Assistant Solicitor General Cara Rodriguez of a report on the current litigation and matters relating to the Ten Commandments Monument : Dr. Bruce Prescott, et al., vs. Oklahoma Capitol Preservation Commission, Case Number CV-2013-1768, in District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, and American Atheist, et al., Case Number 14-CV-00042-C, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, including a possible executive session as authorized by 25 O.S. § 307 (B) (4).**

A. Vote on whether disclosure would seriously impair the ability of the Oklahoma Capitol Preservation Commission to conduct the litigation in the public interest.

Mr. Karl Kramer responded to the question as to whether the public disclosure of the above mentioned litigation would hinder that same litigation. Mr. Kramer's recommendation is that disclosure of any information regarding the litigation would do significant harm and that any information should be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Pickel made a motion to accept Mr. Kramer's recommendation. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson – yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to enter executive session.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to enter into executive session. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive session began at 3:10 p.m. Doug Kellogg entered into executive session at 3:25 p.m.

C. Vote to exit executive session and return to regular session.

Mr. Liotta made a motion to return to regular session. Ms. Edmondson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regular session reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

**Discussion and possible action on the request to terminate the loan of *May Lillie, Lucille Mulhall, and Pawnee Bill* by Tracey Harris and *Chief Allen Wright* by Mike Larsen, which are on temporary loan from the Oklahoma State Senate Historical Preservation Fund, Inc.**

Speaking for the Arts Standards Committee, Ms. Edmondson made the recommendation that the CPC terminate the loan of the four above-mentioned works of art. The Oklahoma State Senate Historical Preservation Fund, Inc. wants the artwork back in order to temporarily loan them to OSU.

Ms. Kerr made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion and possible action on the request to change placement of *Charles Banks Wilson* by Mike Wimmer from fourth floor to the second floor rotunda.**

Ms. Edmondson made the recommendation to move the named artwork from the fourth floor to the second floor rotunda in order to make room for the portrait of Ralph Ellison. Mr. Thompson stated that he gives many tours of the Capitol and likes the location of the Wilson piece, and questions if there is another location for the Ellison portrait. Ms. Edmondson explained that many different locations were considered. However, due to some time constraints, and since this is the centennial of Mr. Ellison's birth, the painting needs to be hung soon.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Mr. Pickel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion and possible action on the request for approval and acceptance of finished and framed portrait of *Ralph Ellison* by Tracey Harris.**

Ms. Edmondson made the recommendation that the CPC approve and accept the portrait of Ralph Ellison by Tracey Harris. It was also explained that this recommendation is contingent on executing a deed of gift from the Friends of the Capitol to the State of Oklahoma. The Arts Council and the Friends of the Capitol will work together with Mr. Kramer on that deed.

Sen. Holt gave a description of the painting for the Commission. Mr. Ellison is depicted in a realistic style standing in front of playbills at the Aldridge Theater. He is holding a copy of "Invisible Man" with a copy of the "Black Dispatch" tucked inside. The unveiling is March 6 on the second floor at 10 a.m. The artist will be in attendance.

Mr. Pickel made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes;

Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion and possible action on the request for approval of placement of the portrait of Ralph Ellison by Tracey Harris on the fourth floor, southeast corridor.**

Ms. Edmondson made the recommendation that the Ralph Ellison portrait be placed in the southeast corridor of the fourth floor.

Mr. Pickel made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion and possible action to approve Capitol Art Galleries schedule revision: Jean Richardson to replace Virginia Stroud in the East Gallery from March 31, 2014 to May 25, 2014.**

Ms. Edmondson made the recommendation to replace the Virginia Stroud's work with a Jean Richardson's work in the East Gallery.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the item as proposed. Ms. Kerr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Linda Edmondson - yes; Bruce Fisher – yes; Vickie Hicks – yes; Doug Kellogg – yes; Lou Kerr – yes; Mark Liotta - yes; Paul Meyer – yes; James Pickel – yes; Emmy Stidham – yes; Trait Thompson - yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Collections' Manager Report**

East, North and Governor's Gallery Update: In January 2014, Swiss Construction completed trim carpentry to complete gallery wall replacement.

On January 24, 2014, artwork temporarily located in the Treasurer's Office / Governor's Blue Room hallway, were moved and mounted to their previous selected locations on the second floor and fifth floor. These works included *Sam Walton* and *T. Boone Pickens* by Mike Wimmer, *Dr. John Hope Franklin* by Everett Raymond Kintler, *California Road* and *First Coal Production in McAlester* and *KATY Railroad* by Wayne Cooper, and *Game Birds at Glass Mountain* by Harold T. Holden.

Condition report: While moving the *Dr. John Hope Franklin* by Everett Raymond Kintler, some form of metal came into contact with the painting in the area of Dr. Franklin's jacket, leaving an impression and one pinhole-sized hole in the piece. At some point repair will need to be addressed. In light of this occurrence, it is recommended that during further construction/restoration, artwork either be stored off-sight or employ a conservator for the protection of those pieces that can't be moved.

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The Cimarron Chapter of Questers International met on February 10<sup>th</sup> and has decided to pay for the conditioning of the *Te Ata* by Nellie Shepard, well as care and proper maintenance of *Kate Bernard* by Sandra Van Zandt.

Update on Allan Houser at the Capitol - *A Legacy in Bronze*: Pieces were moved into place on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Reception will be March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will culminate with a tour of the pieces led by Dr. Bob Blackburn.

Governor's Mansion: Artwork in the mansion has been safely packaged and will be temporarily relocated to the pavilion during the remediation. They will remain there until February 25<sup>th</sup> when they will then be moved back into the mansion.

Governor's bronze bust update: Governor Fallin will have her first sitting with Paul Moore on February 28<sup>th</sup> in his studio in Norman.

The T. Boone Pickens by Mike Wimmer Loan to Oklahoma State University Museum of Art has been finalized from last meeting.

### **New Business**

The moratorium on artwork needs to be reviewed and possibly needs to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Today the Senate passed a \$160 million bond issue for the Capitol.

### **Tour of the Senate's renovated space**

While still in session, the Commission members took a tour of the Court of Criminal Appeals in the new Senate Assembly Room.

### **Adjournment**

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.