
Idaho State Capitol Commission

Official Minutes

July 11, 2005

A meeting of the Idaho State Capitol Commission was held on this date in the Senate Caucus Room, #350, 3rd Floor, Statehouse. Major General Jack Kane, Commission Chairman, called the meeting to order at about 10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Members Present:

Major General Jack Kane, Chairman

Andrew Erstad

Evan Frasure (via teleconference)

Stephen Hartgen

Will Storey

Steve Guerber, Director, Idaho State Historical Society, and Ex-Officio Member

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

Pam Ahrens, Director, Department of Administration, Secretary/Ex-Officio Member

Members Absent:

Sandy Patano

Others Present:

Maria Barratt, Division of Financial Management

Jeff Youtz, Legislative Services Office

Eric Milstead, Legislative Services Office

Richelle Sugiyama, Endowment Fund Investment Board

Rick Thompson, Administrator, Div. of Internal Management Systems, Dept. of Administration

Jan Frew, Design & Construction Manager, Department of Administration

Tim Mason, State Facilities Manager, Department of Administration

Diane Blume, Management Assistant, Department of Administration

Jack Lemley, Lemley and Associates

Spencer Shaw, Lemley and Associates
Tom Woodall, 3D/International
John Maulin, CSHQA Architects
Katie Butler, CSHQA Architects
Samantha Wright, National Public Radio

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Erstad moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Hartgen that the minutes of the May 13, 2005 Idaho State Capitol Commission meeting be approved as written, subsequent to the following discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kane requested an update on a comment in the minutes made by Jan Frew, Administration Design and Construction Manager, expressing concern for delaying work on the eagle while moneys are being raised to fund the work. Work has progressed, Ms. Frew reported, since no funds could be raised by the time the restoration materials arrived, and due to the cost involved with extending the timeframe for scaffolding that had already been put into place. Cost for the eagle restoration, approximately \$11,000, will come from the project budget, as originally planned.

Guidelines for Public Space Use at the Idaho State Capitol and its Grounds

At its last meeting, the Commission requested its guideline for use of Public space in the Capitol be adjusted to reflect the change in Administration's policy for reserving the Capitol steps. Mr. Mason explained the Department's policy is being rewritten, and once it has been done, the guidelines will be modified and brought back to the Commission for review.

Temporary Display Request

Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of the State Independent Living Council, was recently awarded the Advocate of the Year Award from Hewlett Packard. In doing so, Mr. Mason explained, he was commissioned a painting by an Idaho artist who is disabled, depicting individuals who played a role in advocating for the disabled.

Mr. Buckland is asking Commission approval to display this painting on the first floor of the Capitol Building for six months, or until a permanent location can be identified in another building. Typically, Mr. Mason said, the Capitol Display Committee addresses this type of request as a temporary display; however, due to the nature of the request Commission approval was sought.

MOTION: Commissioner Storey moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Erstad that the Commission approve hanging the artwork as described above, temporarily in the Capitol with the knowledge that is the property of Mr. Buckland, and can be removed at the discretion of the Capitol Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lewis and Clark Statue

Commissioner Guerber mentioned he had heard that a statue of Lewis and Clark, sculpted by artist Doug Hyde and commissioned by Carol McGregor, is to be placed on the Capitol grounds. Commissioner Ahrens explained that Mrs. McGregor did purchase the statue, which is one of three created—one is currently placed on the Lewis and Clark State College campus in Lewiston. She plans to donate the statue to the state for placement somewhere on the Capitol Mall, but not on the Capitol Building grounds.

Budget and Funding Issues

Overview of Commission Funds

Rick Thompson, Administrator for the Department of Administration's Internal Management Systems, reviewed the **year-end financial statement for fiscal year 2005**. The Commission was appropriated \$129,100 and spent \$33,908 leaving an unspent balance of \$95,192. These funds will be carried into fiscal year 2006 for one-time expenditures. Most of the carry-over moneys from fiscal year 2004 were paid to the Department of Lands for administrative costs accrued during that fiscal year.

He reviewed the **cash flow statement**, which illustrated the *Income Fund's* beginning year balance of \$3,826,758. Taking into account interest accrued and expenditures, the cash balance at the end of fiscal year 2005 was \$3,062,278. The statement further illustrates by applying projected liabilities and obligations, the cash balance is reduced to \$1,667,426. Cash balance of the *Permanent Endowment Fund* is \$6,620,326. The market value total of both the *Income Fund* and the *Permanent Endowment Fund* at the end of fiscal year 2005, he said, is \$9,667,196.

He provided the proposed **operating budget for fiscal year 2006** and explained he met with representatives of the Endowment Fund Investment Board (EFIB) as well as representatives from the Department of Lands to work out an expense allocation process. It was determined the EFIB will bill the Commission \$25,524 for fiscal year 2006 administrative costs. The Department of Lands expenses are estimated at \$103,000 to be paid in fiscal year 2006 for fiscal year 2005 expenses.

