

Minutes

Meeting of the Capitol Preservation Commission

3:00 p.m. – December 15, 2011

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:

Richard Ellwanger
Larry Warden
Brian Downs
Mark Liotta
Duane Mass
Paul Meyer
Louis Trost
Paul Ziriaux
Doug Kellogg
Linda Edmondson
Lou Kerr
John Morrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kym Thompson

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Beverly Hicks – Department of Central Services
Kim Baker – Oklahoma Arts Council
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council
Karl Kramer – Office of the Attorney General
Shawn Ashley – E-Capitol News

Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

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

Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the August 18, 2011 Meeting

Mr. Mass moved approval of the Minutes with Mr. Warden seconding the motion. The Minutes of August 18, 2011 were unanimously approved by the Commission as presented.

Discussion and possible action on approving meeting dates for 2012

Ms. Edmondson moved to approve the official meeting dates for 2012 and Ms. Kerr second the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the meeting dates as follows:

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| February 16, 2012 | August 16, 2012 |
| April 19, 2012 | October 18, 2012 |
| June 21, 2012 | December 20, 2012 |

Discussion and possible action on temporary outgoing loan of Woody Guthrie Painting to Gilcrease Museum

Mr. Warden stated that the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa has requested a temporary loan of the Woody Guthrie painting by Charles Banks Wilson. The museum will be celebrating the centennial of his birth with a special exhibit February through April 2012. Mr. Warden said the Art Standards committee moved to waive the no outgoing loan rule and allow the loan to take place. Charles Ford will provide a giclee copy of the painting for exhibition at the Capitol in place of the original. Ms. Sharples shared that, as a work of art owned by the state, insurance will be provided by Risk Management. She will also do research to determine if the State of Oklahoma or the Huntington's Disease foundation holds the copyright for the painting, as the image will appear in advertisements and the exhibition catalog.

In regards to the waiving of the no outgoing loan rules, Mrs. Edmondson stated that the Art Standards Committee considered these following factors in its decision: 1) That the piece is smaller and easy to transport; 2) That the image is unique and not easily found somewhere else; 3) That it is being loaned to a premier artistic and professional venue that has the staff and facilities to care for it properly; 4) It is a brief, limited loan period; 5) It will be replaced with a giclee replica; and 6) Will be fully insured with a conditions report done when it exits and returns to the Capitol. Recommendation to accept the outgoing loan was made by the Art Standards Committee. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs, yes; Richard Ellwanger, yes; Linda Edmondson, yes; Doug Kellogg, yes; Lou Kerr, Abstain; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes.

Motion passed

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Discussion and possible action for renewal of May Lillie Loan, 5th Floor, North Hallway

Mr. Warden stated that the Art Standards committee had reviewed the request by Charles Ford to renew the annual loan agreement on the May Lillie painting hanging on the 5th Floor north hallway. The Committee recommended approval of the renewal. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs, yes; Richard Ellwanger, yes; Linda Edmondson, yes; Doug Kellogg, yes; Lou Kerr, yes; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes.

Motion passed

Discussion and possible action on approval of two maquette designs for stairwell niches

Larry Warden presented the Commission with images of two of the maquettes that have been proposed for placement in the niches along the Capitol stairwells on the fourth floor. The Art Standards Committee approved these selections for placement. Chairman Ellwanger mentioned that the fire extinguishers located within each niche will have to be removed to allow placement of the completed statues. Mr. Mass offered to present options at the next meeting for viable cabinetry to house the fire extinguishers that would be architecturally and esthetically acceptable. The motion to accept the maquette designs for placement in the two fourth floor niches, contingent upon proper relocation of the fire extinguishers, was approved by roll call vote as follows: Brian Downs, yes; Richard Ellwanger, yes; Linda Edmondson, yes; Doug Kellogg, yes; Lou Kerr, yes; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes.

Motion passed

Update on condition of Capitol building

Mr. Mass made the Commission aware that the most significant issue with the Capitol building at this time is the southeast corner near the entrance. It contains some compromised stones on the upper façade. In August, a piece of masonry about the size of a brick released from the building and fell to the ground. It was caused by water infiltration behind the limestone façade. Barriers and protective measures were immediately put in place for public safety. Mr. Mass also indicated that major plumbing and sewage issues exist under the basement floor and that they will require significant work to correct. Much discussion was had by Commission members regarding the method of implementing the Commission's plan to correct these issues. It was determined that the Commission will have to continue a dialogue with the Legislature and state leaders to enact a funding plan to provide the best solution to the many issues to be addressed.

No action was taken

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Discussion and possible action on final approval and placement of Dr. John Hope Franklin Portrait

Larry Warden disclosed that the painting of Oklahoma Cultural Treasure Dr. John Hope Franklin had been completed and was now in possession of the Arts Council. The painting was shown to the Commission for review. The committee that commissioned the work is awaiting funding for framing. It is hoped that the painting will be dedicated sometime in February 2012. Warden stated that the Art Standards Committee had approved the finished painting and had also approved placing the painting on the short wall to the north of "Autumn Woods North of Tahlequah" by Wilson Hurley on the second floor. A roll call vote was taken: Richard Ellwanger, aye; Linda Edmondson, aye; Doug Kellogg, aye; Lou Kerr, aye; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes.

Motion passed

Discussion and possible action on relocating Te Ata Painting

Larry Warden disclosed that the Art Standards Committee had approved the relocation of the Te Ata painting from its location west of the entrance to the Court of Criminal appeals to the wall across from the John Hope Franklin portrait. This will allow the paintings, both of Oklahoma Cultural Treasures and of similar style, to face one another. The Te Ata portrait will be placed on the short wall to the north of the Hurley painting, "Sunset at Roman Nose State Park." A roll call vote was taken: Richard Ellwanger, aye; Linda Edmondson, aye; Doug Kellogg, aye; Lou Kerr, aye; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes.

Motion passed

Discussion and possible action on adopting Legislative Report

Chairman Ellwanger opened discussion on the draft copy of the Commission's report to the Fifty-third Legislature. The report was compiled by the Executive Committee and is planned to be provided to the Governor, the House membership and the Senate membership for the February 2012 legislative session. Following some discussion and changes to the draft, Paul Meyer requested postponement of a vote, as many of the Commission members had only seen the report the night before and needed more time to review it in detail. Chairman Ellwanger stated that he would set a Special Call meeting for January so that the draft may be approved prior to the beginning of the session in February.

Tabled

Collections Manager Report

Mrs. Sharples presented to the Commission her report regarding the management of the Capitol art collections. A copy of the report is attached and made a part of the minutes.

No action was taken

New Business

None

Adjournment

With no new business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.