

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
December 11, 2008
Capitol Building – Old Judiciary Room**

Members Present: Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Bernard Auger, Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Charles Higgins, Sally Martin, William Morgan, John Ruffalo III

Members Not Present: Raeanne Curtis, Tom Ritter, Dr. Walter Woodward

Others Present: Gerry Caughman, Eric Connery, Elizabeth Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Marguerite Rodney

Robert Harris called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

The September 24, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

Eric Connery addressed the remainder of the agenda’s items.

Genius of Connecticut statue – The status of the Genius project has not changed. Approval has not been received from leadership for the casting. The \$144,000 cost mentioned at the last Commission meeting includes the cost of casting and placement within the Capitol building. Several Commission members expressed interest in keeping the Genius plaster model in its existing location, with a new location, if approved, designated for the cast Genius.

Prudence Crandall statue update – The statue was unveiled in October. The artist, Gabriel Koren, requested that the lights above the statue be placed close together to produce a distinct shadowing effect. A descriptive plaque has been cast and has arrived. We are arranging for purchase of a free-standing base for the plaque.

Battle flag conservation – Two more flags will be conserved this year if funding is available. Additional funds were requested for the next budget year.

Maintenance and upgrade projects in process

- House and Senate Chamber sprinkler systems – Some of the smoke detectors under the floor in the House Chamber may need to be relocated or additional detectors added to meet the code requirements. All work within the chambers is complete and the systems will be activated once the detection issues are resolved.

Projects in design or to be scheduled

East & west skylights to be repaired – A request for proposal is due January 5, 2009 for the removal and crating of the sagging east and west skylights. When the skylights are eventually repaired and installed, blast mitigation film will be added to prevent further damage from falling ice.

Generator underground fuel tank removal – Jay Drew stated that the new tank has been placed in the underground bunker, and we will transfer the oil from the underground tank to the new tank. A sub-contractor will then remove the underground tank in the spring.

Office heat pump replacement & automation upgrade – Eric Connery reported that 100 of the 227 heat pumps in the Capitol have been replaced. We have received proposals for the purchase of an additional 75 units, and the funding is in place.

Water stained walls on fourth floor – A request for proposal is due December 12, 2008 for plaster repair of the walls. We may proceed with infrared scanning of the areas to investigate the cause of the water infiltration.

Sidewalk repairs – The repairs were completed before the first frost.

Projects on hold pending funding

Many projects are on hold pending funding including the exterior cleaning & restoration, blast mitigation, window replacement, office lights replacement, stained glass repair study/design, elevator interior upgrade and boiler replacement. We will not create request for proposals for these projects until funding is in place.

Project checklist update

We are trying to complete some of the smaller projects on the list based on funding.

Old Judiciary Room skylight - We are not able to access the skylight from the 4th floor press room. We will have to work on it from below from the Old Judiciary Room.

New Business

Bill Morgan requested that the oversight situation of the Old State House be researched as it relates to the Commission. Bob Harris offered to follow up and report to the Commission at the next meeting.

Bob Harris suggested the next meeting should be scheduled for early March, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Several members of the Commission and other meeting attendees toured the east skylight area, the proposed location of the television monitors in the House Gallery, the Prudence Crandall statue and the Hall of Flags, where two newly conserved flags are displayed and where new lighting has been installed.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy