

State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
March 18, 2013
Legislative Office Building

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, William Morgan, Thomas Ritter

Members Not Present: Lorraine Guilmartin, John Ruffalo, Barry Williams, Walter W. Woodward

Others Present: Rachel Bishop, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Ken Dixon, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Liz Ferruggiaro, John Harnick, Tina Mohr, Michele Woolman

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

- ◆ The December 10, 2012 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ A draft of the Commission's 2012 Annual Report was approved by acclamation.
- ◆ *Active Projects:*
 - House voting boards - Eric Connery reported that the boards have been installed and are functioning. The punch list work is complete except for some minor items. Rep. Altobello asked if the increased air conditioning in the Chamber closet was needed for the new equipment. Eric responded that the air conditioning was required for the data networking equipment that was originally located in the annex. It was very loud and needed to be relocated to the closet. The closet then needed to be cooled because the equipment generates so much heat. The change in temperature was not related to the new voting boards.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in progress or recently completed:*
 - Lamp replacement - Jay Drew reported that Guardian Services continues to re-lamp areas of the Capitol with LED technology, reducing energy use and the labor of changing out the bulbs more often. We have replaced bulbs in the House Chamber wall sconces, cornice lights and chandeliers. This new technology reduces the frequency that the chandeliers need to be lowered. We plan to complete the same project in the Senate Chamber, have selected lighting for the arches outside the Senate Chamber (installation pending funding), and are also selecting product for the Rotunda. We are testing induction lighting in the Capitol offices with instant re-strike capabilities which will allow for the use of occupancy sensors. A question was asked regarding the lighting quality produced by the new bulbs. The light is slightly whiter and produces less eye strain. Jay said that the new lighting enhances the ceiling artwork in the House Chamber.
 - Pump replacement - Jay reported that as pumps and motors fail, maintenance now has a system in place to look for the most energy-efficient, cost-effective replacement.

- Green Capitols project - Bill Morgan asked about the performance of the new pavement installed for the Green Capitols project. Jay responded that the winter directly following the installation was a two-fold challenge because of the severe winter, along with the fact that snow melt products could not be used for the first year after the installation. These issues caused slippery conditions along with some failure of the materials. The joints on the North side had not been produced satisfactorily and were replaced. We do not expect additional failures.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
 - Eric distributed an updated checklist. Items 2 (preservation of restoration-era drawings), 3 (conservation of one remaining Upjohn drawing) and 4 (undertaking of oral history project with John Canning) are ready pending funding. We have asked for funding of the window frame replacement project. The blast mitigation cannot move forward because a solution to complete it was not found. Items 19 (polish/ repair Columbus urn) and 20 (clean Senate mahogany doors) are also ready if funding becomes available.
 - There is funding for the first phase of item 15 (the skylight panels project .) They will be removed after session and stored for conservation if additional funding becomes available. A structural engineer will need to be consulted for the removal. Rep. Altobello asked that Eric forward a copy of the structural engineer's report to him.
 - Sally Martin questioned the cost of \$5,000 for item 18 (considering investigating the original paint scheme of the Governor's office.) Eric responded that during the restoration, it was decided to restore the Governor's office. One governor decided not to move forward with the project unless the other Capitol offices could be restored as well. The \$5,000 study piece was included on the checklist in the event that it was decided that the project would move forward. Eric asked that Liz Conroy remind him to bring copies of photos for the next meeting of the originally ornate office. He believes that the only photographs available are specifically of the Governor's office, although research should be completed on the other offices if the project were to move forward.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding:*
 - There is no funding for battle flag preservation, the return of the Genius statue to the dome, or the exterior cleaning.
 - Boiler replacement - The first phase has been placed in a bond request. The goal is to remove the non-functioning boiler and replace it with a new high-efficiency hot water boiler and to convert the existing steam heated areas in the basement and attic to hot water. The two existing boilers will be used as back-up.
 - Rep. Altobello expressed concern regarding the exterior caulking at the West Entrance terrace. Eric responded that many basic items will be addressed during the spring, including patching.
- ◆ *Old Business:*
 - Forlorn Soldier statue - Eric reported that the legislative leaders have approved placement of the statue in the North Lobby. Possible locations include the north side of the North Lobby or behind the USS Hartford figurehead. Eric and Bob suggested that the Commission members visit the proposed areas prior to the June Commission