

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Capitol Preservation Commission

3:00 p.m. – January 12, 2012

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
Doug Kellogg
Linda Edmondson
Lou Kerr
John Morrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kym Thompson

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Beverly Hicks – Department of Central Services
Amber Sharples – Oklahoma Arts Council
Karl Kramer – Office of the Attorney General

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 December 15, 2011 Meeting

Ms. Kerr brought to the Commission's attention that the meeting dates for 2012 were not in the minutes and requested they be added. Ms. Edmondson also requested that a clarification be added to agenda item number six regarding the specific location of the niches where the maquettes will be placed (fourth floor by stairwells). With those additions, the minutes of December 15, 2011 were unanimously approved.

The corrections were made and e-mailed to the committee by Chairman Ellwanger on Friday, January 13, 2012.

Discussion and possible action on approving design and placement of new fire extinguisher cabinets

Mr. Mass provided the Commission with several different options for possible cabinets for the fire extinguishers currently located in the niches by the stairwells. His recommendation to the Commission was to select surface mounted boxes, much like the image on page 2, painted to match the wall with the words "Fire Extinguisher" stenciled vertically on the face.

Chairman Ellwanger raised the question of how many fire extinguisher cabinets would be needed. Since there are approximately six public fire extinguishers per floor, this would be a total of almost forty cabinets. Mr. Morrison indicated that funding was not available at this time to purchase that many fire extinguisher cabinets, as there are many more pressing needs for the Capitol building.

Vice-Chairman Warden and Ms. Kerr expressed to the Commission the need to speak with the Fire Marshall before anything was to be done. Ms. Kerr also questioned if there was any documentation supporting why the extinguishers are located in their current positions. Mr. Mass and Mr. Myer indicated that the extinguishers were most likely placed on a path of travel out of the building, adjacent to the stairwells, and that the niches were convenient receptacles.

Ms. Kerr asked Mr. Mass to provide the Commission with a long-range design for relocating and housing the fire extinguishers so that as money comes available, the Commission can act expediently on an established plan. Mr. Mass said that he will have an intern work on a study at no cost to the state to help implement this strategy.

Mr. Meyer suggested that recessed cabinets would be more aesthetically pleasing and would be the best way to approach the issue. He indicated that as Friends of the Capitol is only providing two statues to be placed in the niches on the fourth floor at this time, that he could find funding to purchase, paint and install two cabinets for the fourth floor. Funding for additional cabinets will need to be addressed as the maquette project progresses.

Mr. Trost motioned to have two recessed, painted fire cabinets placed in the vicinity of the niches located on the fourth floor by the stairwells. Mrs. Edmondson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Brian Downs, aye; Linda Edmondson, yes; Richard Ellwanger, yes; Doug Kellogg, yes; Lou Kerr, yes; Mark Liotta, yes; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louise Trost, yes; Larry Warden, aye.

Discussion and possible action on adopting Legislative Report

Chairman Ellwanger made known to the Commission that the suggestions and corrections to the draft Legislative Report that were proposed at the December 15, 2011 meeting were made and that a revised copy was issued to everyone on the Commission.

Mr. Trost had a number of small, additional corrections and also asked the chairman to include in the report a list of all the current Commission members, their appointing agencies and the expiration dates of their terms. Chairman Ellwanger said the information would be included in the cover letter issued to each entity.

Mr. Downs recommended that the cover letter should emphasize many issues listed in the "Critical Path" section of the report so that it attracts the attention of the Legislature. He feels that it is up to the Commission to not only submit the report to the Legislature but also to follow up with specific needs to the Chairs of the General Government committees, the General Government A & B Committee, the Leadership of both the House and the Senate and the Governor's Office. He said it will take several meetings for the Commission to bring this to the attention of our elected officials. He also suggested a press release be issued to draw the appropriate attention to the Capitol's issues and the Commission's work in addressing them. Chairman Ellwanger said that the Executive Committee is empowered to do so. Ms. Edmondson also agreed with Mr. Downs that this is the opportune time to have a press release due to the attention that the Capitol building has been receiving lately.

Mr. Downs made a motion to accept the Commission's Report to the Fifty-third Legislature. Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion to accept the legislative report was approved unanimously with a roll call vote: Brian Downs, yes; Linda Edmondson, yes; Richard Ellwanger, aye; Doug Kellogg, yes; Lou Kerr, yes; Mark Liotta, aye; Duane Mass, yes; Paul Meyer, yes; John Morrison, yes; Louise Trost, aye; Larry Warden, aye.

New Business

Chairman Ellwanger handed out a list of legislators on the Sunset Committee to the Commission. He encouraged every Commission member to have a discussion with their legislators and Sunset Committee members on the Commission's behalf. He made them aware that the Commission comes up for review on January 24, 2012 around 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Kerr stated that in 2007, someone from Central Services attended the sunset review on the Commission's behalf. Chairman Ellwanger stated that he will be unable to attend the review hearing at 12:30, but that he will try and have it moved to a later time so that he, Vice-chair Larry Warden, Capitol Architect Duane Mass and a DCS representative may attend. He will notify the Commission of any alternations in the scheduling.

Adjournment

With no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.