
Idaho State Capitol Commission

Official Minutes

September 13, 2002

A meeting of the Idaho State Capitol Commission was held on this date in the Senate Caucus Room #350, Third Floor, Idaho State Capitol Building. Chairman Roy Lewis Eiguren called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He welcomed Jan Cox, Acting Director, Department of Administration, who will be acting Secretary/Ex-Officio Member while Commissioner Ahrens is Acting Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor.

Attendees

Members Present:

Roy Lewis Eiguren, Chairman

Jan Cox, Acting Director, Department of Administration, and Secretary/Ex-Officio Member

Carl Bianchi, Director, Legislative Services Office, and Ex-Officio Member

Andrew Erstad

Steve Guerber, Director, State Historical Society, & Ex-Officio Member

Stephen Hartgen

Skip Smyser

Will Storey

Member Absent:

Sandy Patano

Others Present:

Pam Ahrens, Acting Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor

Jan Frew, Design/Construction Manager, Division of Public Works,
Department of Administration

Tim Mason, State Facilities Manager, Division of Public Works, Dept. of Admin.

Rick Thompson, Administrator, Division of Internal Management Systems,
Department of Administration
Carole Schroeder, Capitol Commission Assistant
John Maulin, CSHQA Architects
Laura Davis, Isthmus Architects
Jack Lemley, Lemley & Associates, Inc.
Craig Vander Vorste, 3D/International
Gary Boyd, 3D/International
Steve Winegar, 3D/International
Maria Barrett, Analyst, Division of Financial Management
Jason Hancock, Analyst, Legislative Services Office
Vern Ravenscroft
Lloyd Thompson, Idaho Department of Commerce
Bob Fick, Associated Press.
Steve Hoffman, Idaho Statesman

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved, Commissioner Smyser seconded and it passed unanimously that the minutes of the April 8, 2002 Idaho State Capitol Commission meeting be approved.

Budget and Funding Issues

Revenue/Expenditures

Mr. Rick Thompson presented the current FY 2003 Sources and Uses of Funds Statement. The Commission currently has an \$8,735,884 cash balance as of August 31, 2002. This includes \$254,265 interest income and rents, royalties, timber sales, and license plate sales. The Commission transferred \$6,400,000 to the General Fund in accordance with the Governor's 3% holdback, and the total operating expense, year to date is \$4,524. Total operating expenses during FY 2002 was \$56,686 of the revised FY 2002 budget of \$227,756. Mr. Thompson asked if the Commission wants to take action on allocating the balance of the appropriation. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to carry the balance as an unallocated line item.

Mr. Thompson presented the proposed operating budget for FY 2004 since the Department is required by law to submit one to the Division of Financial Management for the Commission by September 1. He

explained the budget is based on expenditures from past years and asked if the Commissioners have any changes.

MOTION: Commissioner Bianchi moved that the Commission authorize the Department of Administration to submit the FY 2004 maintenance appropriation request of \$234,800, the same as received for FY 2003 with necessary adjustments, on its behalf to the Legislature. Commissioner Guerber seconded the motion for discussion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Commissioner Smyser moved that the Commission submit an FY 2004 maintenance appropriation request of \$99,200, and Commissioner Storey seconded the motion. The motion carried; Ayes: Commissioners Erstad, Hartgen, Storey and Smyser. Nays: Commissioners Guerber, Bianchi and Cox.

License Plates Update

Commissioner Bianchi reported that the Capitol Restoration license plates are consistently outselling all special interest license plates with the exception of the Mountain Bluebird and Elk. He said the Commission has sold 645 new plates since March, and with the sales of sample plates included, Commissioner Bianchi estimates that revenues from the Capitol Restoration license plates have totaled more than \$16,000 for the income fund. He explained that the figures do not exactly correspond with Mr. Thompson's presentation because there is a delay in transferring the funds from the Department of Transportation to the Capitol Commission account. Chairman Eiguren thanked Commissioner Bianchi for all the effort he has put into the license plates.

Design/Construction

Construction Issues

Final Report – Exterior Stairs Replacement/Masonry Repairs Project

Ms. Frew reported that Phase I exterior stairs replacement/masonry repairs, is complete and the final paperwork is nearing completion. She explained there was \$1,472,205 in the Phase I budget. At the present

time the Commission has obligated \$1,429,728 with an additional \$17,205 in a pending change order. This leaves \$25,271 of the project authorization. Because the funds were Permanent Building Fund moneys, the unobligated dollars are not available to the Commission since they have been utilized to help balance the state budget. Phase I came in under budget and on time, although the exterior repair work of the north face of the west wing and the north and west faces of the north wing has not been completed. Those areas will be completed under the general project.

Design Issues

Proposed Interior Material Selections

Commissioner Erstad reminded the Commission that at the last meeting he requested approval for the Design Development Documents and the Commission provided authorization for CSHQA to move forward with the Construction Documents. CSHQA has surpassed the 50% milestone and the documents have been submitted and are being reviewed; CSHQA continues to work towards 100% completion. He said the Design/Construction Committee met last Monday, September 9, and asked Mr. John Maulin, CSHQA, to show the Commission the color boards that were approved by the Committee.

Mr. Maulin thanked Ms. Jan Frew and Mr. Craig Vander Vorste for their assistance on the color schemes that CSHQA proposes be utilized in the Capitol Building. He explained that the carpet brand is Axminster, and the color palate of the carpets and the drapery may be used throughout the entire Capitol because the colors align. The tile patterns are the historic restroom patterns. Within the preserved areas CSHQA will go back to the original colors of the Capitol. Within the office areas, more informal ceiling tiles and carpeting will be applied, although the quality is still high and the colors coordinate. Mr. Maulin showed the Commission the floor tile for the Garden Level, which simulates the marble that is on the other floors in the building. He said that the color palate is organized for multiple bidding options and the ability to provide choices of color groups for the tenants.

The color choices will be limited to the palate for consistency and a sense of continuity in the preserved, restored and rehabilitated spaces. Ms. Frew gave the example that red would be used in the Senate Caucus

Room and other Senate areas; the blue would be used in the House, and the green in the Executive areas.

Commissioner Hartgen asked if the palate would tie the Commission to a certain manufacturer in years ahead. Mr. Maulin explained that the Axminster carpeting is historic but with other carpeting manufacturers producing similar carpeting, there are multiple bidding options on all the carpets. He said that many U.S. Capitol Buildings use Axminster carpeting. Commissioner Storey asked about the variety of colors and Ms. Frew explained that each office suite will be asked to stay within one of the three color choices, with the ability to choose certain patterns of carpet within one of the three colors.

Chairman Eiguren said that one of the problems in the State Capitol with various remodelings over the years is that there has not been one central governing entity to keep a consistent color scheme. That is one of the specific things the statute deals with in establishing the Capitol Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved, Commissioner Smyser seconded, and it passed unanimously to approve the CSHQA color palate.

Interior and Exterior Lighting Options

Mr. Maulin explained that under pure preservation standards, CSHQA would specify incandescent lights throughout the whole building. He distributed a spreadsheet entitled "Lamp Life Cost Analysis" which shows the total operating cost per year for the original style Edison incandescent light bulbs, modern clear incandescent light bulbs, and compact fluorescent globe electronic self-ballast lights. The total operating costs per year, including replacement bulbs, ranges from a high of \$670,665 for the original style Edison incandescent bulbs to a low of \$138,758 for the compact fluorescent globe electronic self-ballast lights.

Mr. Maulin noted that it costs a lot per year for the incandescent lights. The Design/Construction Committee discussed a way to accommodate both fluorescent and incandescent bulbs in case some day, under a strictly preservation standard, decision makers could choose to pay the extra cost of providing and using incandescent bulbs. The Design Construction/Committee recommends that the Commission use the

compact fluorescent since the cost of running and maintenance is so much more reasonable, but to have the dual alternative available.

MOTION: Commissioner Smyser moved, Commissioner Storey seconded, and it passed unanimously to deviate from the Master Plan and use compact fluorescent lights in the beginning, yet retain the option to use incandescent lights if this is desired in the future.

Updated Cost Estimate

Commissioner Erstad asked Ms. Frew to present the Updated Cost Estimate including an escalation cost of postponing the project. She introduced Jack Lemley, Lemley & Associates, and Craig Vander Vorste, Gary Boyd, and Steve Winegar, 3D/International. Mr. Vander Vorste, Project Manager, put together a status report for the Design/Construction Committee; CSHQA has been doing extensive investigatory work in the Capitol during the past three months. This includes analysis of floors, walls, ceilings, dome and marble/scagliola.

This work falls under the umbrella of three different plans, the Master Plan and Schematic Design, the Exterior Project, which is almost ready to close out, and the main restoration project. At the end of design development 3DI/Lemley and CSHQA have revised and updated the budget numbers. Ms. Frew reported the project may be able to be completed for \$58,225,702 which is below the initial estimate of \$64,000,000. The \$58,225,702 includes an 8% construction escalation, assuming construction can begin within two years. If the project proceeds next year, as originally planned, we would save the 8% escalation cost and the project could be completed for an estimated \$54,000,000 which is a ten million dollar savings over the original budget.

3DI/Lemley has completed most of its review and CSHQA continues to move forward with completion of the plan. Ms. Frew anticipates that the documents will be completed and reviewed by the end of the year so that when the final cost estimate is developed and presented to the Legislature, everyone will be comfortable with the numbers.

Commissioner Erstad explained the Construction Documents are scheduled to be complete at the end of October, contingent upon receiving design information from the Governor's Office. In order to keep the drawings moving forward as required, the executive areas have been identified as tenant improvement areas, and a default design

completed. Using default design will allow CSHQA to present a full packet, and avoid any additional design costs to the project.

Commissioner Storey requested the record show that he is upset with the delays in this design decision.

Chairman Eiguren pointed out that since the estimated cost of the project has potentially dropped by ten million dollars, there could be a bonding need of less than \$50 million. The debt service may then be under \$3 million dollars; he commented that the Commission has been receiving \$800,000 a year in timber sale receipts. An additional consideration is that bonding costs are presently at a historic low.

Ms. Frew said the Department of Administration has requested \$340,000 in Permanent Building Funds for FY 2004 to put single ply roofing on an area of the Capitol that the Department has been patching for years. Commissioner Hartgen asked Ms. Frew if there are other critical needs in addition to the roof repairs. She replied the roof drain that runs through the Governor's Suite is also a problem that may need immediate repairs.

Access/Use/Administration

Review Commission Guidelines: Objects of Art, Memorials, Statues, and Exhibits

Chairman Eiguren suggested that the Commission hold this proposed document until the next Capitol Commission meeting and to post it on the website and mail it out to the Capitol Commission mailing list to elicit public comment.

Capitol Grounds Inventory of Trees/Plaques

Commissioner Guerber explained that Ms. Schroeder assembled the inventory of the capitol grounds with pictures and background historical information on the trees, statues, plaques and gardens. Chairman Eiguren requested that the Inventory of Trees/Memorials be put on the Capitol Commission website.

Recommendation for Tree Replacement on West Lawn

Commissioner Guerber reported that a tree on the northwest corner of the Statehouse lawn was recently removed since it had died. The tree was originally planted by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Commissioner Guerber will follow up with this association in sponsoring the planting of a replacement tree.

Request to Plant a White Pine on the Capitol Grounds

Chairman Eiguren introduced Mr. Vern Ravenscroft, a former member of the Idaho State Legislature, who has requested that the State Tree, a White Pine, be planted on the Capitol Grounds. Mr. Ravenscroft reviewed the background of the two White Pines that had previously been planted on the Capitol Grounds but eventually died, and explained why he felt another White Pine should be planted. Mr. Ravenscroft introduced Mr. Lloyd Thompson, Vice President of the Idaho Hall of Fame, which has voted to make this planting a project of the organization. Dr. Charles Hatch, Past Dean of the Forestry Department, University of Idaho, has agreed to help identify an appropriate White Pine and facilitate its delivery to Boise.

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved, Commissioner Bianchi seconded, and it passed unanimously to accept Mr. Ravenscroft's and the Idaho Hall of Fame's proposal to plant an Idaho White Pine at an appropriate location on the Capitol grounds to be determined by the Department of Administration.

Chairman Eiguren said the University of Idaho has offered to provide expertise and advise of the best place to plant the tree, as well as to test the water and soil to help the tree thrive. Commissioner Guerber and the Historical Society will work on the project and suggest a date for the planting. Chairman Eiguren thanked Mr. Ravenscroft for his presentation and said he will be included on the group to work on the tree planting.

Red Oak Planting

Chairman Eiguren explained that the Commission took action via email to allow the planting of the Red Oak Tree by the Governor and others in commemoration of September 11.

Capitol Education Center

Commissioner Guerber announced that the State Historical Society will be closing the Capitol Education Center as part of the holdbacks within his agency. Chairman Eiguren suggested that potentially the Capitol Commission might want to fund the Capitol Education Center out of dedicated funds at some point. Commissioner Bianchi suggested that the Commission send an expression of gratitude to Ms. Audra Sims, who has been staffing the Capitol Education Center and making the public aware of the Capitol Building. Chairman Eiguren will provide a letter of thanks and suggested a gift to Ms. Sims of a framed print of the State Capitol Building Statehood Day; Commission consensus to proceed.

Next Meeting

Chairman Eiguren said he will work between now and the next meeting to explore funding options for the Capitol renovation. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 16, 2002.

Adjournment

The September 13, 2002 Idaho Capitol Commission meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Roy Lewis Eiguren, Chairman
Idaho State Capitol Commission

Carole Schroeder, Capitol Commission Assistant
Department of Administration