

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
March 23, 2011
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

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

Members Not Present: Commissioner of DPW (*ex-officio*), Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, Lawrence Goodheart (*acting State Historian*)

Others Present: Angela Cahill, Eric Connery, Elizabeth Conroy, Ken Dixon, Jay Drew, Elaine Ogren Speranza

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

- ◆ The December 8, 2010 Commission meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ A draft of the Commission’s 2010 annual report was approved by acclamation.
- ◆ Active Projects:
 - Green Capitols: Eric Connery gave an update on the Green Capitols project. Chemicals could not be used on the project to melt the snow for the first winter (2010/2011) as they could potentially damage the materials. Next year a specific snow melt product can be used. The first ice storm caused extremely slippery conditions and the North Side had to be shut down by Capitol Police. The steps overall were shut down approximately 4 or 5 times, not only because of the new materials, but also because it was a challenge maintaining the overall snow clearing of the grounds. To maintain the roadways and exits, we had to forego clearing the North Steps, the largest area. Jay Drew added that project work will resume on May 23rd and will conclude on June 30, 2011. Targeted items include the completion of the rain harvesting system, replacement of damaged plantings and concrete areas, repair of a section of blacktop and restriping of the parking lot. John Ruffalo asked if there was any damage to the grounds from the winter storms. Eric Connery reported that some of the older surfaces were damaged by freezing and thawing, but the new materials held up well. The building itself was not damaged, as a large amount of resources went into removing snow from the Capitol roof.
 - Water stained walls on fourth floor: Jay reported that water stains appeared in Rooms 414 and 404 during the winter. We are awaiting warmer weather to access the stained area in Room 414 through a window. The room 404 stains will be addressed this weekend. We will determine if they were caused by ice damming or by a recurring issue.
 - MDC: Jay added that MDC is identifying work needed at the Capitol basement to complete the goal of separating sewer and storm water.
 - West Skylight Repairs: We are awaiting better weather conditions to repair.
- ◆ Projects on hold pending funding: The Genius, battle flag restoration, and the east skylight repairs are all on hold pending funding.

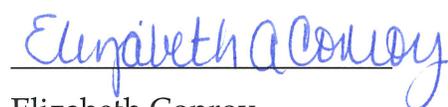
◆ New Business:

- Jay Drew reported that new lighting is being investigated for the exterior dome lights and the parking garage lights. A vendor has offered to do a demonstration installation which should show a 25 – 38% increased efficiency.
- Sen. Crisco asked that Legislative Management look into seeking private funding for restoring the Genius to the Capitol dome.
- Bob Harris mentioned a request by the Governor's office to add a door in Room 212 at an existing opening between the two legal counsels' offices. This space had been a solid wall at some point during the history of the building. The least expensive fix is to install a door, which would still allow access to the other office. We agreed to install a door frame and found a door that would fit into the 25" opening. After a site-visit, Chairman Harris decided the Commission would not need to formally vote on this request.
- A request was submitted by the House Clerk's office for an automatic door opener to be installed at the first floor women's restroom. The operating mechanism will not be visible from the Atrium. Chairman Harris reported that this request would also not need a formal vote by the Commission.
- Bob Harris reported that we have had over 12630 hits and 570 visits to the Commission's new website.

- ◆ Selecting a date for the next Commission meeting: Bob Harris proposed a mid-June date for the next Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.


Eric Connery


Elizabeth Conroy