

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
June 26, 2008
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1C

Members Present: Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Bernard Auger, Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally Martin, Dr. Bruce Stave

Members Not Present: Raeanne Curtis, Lorraine Guilmartin, Charles Higgins, William Morgan, Thomas Ritter, John Ruffalo

Others Present:

Gerry Caughman, Elizabeth Conroy, Eric Connery, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Tony Miele, Tina Mohr, Kyle Rhude, Marguerite Rodney

Robert Harris called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. He suggested postponing the vote on the approval of the March 27, 2008 minutes until the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

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

Genius of Connecticut statue – The molds are complete. We are waiting for approval of the balance of funding from the Bond Commission for casting. This funding is not expected to become available in the near future.

Prudence Crandall statue update – The statue is near completion. The lighting in the niche where the statue will be located is being studied. We are working with the foundry to schedule a delivery date for the statue.

Battle flag conservation

The conservation of two flags, the 24th and 28th regiment, is nearly complete. These two flags will be strong enough to be displayed in the Hall of Flags.

Maintenance and upgrade projects in process

Jay Drew reviewed the on-going projects.

- *Sidewalk Repairs* - Another RFP has been issued for the continuing sidewalk repair work.
- *House Chamber redundant HVAC system* – The installation is complete. We are getting ready to bring the system on-line.
- *Exterior lighting* – The police are satisfied with the quality and placement of the new lighting.
- *Chamber fire sprinklers* – The insurance carrier is pleased with the installation.

Projects out to bid or in design

Eric Connery continued with the update.

- *Exterior cleaning and restoration* – There is not sufficient funding to proceed until the 2010/2011 budget year. The project will take approximately 18 – 24 months to complete and will require scaffolding.
- *Blast mitigation and window replacement* – A Request for Information was released. Four window samples were received but none fully met the requirements listed in the RFI. In the

past week, we have become aware of a potential design from a wood window manufacturer that may meet our requirements. We have put the replacement project on hold and will continue to maintain the existing windows.

- *Office lights replacement* – Marguerite Rodney distributed copies of the new lighting design samples. The samples depict a 42-inch diameter fixture with a decorative band, a series of rosettes, and four brass rods. The new fixtures would produce a high quality of light and be energy efficient. Eric Connery said that cost estimates are higher than originally expected, approximately \$862,000 for approximately 156 fixtures, but we anticipate a 50% energy savings. Funding may not be available in the 2008 - 2009 budget year.
- *Code compliance study* – We are analyzing the findings.
- *East and west skylights required repairs* – We are preparing bid documents for removing the skylights and placing them in storage. The protective netting will be removed before the next session.
- *Elevator interior upgrade* – This project has been placed on hold as it is an aesthetic upgrade rather than a functional improvement.
- *Boiler replacement* – The replacement is on hold. These boilers should continue to work for a while longer.
- *Underground fuel tank* – The underground tank is not being used. There is no indication that the tank is leaking at present, but it will need to be drained of oil and removed in the future. It is at the end of its lifespan. There is an above ground tank that is in operation.
- *Heat pump replacement* – About half of the pumps have been replaced. The other half (when they fail) leak water to the floors below. We are in the process of replacing them in the next year, and we will achieve energy savings by doing so.

Additional projects / repairs

- *Water stained walls on fourth floor* – The second re-sealing of the windows appears to have fixed the issue. The walls have been slowly drying for the last five weeks.
- *Exit doors* – The Fire Marshall found an issue with the way the exit doors function. We may need to put crash bars on all of the exterior doors. We will report back to the Commission on solutions.

Budget for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 budget years

It was mentioned by Bob Harris that the Commission has not requested a specific allocation for a line item in the biennial budget in years past. While he feels that it is not necessary to alter this practice, he wanted the members to be aware of the situation and have an opportunity to discuss the matter.

The Commission agreed that the next meeting date would be set for September, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy

