

State Capitol and Executive Residence Board
Executive Residence
Monday, September 20, 2010 at 1:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Capitol and Executive Residence was call to order by the Chairperson, Senator Risser at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

SCERB Secretary, Gil Funk, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Ms. Alton, Mr. Buechel, Mr. Fernholz, Mr. Kay, Senator Olsen, Mr. Potente, Senator Risser, Senator Robson, Representative Schneider, Mr. Funk

Members Absent: Ms. Basting, Mr. Helbach, Representative Hintz, Representative Roth

There are 3 vacancies on the Board.

Guests: Keith Beck (DOA/DSF), Debbie Bothell (DOA/DSF), Sarah Briganti, (Office of Sen. Risser), Robin Zentner (DOA/DSF), Mike Bath (DOA/DSF), Ron Blair (DOA/DSF), Patricia Cicero (Shoreland Restoration Group), Nate Rice (WI Lake Leaders Institute), Megan Cain (Madison Community Groundworks), Vicki Heymann, Director, Governor's Residence

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 17, 2010)

Motion #1: Representative Schneider moved to accept the minutes as recorded from the May 17, 2010 SCERB meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kay.

Motion #1 approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. DSF/BFM Capital Budget/Current Project Update

Keith Beck, Director, Bureau of Facilities Management - DOA/Division of State Facilities, gave an update on the current and proposed projects and the 2011-13 Capital Budget projects.

Projects Under Construction

Capitol Dome Moisture Phase 1

- Construction is complete
- Moisture conditions will be monitored for five years

Capitol Bollard Replacement (S Pinckney St)

- Project complete

Capitol – Refurbish Dome Lighting

- Project complete

Capitol – Continue Forest Management Program (planting of trees)

- 12 Red Oaks and 3 Green Mountain Sugar Maples scheduled to be planted next spring on the park side of sidewalk

Capitol – 6th Floor Museum Minor Updates

- Project is basically complete – working on display artifacts and will open museum to the public around the holidays

Capitol – Painting of Exterior Window Sills

- Project bid this summer, painting has begun, will be completed over next two summers

Capitol Kiosk

- Under construction – will be installed end of October. DSF working with MGE on options for displaying additional info on the Kiosk. Potential items include meeting locations, Representative office locations and the Capitol tour video.

Capitol – New Lighting in Supreme Court

- Testing complete and project is in design. New lighting will be historically appropriate, energy efficient, accessible for maintenance and will provide appropriate lighting through the decorative skylight.

Capitol – Skylight Restoration 6th Level

- Construction underway – will be completed early spring. Several glass panels and related flashing will be replaced.

Executive Residence – Window Repair on Main Level

- On schedule and will be bid this winter with construction starting early Spring

Executive Residence – Emergency Generator

- On schedule and will be bid this fall with construction starting early winter

Proposed Projects

Capitol – Exterior Lighting of Capitol Park

- Upgrade inner park luminaries to match 1915 period style that are installed along outer pedestrian walkway (adhering to approved Capitol Park Master Plan). DSF has received cost estimate and will evaluate project scope in upcoming months and will present project to Building Commission this fall.

Capitol – Building-wide Audio/Visual System

- Project not yet submitted - DSF staff has spent considerable effort to repair and rejuvenate segments of system with considerable success. DSF has also initiated a study to determine appropriate steps to improve audio distribution to all building connected to Capitol Police. During FY11, DSF will evaluate the remaining segments of Capitol Audio/Visual system, decide what appropriate next steps will be and submit project to the Building Commission early 2011.

Capitol – Restoration Planning North Wing

- Approved in 2009-11 Capital Budget. North Wing Restoration did not

address ADA upgrades to the restroom.

- Currently requesting Building Trust Funds to verify program and cost estimate

Executive Residence – Roof Replacement

- Project will include partial repair and replacement and will begin construction in spring 2011

Executive Residence – Kitchen Appliance Replacement

- Project will look at replacement of a few appliances and some mechanical repairs

Executive Residence – Front Fence & Gate Repairs

- Gates have been repaired. Next step is evaluating condition of existing fence and supports and determine repair or replacement

Capital Budget 2011-13 Projects

Capitol - Elevator Doors and Casing Replacement

- Since project was lowest priority for 2009-11 Capital Budget, was moved to 2011-13 Capital Budget due to approved GSFBI funding level. Restoration of Capitol substantially complete in 2001 but only mechanical equipment of elevators was addressed. Elevator doors and casing are clad in 1950's style and need to be addressed.

Capitol – Bird Netting Installation

- Project is for maintenance of existing bird-netting installed in Capitol in 2000 and 2002. Lower areas of bird-netting completely cleaned last summer. Project will complete higher areas that will need a lift or crane.

