

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**March 27, 2014**  
**Legislative Office Building**

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Bernard P. Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Lorraine Guilmartin, William Morgan, John Ruffalo, Barry R. Williams

Others Present: Rachel Bishop, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Dan Davis, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, John Harnick, Tina Mohr, Jim Tracy, Rick Voelker, Dr. Matt Warshauer

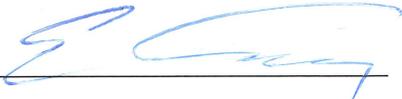
The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

- ◆ December 4, 2013 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ◆ The Commission approved a draft of its 2013 Annual Report.
- ◆ *Active projects:* Eric updated the Commission.
  - ITS area - 2 office builds have been completed.
  - Generator feeder project - The underground conduits in the generator enclosure were filled with water. The electric feeder lines from the generator are being moved to overhead conduits. The project should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
  - New roofing contractor - The new roofer has been successful in finding and fixing leaks. We will be removing some of the patches on the metal portion of the Capitol roof as their failure is increasing.
  - Repairs at the corner of Trinity St. and Capitol Ave. - The DAS Capitol Area System (CAS) will be returning to repair the landscaping once the weather warms.
  - Battle flag conservation - We are in the process of sending four flags out for conservation. One individual will conserve all four of the flags, sequentially, over a 6-month period. We have used that conservator in the past and were pleased with the work.
- ◆ *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:* Jay Drew continued with the update.
  - Capitol West Entrance: We were able to locate a company to rebuild the hydraulic cylinders for the door opener. The cylinders have now been repaired and re-installed.
  - Capitol 1<sup>st</sup> floor men's room: We have installed handicapped door openers to accommodate an individual in a wheel chair.

- Capitol lighting: We were able to find a solution for the lighting on the inside of the drum below the dome. We have replaced the existing quartz halogen lights with LED lights, reducing the energy consumption from 300 watts to 91 watts. The light is beautiful, setting off the architectural details of the stonework, and more closely represents the colors of the paint. We hope to continue updating the lighting throughout the Capitol as the technology evolves.
- Security upgrade: Baggage scanners are being installed at the west entrance. Members of the public and anyone that does not have their access card, will have to enter through the west entrance. Once upgrades are made to the Governor's entrance, only individuals with CGA issued access cards will be allowed entry at that location. Tomorrow a glass divider will be installed in the vestibule.
- ◆ *Project checklist update:*
  - Eric reported that we continue to review the items pending funding.
- ◆ *Projects in design or to be scheduled:*
  - Skylights: Very soon after session the skylights will be removed. Fletcher-Thompson is close to finishing the design piece of the project for the conservation of the lights. Depending on how long it takes to conserve them, they will be reinstalled either before or after the next session.
  - Boiler replacement: The design is nearing completion.
- ◆ *Projects on hold pending funding*
  - Genius Statue: Dr. Matt Warshauer asked for an explanation of the \$300,000 original cost to replace the statue, versus the new estimate of \$450,000. Eric responded that the \$300,000 was dependent upon the Genius being placed immediately on the dome upon arrival. Inflation and an additional \$40,000 to eventually remove her from the building caused the increase. Dr. Warshauer reported that before he formally launches the fund-raising project, he is sending letters to key individuals and speaking with people in government, academia, and the private sector. There seems to be a lot of support for the project. He has already received a letter of support from Senator Williams regarding raising funds to place the Genius on top of the dome.
  - Exterior cleaning: Eric reported that this project will probably remain on hold for quite some time.
  - Elevator interior upgrade: We hope to move forward when funding becomes available.
  - Office lights - We are waiting for technology to catch up to our needs. There are unique circumstances where the old gas lines are used as conduits which are too small for new lighting technology.
  - Blast mitigation: It will not move forward without a large amount of funding.
- ◆ *New Business:*
  - Dr. Warshauer added that he dropped off 5,000 postcards to the LWV with a picture of the Forlorn Soldier and the statue's history on the back.

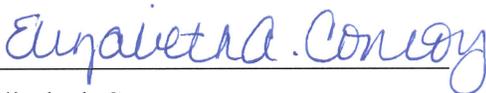
- Bob Harris gave the Commission a copy of an Architectural Painting article regarding the restoration and John Canning's work. His intent is to contact the publisher to secure permission of placing a copy of the article on the Commission's website.
- ◆ *Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:*
  - Bob Harris suggested a mid-June date for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.



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Eric Connery



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