

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission

June 16, 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., Charlie Higgins, Sally Martin, John Ruffalo, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Raeanne Curtis, William Morgan, Tom Ritter

Others Present: Gerry Caughman, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, John Harnick

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

- ◆ The Commission observed a moment of silence in memoriam of Bruce Fraser (1947 – 2010), who was executive director of the CT Humanities Council since 1982. Dr. Woodward described Mr. Fraser as a passionate advocate for understanding and protecting Connecticut’s heritage and a guiding force in Connecticut’s history for the last 30 years. He received four Emmies for *The Connecticut Experience*, a 19-part history series created for public television. One of his most enduring accomplishments was the creation of a permanent exhibit on Connecticut history at the Legislative Office Building. He worked tirelessly to create the Encyclopedia of Connecticut History Online scheduled to launch in 2012. His goal was to make the history of the state of Connecticut available to everyone at all times. Dr Woodward thanked the Commission for acting so quickly to request approval from leadership to place a memoriam wreath at the Legislative Office Building near Mr. Fraser’s exhibit through the end of June.
- ◆ The Commission’s March 25, 2010 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ Bob Harris displayed the 2010 Governor’s Award, which was presented to the Commission as a special presentation for its role of overseeing the physical, historic and artistic integrity of the State Capitol building and grounds. At a past meeting on March 9, 2007, the Commission had approved the Commission on Culture and Tourism’s use of the likeness of the Genius of Connecticut for its awards statue, now named the *Connie Award*.

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

- ◆ Genius statue – The Genius Statue remains in the Capitol Rotunda. There is no funding available to move it to the dome.
- ◆ Green Capitols – The project is moving forward. Drawings have been approved by all agencies involved. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 18th with contractors. The

plans remain identical to what was presented to the Commission at the previous meeting with one clarification. The green roof area over the boiler room will contain more ground cover rather than shrubs.

- ◆ *Water stained walls on fourth floor* - Jay Drew reported that the new roof contractors have completed some incidental repairs. Since then, no new internal water damage has been discovered. Either the issue is not related to the masonry itself and the roof repairs were successful, or the nature of the direction of the storms caused there to be no further damage.
- ◆ *Maintenance & upgrade projects in process or recently completed* - Jay Drew reported that window panes had failed in Rooms 305 and 307. Guardian Services removed the panes and purchased new panes at one-tenth the cost of having a contractor come in to repair the windows. Eric Connery added that there are signs that more windows are failing, and that it will be an on-going maintenance issue for which we have to account.
- ◆ *Lighting* - Jay Drew said that the relamping project has been completed, changing out the 400-watt metal halide lights to 330-watt lights and changing the four-foot fluorescent lamps from 32-watt to 25-watt. These changes throughout the Capitol, Legislative Office Building and Concourse have resulted in a \$37,000 rebate and will result in an energy savings of \$24,000 per year. A four-month return on investment is expected. Guardian Services was able to complete the changeover at no additional labor cost.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding* - Eric Connery added that 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. There are no projects in the design stage. We are looking at all potential short term repairs at present so as not to do any damage to the building. The largest concern is the exterior cleaning and restoration work.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting* - Bob Harris suggested a mid-September 2010 date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy