

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
March 25, 2010
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally Martin, William Morgan, John Ruffalo

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

Others Present: John Kissida of Camp, Dresser, McGee, Angela Cahill of Schoenhardt Architecture, Gerry Caughman, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Kyle Rhude

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

- ◆ The December 16, 2009 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ Mr. Harris presented the 2009 Annual Report to the Commission. The report was approved as presented.
- ◆ He also mentioned that Liz Conroy is working with Information Technology (ITS) to create a website for the Commission that will include a list of members, past minutes and annual reports. He invited Commission members to submit suggestions for other items of interest to be included.

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

- ◆ Genius statue – The statue is in place in the rotunda and a photograph of her appears on the cover of the 2010 Legislative Guide. Two small pieces (an arm and a portion of the head) of the mold are being held at the foundry in case we decide to display and document the process of the creation of the statue. There is still no funding available to place the statue on top of the dome.
- ◆ Green Capitols – Two federal initiatives (Green Capitols and Storm Water Diversion) are being passed through the Metropolitan District Commission for administration and funding. The concept is for the Capitol greening project to become a demonstration site where visitors would be invited to tour the site with a brochure explaining the different areas. Some of the possibilities presented to the Commission by John Kissida of Camp, Dresser, McGee include:
 - The pea stone on the boiler roof will be replaced with a green roof. The plantings will be low ground cover.
 - The edge of the North parking lot will include porous pavement and pervious concrete. Samples were presented to the Commission.
 - Key walkways would be replaced and all demonstration areas would be connected.

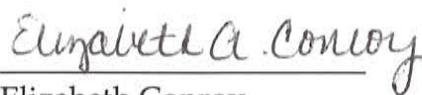
- The studies are looking at ways to reduce pavement around the southeast side and to add an urban rain garden and two additional residential depressions. The goal is to create seasonal interest that includes native plantings.
- One-seventh of the roof rainwater will be captured in a 7,000 gallon tank and connected to the existing irrigation system via conduits and a 3-inch line.

Eric Connery stated that the plans for the green design are 95% complete. If the Commission and leadership approve the plan, the bid could be published in May, awarded in June, and the project completed in early fall. A motion was made to approve the plan as presented and approved by acclamation.

- ◆ Water stained walls on fourth floor – Jay Drew stated that maintenance had drilled into the brick to see where the water was permeating during the most recent Nor'easter storms. They are continuing the investigation. All areas have been temporarily resealed. The sealing and consolidation of the exterior marble, which may be infiltrated by water because it is so soft and porous, would be part of the larger Restoration project that has already been designed.
- ◆ Lighting - Jay Drew reported that 236 light bulbs are being changed from 400-watt metal halide lights to new ceramic 330-watt metal halide lights. This change will produce an annual savings of \$6,900. The 220 four-foot fluorescent bulbs are being changed to a lesser wattage bulb that produces better light and will save \$4,700 annually. The Capitol will now also qualify for a rebate through United Illuminating of \$5,140. The \$21,000 cost of replacing these light bulbs will be paid for in under 18 months and the return on investment will begin at that time.
- ◆ Skylights & roof leaks – There were 23 leaks during the winter. Jay said that leaks are being tracked. The skylights will be reglazed in the warmer weather, which will address the majority of leaks in the Capitol.
- ◆ Projects on hold pending funding – Several projects remain on hold including battle flag conservation, east and west skylights repairs, exterior cleaning and restoration, blast mitigation and window replacement, office light fixture replacement, elevator interior upgrade and boiler replacement.
- ◆ New Business – Eric Connery reported that the Capitol is now qualifying for the best electric rate among the three pools of state buildings, through a successful reverse bidding process.
- ◆ Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting – Bob Harris suggested a mid-to-late June 2010 date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.


Eric Connery


Elizabeth Conroy