5. Update on Capitol Vegetable Garden

Megan Cain of Madison Community Groundworks thanked the Board for the opportunity to use the South Hamilton flower bed for the Capitol Vegetable Garden. She noted the public's reaction has been very positive and the garden also received a lot of press, including photos of the site. Some harvesting was done by the public and some of the crops were donated to the Goodman Food Pantry. In mid October, Madison Ground Works staff will discuss the pros and cons of the project and review the feedback they've received. Ms. Cain also stated the group is interested in doing the project again in 2011.

Motion #2: Mr. Kay moved to allow Madison Ground Works use of the circular flower bed on the South Hamilton corner of the Capitol Square for a Capitol Vegetable Garden from May 15 to October 15, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Fernholz.

Motion #2 approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. Discussion of Capitol Window Signage and Displays

Chairperson Risser proposed a policy on window displays in the Capitol that would state “no signs, displays, banners or similar items shall be displayed in exterior windows of the State Capitol Building.” After discussion by the Board, a motion was made and seconded with the following changes “No signs, displays, banners or similar items shall be visible through the exterior windows of the State Capitol Building.” It was approved by unanimous voice vote.

SCERB Secretary Gil Funk proposed the motion be reintroduced as a recommendation to the Department of Administration, as DOA would have the authority to implement the policy through a change in the Tenant Manual. The previous motion and approval were expunged and a new motion was made.

Motion #3: Senator Risser moved to ask DOA to implement and enforce a policy of not displaying signs, banners or similar items in the exterior windows of the State Capitol Building. Seconded by Mr. Kay.

Motion #3 approved by unanimous voice vote.

Update: The following day (September 21, 2010), the DOA Tenant Manual was amended to include the SCERB recommendation, “No signs, displays, banners or similar items shall be visible through exterior windows of the State Capitol Building.”

7. Capitol Kiosk Content

Representative Schneider discussed several considerations the State Historical Society came up with for the interactive kiosk content.

- SCERB would provide the guidelines and establish a committee consisting of representatives from The University of Wisconsin-Madison history department, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and the Legislative Reference Bureau to recommend criteria for selection.
- Content
- Criteria
- Programming/maintenance

Mr. Beck noted the intent of the kiosk is to provide information regarding energy being produced by the solar installation on the Capitol roof. MG&E donated the kiosk for that reason but will allow other information to also be displayed.

Chairperson Risser set up a Kiosk Board with Representative Schneider serving as chair. It will also include a representative of the Historical Society, Legislative Reference Bureau, and UW History Department. . Representative Schneider will report back at the next SCERB meeting in December.

In the meantime, the kiosk will be set up for energy reporting of the solar installation along with the Tours video.

8. Capitol Dome Colors

Senator Risser discussed several ideas the subcommittee came up with:

- Lighting of the dome only be allowed by permit
- Requesting organizations must be non-profit charitable organizations recognized under IRS Code 501 (c)(3)
- Illumination of the dome be limited to a maximum of seven continuous evenings per requesting organization, per biennium.
- Illumination of the dome is limited to one color.
- When submitting permit application, organizations are requested to make a contribution to the Capitol Restoration Fund in an effort to ensure the long term maintenance and restoration of the Capitol.

Senator Risser also noted no other state has a policy of allowing lighting of their Capitol dome.

After discussion, the Board decided to continue the moratorium until a final decision is made.

Motion #4: Representative Schneider moved to extend the moratorium of lighting the Capitol Dome. Seconded by Mr. Kay.

Motion #4 approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Restoration of Shoreline at Executive Residence

The subcommittee met just before the SCERB meeting.

Mr. Fernholz noted that the idea is worthy of further exploration and Patricia Cicero of the Shoreland Restoration Group will be able to get volunteer help to prepare a preliminary schematic.

Other issues to be discussed include security and aesthetics. If the project continues to move forward, the next step would be to get initial proposals for the work.

The subcommittee will continue meeting and will get a drawing for SCERB members to look at and will demonstrate plantings that would be used to absorb runoff.

10. Distribution of SCERB Handbook

The handbook is a compilation of State Capitol and Executive Residence Board actions from its creation in 1967 until December 2009. Sarah Briganti from Senator Risser's office prepared the handbook. Members were asked to review it for any changes. Members were very impressed and thanked Ms. Briganti for her extensive research in compiling the booklet.

11. Other Business

Chairperson Risser handed out the proposed legislation to alter the structure of SCERB. Currently of the seven citizens of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board, three members must be interior designers. The bill would provide that only two of the citizen members must be interior designers and that the interior designers be registered with the Department of Regulation and Licensing. The bill will be introduced in the next session of the Legislature.

Motion #5: Senator Olsen moved to amend 15.105 (5) of the statutes to state that of the seven citizens members of State Capitol and Executive Board, 2 shall be interior designers registered under s.440.962. Seconded by Senator Risser.

Motion #5 approved by unanimous voice vote.

12. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 2:57 p.m.