Also included in the budget is \$129,400 appropriated this fiscal year to pay for Lands' administrative costs for fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

In anticipation of the Commission's **Fiscal Year 2007 budget**, he said, the EFIB and Lands would like to bill the Capitol Commission on the same schedule as the other endowment funds. The EFIB has requested that the Commission move to quarterly billings and make all payments current. Therefore, in fiscal year 2007, the Commission will need to budget for the fiscal year 2006 Lands billing plus quarterly bills for fiscal year 2007.

MOTION: Commissioner Storey moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Ahrens that the billings for administrative expenses to the Department of Lands be paid on a quarterly basis beginning in fiscal year 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Capitol Endowment Lands

At the last meeting, Commissioners Storey, Ahrens, and Bianchi were tasked with studying alternatives for future utilization of the Capitol Endowment Lands. The Land Board has the authority to determine how to administer endowment land funds, Commissioner Storey reported.

As part of the study, he said, the Department of Lands was asked to examine a possible higher and better use of the track of Capitol Endowment land located near Cascade Lake. The Department concurred, but recommended that the balance of the Capitol Endowment lands remain as timberland for the time being. He recalled that in recent years these lands produced income as trees were harvested; however, in upcoming years while the timber replenishes, there will be little or no income to the Commission.

Design/Construction Items

Project Status of Exterior Work

Ms. Frew noted most layers of paint have been stripped from the eagle. In the process, it was discovered that the copper eagle is hollow. During the process when the eagle will be gilded with gold, the scaffolding will be enclosed to prevent any gold flakes from blowing away. While working atop the building, it was determined that the lantern (small dome at the top) is made of sandstone. Its joints have been re-grouted and elastomeric coating applied.

Stones will be replaced further down the dome as identified, and some stones are being retooled. Joints on the terracotta dome have all been removed and

replacement work is now underway. Dutchman work (the removal and replacement of stone pieces) is continuing around the building. Additional stone deterioration was discovered around the main doors and columns on the south side of the Capitol, which will also be addressed. Finally, all joints to be replaced around the building have been removed, and the contractor is in the process of regrouting.

About a third of the contract amount has been expended, she said. Payment for the joint work will be made as work is completed. The entire project is scheduled to be finished in December. A manufacturer from Utah will craft the skylight replacements once restoration experts verify their design.

In regard to new drainage wells recently installed, she said, there is one area of concern on the northwest corner. The well is not handling the run-off as it should, and it may be that the well is not deep enough. However, because of its current configuration, it cannot be extended—alternative solutions are being considered.

The contractor is confident that work will remain on schedule. Access to the building has been mostly via man-lifts, which is less expensive and time-consuming than setting up scaffolding.

Report on Capitol Restoration Legislative Task Force

Commissioner Bianchi said the Task Force has held one meeting and will meet again at the call of the Chairs subsequent to two events—a visit to the Utah Capitol by Task Force members, and completion of some feasibility work and cost estimates for the wings concept by 3D/International and Lemley and Associates.

Commissioner Hartgen inquired why the anticipated square foot costs are so high for the wings construction. Ms. Frew replied that square foot costs for general construction are rising dramatically. The state recently completed the Performing Arts Center at ISU. That type of construction would now cost approximately \$300 per square foot, and it did not include marble or stonework. By including these intricate types of stonework and finishes to match existing construction, the cost could be as much as about \$500 per square foot.

Public Relations/Outreach

Capitol Commission Website

Commissioner Ahrens explained that in concert with evaluating all websites supported by the Department of Administration, the Capitol Commission website, in association with the State Historical Society, is being updated. The intent is to make the site more interactive and current, and include more pictures and a possible video. It will serve as an improved resource for fourth grade teachers during their Idaho history curriculum, and can serve as a marketing tool for the Commission.

Centennial Celebration

The Commission discussed plans for later in the day when the 100-year anniversary for the setting of the cornerstone for the Capitol Building construction will be commemorated.

Upcoming Meeting Date

Proposed dates for future Commission meetings are as follows: October 13, 2005, January 19, 2006, and April 20, 2006.

Upcoming issues to be addressed at subsequent meetings, Commissioner Ahrens noted, would be recommendations by the Legislative Task Force for the Capitol restoration, the Commission's fiscal year 2007 operating budget, and a legislative resolution that would be needed to allow bonding to occur for financing the restoration work.

Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Evans moved and it was seconded by Commissioner Erstad that the July 11, 2005 Idaho Capitol Commission meeting be adjourned at about 11:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Major General Jack Kane, Chairman
Idaho State Capitol Commission

Diane K. Blume, Management Assistant

Department of Administration