

## **Minutes**

Meeting of the Capitol Preservation Commission

3:00 p.m. – August 18, 2011

Room 412 C

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**The Meeting Notice was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Opening Meeting Act.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Ellwanger  
Larry Warden  
Brian Downs  
Mark Liotta  
Duane Mass  
Paul Meyer  
Louis Trost  
Paul Ziriaux

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Linda Edmondson  
Doug Kellogg  
John Richard  
Dian Wadley

### **OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Beverly Hicks – Department of Central Services  
Travis Monroe – OST  
Suzanne Tate – OK Arts Council  
Kim Baker – OK Arts Council  
Amber Sharples – OK Arts Council  
Karl Kramer – OAG  
Michael McNutt – The Oklahoman

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. Mr. Downs was welcomed to the committee by Chairman Ellwanger.

Discussion and possible action on election of officers

Mr. Ellwanger chose a nominating committee that consists of Linda Edmondson, Duane Mass, and Louis Trost and by unanimous vote the committee recommended that Richard Ellwanger be elected Chairman and Larry Warden be elected Vice Chairman of the Capitol Preservation Commission for a two year term ending on June 30, 2013. Mr. Trost on behalf of the selected committee moved for approval by the committee and it carried with the following votes: Brian Downs, yes; Richard Ellwanger, yes; Linda Edmondson, yes; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; Louis Trost, yes; Larry Warden, yes; Paul Ziriaux, aye. The secretary has been given documentation by Mr. Trost to support this and is on file.

Discussion and possible action on preparing a report to the Governor and Legislature concerning: (1) Why the State Capitol Preservation Commission was created, (2) The duties of the Commission, (3) The Achievements of the past few years and, (4) Plans for the future.

This action item was moved by Chairman Ellwanger from the eleventh to the third item. As was discussed in the prior committee meeting Mr. Trost brought to the committee's attention that they should keep the member's of the Legislature and Governor better informed and listen to their concerns. Mr. Trost proposed that an executive committee write a report which contains why the committee was formed, what they've been doing, & what they intend to do. Mr. Trost said that Mr. Mass volunteered and agreed to write the report. Chairman Ellwanger has asked Mr. Mass to get the executive committee to implement Mr. Trost's idea and bring the documentation before the committee. He has also asked Mr. Trost sit on the executive committee, as well as Ms. Kerr when she gets to feeling better. Chairman Ellwanger was in agreement with Mr. Trost asking of him if Ms. Edmondson could serve on the executive committee in which Ms. Edmondson agreed at some point.

As was suggested by Mr. Trost the committee will meet before the next legislative session to come up with a plan of action in Mr. Mass's office on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September with another meeting to follow in the month. This will be a future item on the October agenda. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action on Minutes of the June 16, 2011 Meeting

Paul Ziriaux moved approval of the Minutes. The Minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting were approved by the committee.

Discussion and possible action on the condition of the first floor of the Governor's Mansion

Mr. Mass brought to the committee's attention that he sent a gentleman over to investigate the floors and his findings were when the floor was installed the sleeper's were running the wrong direction which caused the floor to sag or sink. The floor will need to be taken up, the sleeper's rotated, and the floor put back down. Mr. Mass feels as if this is a maintenance item for DCS and not for CPC and will advise them that this will be an ongoing maintenance item. Chairman Ellwanger asked Mr. Mass to do a follow up on the work done by DCS to make sure it was done properly.

Discussion and possible action on approval of renovations to the snack bar

Mr. Mass informed the committee that this item has been tabled for now and that Mr. Meyer is going to do some research on the space. Chairman Ellwanger has asked that Mr. Mass visit with him at some point on this item.

Discussion and possible action on renewal of temporary display of Pawnee Bill and Lucille Mulhall portraits in the north hallway, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

Mr. Warden informed Chairman Ellwanger that the Arts Standard Committee met and that this is just an annual renewal and approval for the portraits to hang. Ms. Tate informed the Committee that these were the two portraits that Senator Ford presented to the committee last year for a loan on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. The Arts Standard Committee contacted Senator Ford at the end of the loan period and Sen. Ford has agreed to renew for another year. With it coming out of Committee Mr. Warden moved approval of the annual renewal for the portrait's to hang with the Committee in agreement.

