

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
March 23, 2012
Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1B

Members Present: Rep. Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Robert D. Harris, Jr.

Members Not Present: Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald DeFronzo, Lorraine Guilmartin, William Morgan, Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

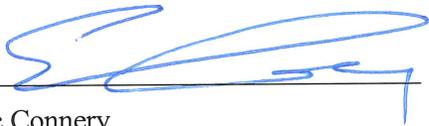
Others Present: Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m.

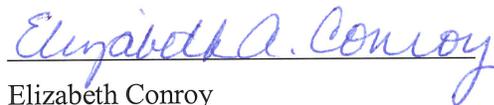
- ◆ Members present approved the December 7, 2011 meeting minutes by acclamation.
- ◆ *Green Capitols:* Jay Drew reported that the project was officially completed in December. We are now within the 1-year warranty period and are trying to secure the closeout package of as-built drawings and operation manuals from the engineering firm. We are prepared for the startup of the spring irrigation system.
- ◆ *Water stained walls on fourth floor:* The issue has been addressed with recent roof repairs. Leaks from the glass “doghouses” were the likely cause of the problem.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:*
 - We are testing induction lighting options for the office “hockey puck” fixtures. The new bulbs require no warm-up period. Sensors will shut lights off when a room is not in use, reducing the load on the building’s wiring.
 - We have trimmed trees and removed broken stumps on the Capitol grounds to prevent disease caused by last year’s storm damage.
 - We are in the process of installing thermostats on the Capitol heat pumps which will result in energy savings.
 - Eric added that we have painted several window frames on the southwest side of the building ahead of schedule due to increased cracking.
- ◆ *Project Checklist update:* Additional funding will be needed to complete these projects.
- ◆ *Projects in design:*
 - *East and West Skylights required repairs* – Eric stated we are finalizing the contract with Fletcher Thompson. The work will take place during the interim. Funding is available to remove the skylights and make the necessary repairs. Additional funding may be needed to re-install the skylights.
 - *House voting boards* – The strong preference is to replace the existing boards with horizontal panels that will blend into the walls when they are not in use. We will work with the House Clerk’s office and the office of the Speaker of the House to finalize the plan.

- *Proposed ceiling fans in the Senate Caucus rooms* – Ceiling fans will not be installed in these rooms. By replacing thermostats and working to improve the function of the heat pump units, the air flow has improved.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:* Projects on hold include the Genius statue, battle flag conservation, elevator interior upgrade, exterior cleaning and restoration, office light fixture replacement, boiler replacement and blast mitigation / window replacement.
- ◆ Jay Drew added that during the interim we are planning to replace all of the lights in the House Chamber with long-lasting LED lights. We are also looking to use a different hoisting system that will reduce vibration as the fixtures are lowered to the floor. This plan should result in less wear and tear on the fixtures.
- ◆ *New Business:*
 - Gerry Caughman and her husband have completed a book on the Capitol's flag collection. A small run of copies were printed for distribution to the State Library. Gerry has provided Legislative Management with the electronic version of the book. We are trying to figure the best format for adding it to the Commission's website.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:* Bob Harris suggested a late June date for the next quarterly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Eric Connery



Elizabeth Conroy