

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
December 7, 2011
Legislative Office Building - Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, John Ruffalo

Members Not Present: Benny Auger, William Morgan, Barry Williams, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Ken Dixon, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, John Harnick, Tina Mohr

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

- ◆ The September 28, 2011 Commission meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ Green Capitols Project: Jay Drew updated the Commission on the project. On October 24, 2011 a last-minute Commission e-mail vote was needed to approve moving forward with a repair method for a portion of the project. An engineered sketch was submitted to the Commission showing the proposed pattern for the banding to correct issues with the control joints on the Capitol North Plaza. Originally the contractor was asked to propose a repair plan and have it approved by the design agent. When the contractor did not come through with a plan, the design agent presented a plan to be approved by the Commission. The end of the concrete pouring season was nearing. Due to the approaching deadline, it was necessary to seek a last-minute vote from the Commission. The Commission approved the proposal by a 10 to 1 vote.

Jay added that punch list work continues, with only 10% of the joint-sealing remaining. All other work has been completed satisfactorily.
- ◆ Water-stained walls on 4th floor: Eric Connery reported that the walls are drying out. After several attempts, one of the repairs has finally resolved the issue.
- ◆ Senate Caucus Room: Ceiling fans will not be installed to improve air circulation. Duct work will be added in the future to address the issue. The ceiling openings for the ducts will appear as grates in the ceiling. The work should not require approval from the Commission.
- ◆ Projects on hold pending funding: Genius statue, battle flag conservation, exterior cleaning and restoration, office light fixtures replacement, elevator interior upgrade, blast mitigation - window replacement, and boiler replacement projects remain on hold.
- ◆ Maintenance and upgrade projects: Most of the work completed during the last quarter has involved lamp replacement options, including a change-out from compact fluorescent bulbs to LEDs.
- ◆ Skylights Repairs: The Bond Commission approved funding to remove the skylights, crate them, and begin repairs. There is not enough funding to complete the project.

◆ New Business

- Eric reported that The CT Tree Protective Association holds an Arbor Day contest in April for school children. They are seeking approval from the Commission to plant a replacement tree on the Northeast side of the Capitol leading to Trinity Street where there are some missing trees. The Commission approved the request by acclamation.
- The Bond Commission has approved funding for replacement of the House voting boards. We have asked for two options in the RFP, one horizontal, and one vertical plan. A vertical orientation of the replacement boards would closely match the size of the existing boards. The underlying walls would need no repair. The boards would be slightly taller, but the same width as the existing boards.

The second option is a horizontal orientation. The size of the board would match the height of the acoustical panels on the wall. The boards would have a screen placed over them so that when not in use, they would take on the appearance of the adjacent acoustical panels. This technology has been used at several state Capitols and also in Washington, D.C. This option would necessitate a repair of the walls.

The cost for either option is very similar. Unless the Commission has a preference, we are requesting that the Commission approve either replacement option so that we can proceed through the analysis. Based on the proposals, we are coming in under budget. Chairman Harris entertained a motion to grant Legislative Management authority to decide on a horizontal or vertical orientation for the House replacement voting boards. The motion was passed by acclamation.

- Bob Harris reported since the Commission website's inception in January 2011, 2269 visits and 16626 hits have been logged.
- Jay Drew submitted copies to the Commission of his recent publication entitled "Stormwater Management Techniques for Low Impact Development" which discussed the Green Capitols Project.

- ◆ Chairman Harris stated that the next Commission meeting would take place in late March 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Eric Connery

Elizabeth Conroy