Discussion and possible action on placing the Maquettes (that were presented along with the Guardian), in the Capitol Building

Mr. Warden informed the Committee that this action had been discussed before and no action was taken at the time. When the Guardian was picked to go on top of the Capitol, six proposed objects by different artist were presented. The Committee selected the one by Senator Haney. The Friends of the Capitol is offering to buy the Maquettes that weren't chosen and display them in an area of the Capitol. Mr. Meyer informed the committee of where the Maquettes would possibly go. Mr. Ziriak was concerned about not enough fire extinguishers throughout the Capitol. Mr. Warden said that is something that Central Services should handle. Mr. Mass moved approval with Ms. Edmondson seconding the motion for the proposal from the Friends of the Capitol on accepting the Maquettes with the committee in agreement.

Discussion and possible action of terms for members of the Capitol Preservation Commission

Mr. Warden proposed that the Speaker of the House, Senate Pro Tempore, and the Supreme Court to write a letter to the Central Services addressed to the Capitol Preservation Commission secretary sending a letter to clarify the dates and terms of the appointee's to this commission. Clarify and correct the dates as they should be. Mr. Cramer with the Attorney General's Office has agreed to write a form letter that can be used when necessary and will give to Mr. Downs and Mr. Meyer so that they can take it to their leaders to change all dates to June 30 and corrected years.

Ms. Tate informed the committee that Ms. Wadley passed away. Mr. Meyer made the committee aware that Ms. Wadley had been a member since CPC was formed in 1982 and would like for the committee to come up with a way to memorialize a member that has passed away or resigned.

The secretary has been given documentation by Mr. Warden to support this and is on file.

Collection's Manager's Report

Ms. Tate reported to the committee they were going to bring a report back to this meeting about the policies they undertook for the signage on all the art in the Capitol but as it turned out it was more extensive than what they thought. They will have a report to the committee at the December meeting of all that entails. They've received the architect report back and are still awaiting the conservators report. Both report's will be at the December meeting and she will encourage them both to come and do a presentation that will entail priority of items taking into consideration of both cost and need. A date has been set for the dedication of the John Hope Franklin Portrait for February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Blake Hensler the artist will be coming in to the city and President Robert Henry of OCU will be coordinating the activities and lectures for the artist.

Update on areas to be vacate by the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals

At the request of Mr. Ziriaux, Mr. Downs was asked by Chairman Ellwanger to be a part of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee will draft a letter for Chairman Ellwanger's signature that will have a summary of the duties and responsibilities of the CPC to present to the legislature leadership to discuss the Capitol space issues that are outlined in the letter. Mr. Downs would like to see that any remodeling or reconfiguration of space by the legislature be coordinated with the Department of Central Services and CPC to ensure HVAC, water, electrical, historical preservation and restoration, storage and other issues that can be addressed in affected areas at the same time. Mr. Downs would like to supply the legislature leadership with a list of CPC's goals, objectives and priorities for the Capitol Complex.

Continuation

Mr. Downs informed the Committee that the Senate is interested in recreating the fifth floor State Room. Mr. Meyers expressed how important it is for this commission to express their desire to open up the space where the Lieutenant Governor's Office currently is so it matches as it originally did with the Hall of Governor's. Mr. Downs was asked by Chairman Ellwanger to be a part of the Capitol Space Committee.

Chairman Ellwanger gave copies of the originals to the committee of the restored paintings by the Art in Public Spaces Program of the original Supreme Court Justices for the Ceremonial Courtroom. Informed the committee that the paintings were over a hundred years old and would like to see them put back into an environment that can successfully contain the paintings in hopes that the Ceremonial Courtroom can provide. The paintings are currently stored in a climate controlled environment at the History Center are in possession of the Arts in Public Spaces Program.

After receiving a phone call from Doug Kellogg, Ms. Tate spoke about the severely damaged brass railing in front of the Roy Portraits pulled away from the wall and one of the brackets attached in the wall being broken off. Ms. Tate would like to see a fee charged for events that are held in the Capitol public spaces. Chairman Ellwanger is in agreement and feels this is an area the committee needs to address along with security being present during an event.

Chairman Ellwanger supported Mr. Kramer's proposal at the next meeting for the committee to draft some proposed suggested standards to present to DCS to make the public aware of the rules on reserving the public spaces in the Capitol. After Ms. Tate addressed the committee about charging a user fee for the public spaces in the Capitol, Mr. Kramer expressed that a security deposit is the route to go rather than a user fee.

The secretary has been given documentation by Chairman Ellwanger and Mr. Ziriaux to support this and is on file.

Adjournment

With no new business this meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.