

**State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission**  
**September 24, 2008**  
**Legislative Office Building – Hearing Room 1C**

Members Present: Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Raeanne Curtis, Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., Thomas Ritter, John Ruffalo, Dr. Walter Woodward

Members Not Present: Benny Auger, Sen. Joseph Crisco, Jr., Charles Higgins, Sally Martin, William Morgan

Others Present: Gerry Caughman, Eric Connery, Elizabeth Conroy, Jay Drew, Kim Fabrizio, Jill Gill, D’Ann Mazzocca, Marguerite Rodney

Robert Harris called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

The March 27, 2008 and June 26, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.

Eric Connery addressed the remainder of the agenda’s items.

**Genius of Connecticut statue** – The molds have been completed. At present there is no funding to cast the Genius from the molds or place the finished work on top of the dome. We are investigating options for the casting. The molds have a usable life of approximately one year and were constructed about two months ago. The total balance of funding needed to complete the casting is \$144,650 stated D’Ann Mazzocca, a figure of \$63,000 more than what is available presently.

**Prudence Crandall statue update** – The statue has been cast, and the foundry is scheduled to deliver it to the Capitol on Tuesday, September 30, 2008. The dedication and unveiling ceremony is being planned for October.

**Battle flag conservation** – The two most recently conserved flags, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> regiment, will be displayed in the Hall of Flags shortly. We are pleased with the conservation work. The lights in the Hall of Flags display cases will be replaced within the next month with new LED higher quality light that will use half the energy of the existing lights. An RFP for conserving two more flags is being prepared.

**TV Monitors** – Leadership has approved the installation of two flat-screen television monitors in the House Gallery so that members of the public can view the activities at the dais. Mounting brackets will be installed at the corner locations where there is no decorative painting. Existing conduit will be used to run the cable to the new 30-inch monitors. The cost of the mounting brackets is approximately \$400 to \$500, and the cost to install is approximately \$200, hours that have already been contracted for with our contracted maintenance company. The Commission was asked to vote on the approval of this installation. A motion was made by Lorraine Guilmartin to approve the installation and was seconded by John Ruffalo. The motion was approved by acclamation.

**Maintenance and upgrade projects in process**

**Capitol exterior lights** – The lights are installed and working, and have improved the quality of light around the capitol grounds.

**Chamber fire sprinklers** – The House system was completed. The Senate system is installed but additional smoke detectors are needed to meet the code requirements.

**House chamber redundant air conditioning** – The project is complete, and was tested during the last Special Session. The main unit failed that morning, and the redundant system worked seamlessly.

**Projects in design or to be scheduled**

East & west skylights to be repaired – The skylights will be removed and studied to investigate structural support alternatives. Unfortunately they may be removed for 1 – 2 years.

Generator underground fuel tank removal – The generator project is out to bid. The contract is in the process of being awarded. We received a low price for the tank removal.

Office heat pump replacement & automation upgrade – Proposals received for replacing the pumps were very costly. 100 pumps have already been replaced, and we plan to purchase fifty more, every three months over the next nine months. We will continue to replace them on a regular basis, and will put the RFP back out as a control project for the energy conservation piece.

Water stained walls on fourth floor – The walls have dried out and an RFP will be issued for the plaster repairs prior to the Session.

Sidewalk repairs – Annually we repair the sidewalks. This year, 2,000 square feet have been designated for repair. The contractor we were about to select is not available. We are trying to select one of the other bidders prior to winter.

**Project checklist update**

Eric provided the project checklist update and stated that many of the projects are tied to the exterior cleaning and restoration project and are on hold. The Commission reviewed the report and did not offer any questions at the time.

**Projects on hold pending funding**

Exterior cleaning and restoration – We have submitted a bonding request for funding for the next biennium.

Blast mitigation – The cost of replacing the windows is now so high we are looking at other alternatives for blast mitigation.

Office lights replacement – The project has been put on hold and included in a bond request for the next biennium. We continue to look at less costly options for replacement.

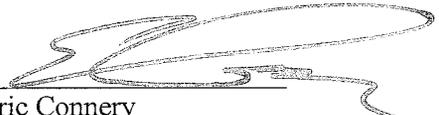
Stained glass repair – We will move forward on the skylight repair project design. There is some water infiltration we need to address as well as other preventive work regarding the other stained glass in the building.

Elevator interior upgrade – The elevator project is on hold pending funding.

Boiler replacement – We will proceed with the design portion of this replacement project based on budgeting.

Bob Harris suggested the next meeting should be scheduled for early December, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

  
Eric Connery

  
Elizabeth Conroy